



TAKING STOCK: SCHOOL NUTRITION REIMBURSEMENT AND MEALS SERVED IN 2020



ABSTRACT

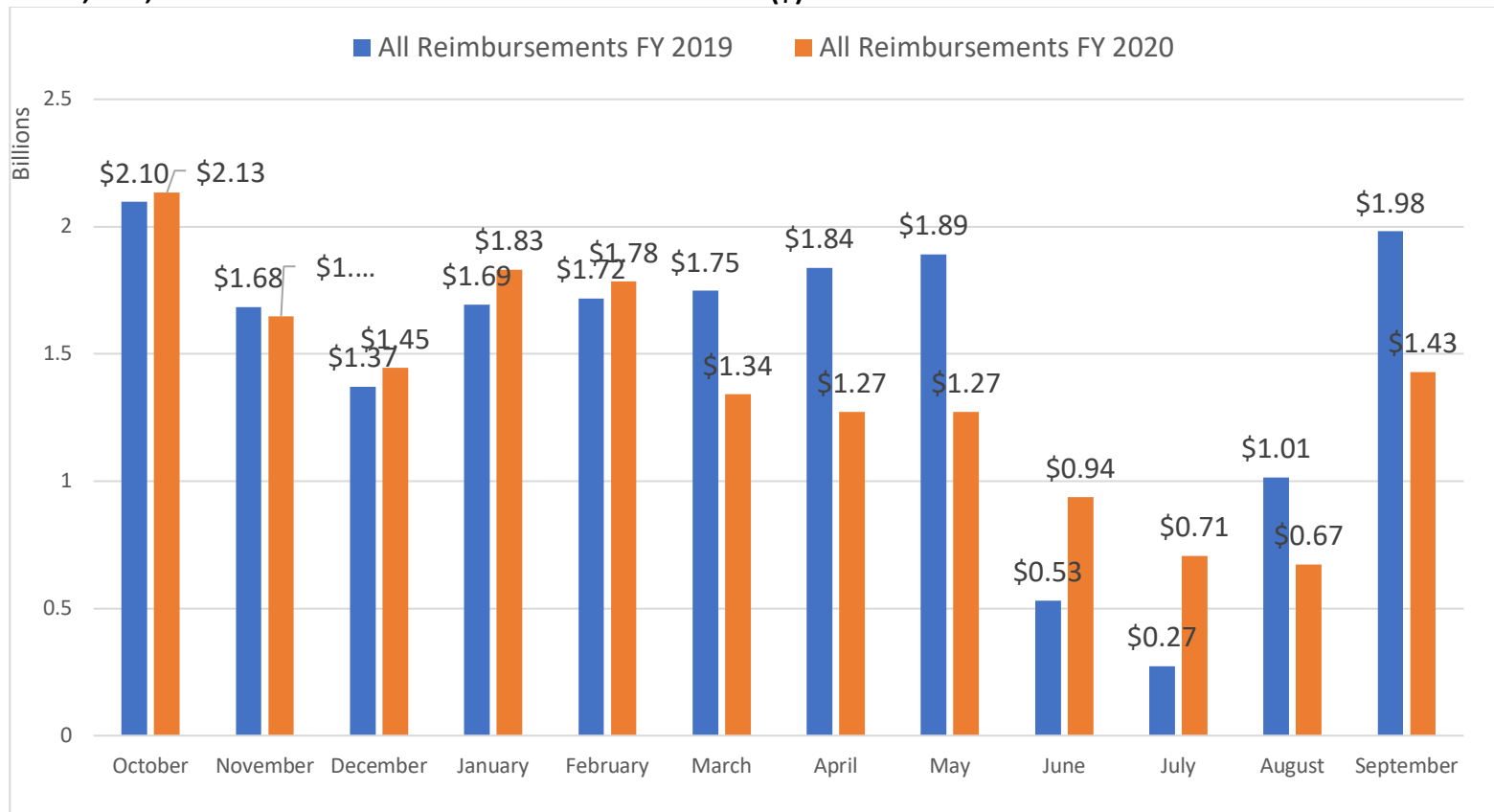
An analysis of USDA FNS data to compare FY2019 and FY2020 school nutrition reimbursement and meals served.

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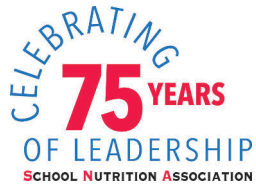
Reimbursement

Total reimbursement for NSLP lunches, SBP breakfasts, and SFSP meal costs in FY2020 was **\$1,364,674,575**, or 7.65%, less than FY 2019.

Chart 1. Total NSLP, SBP, and SFSP Lunch and Breakfast Reimbursements (\$): FY 2019 vs. FY 2020



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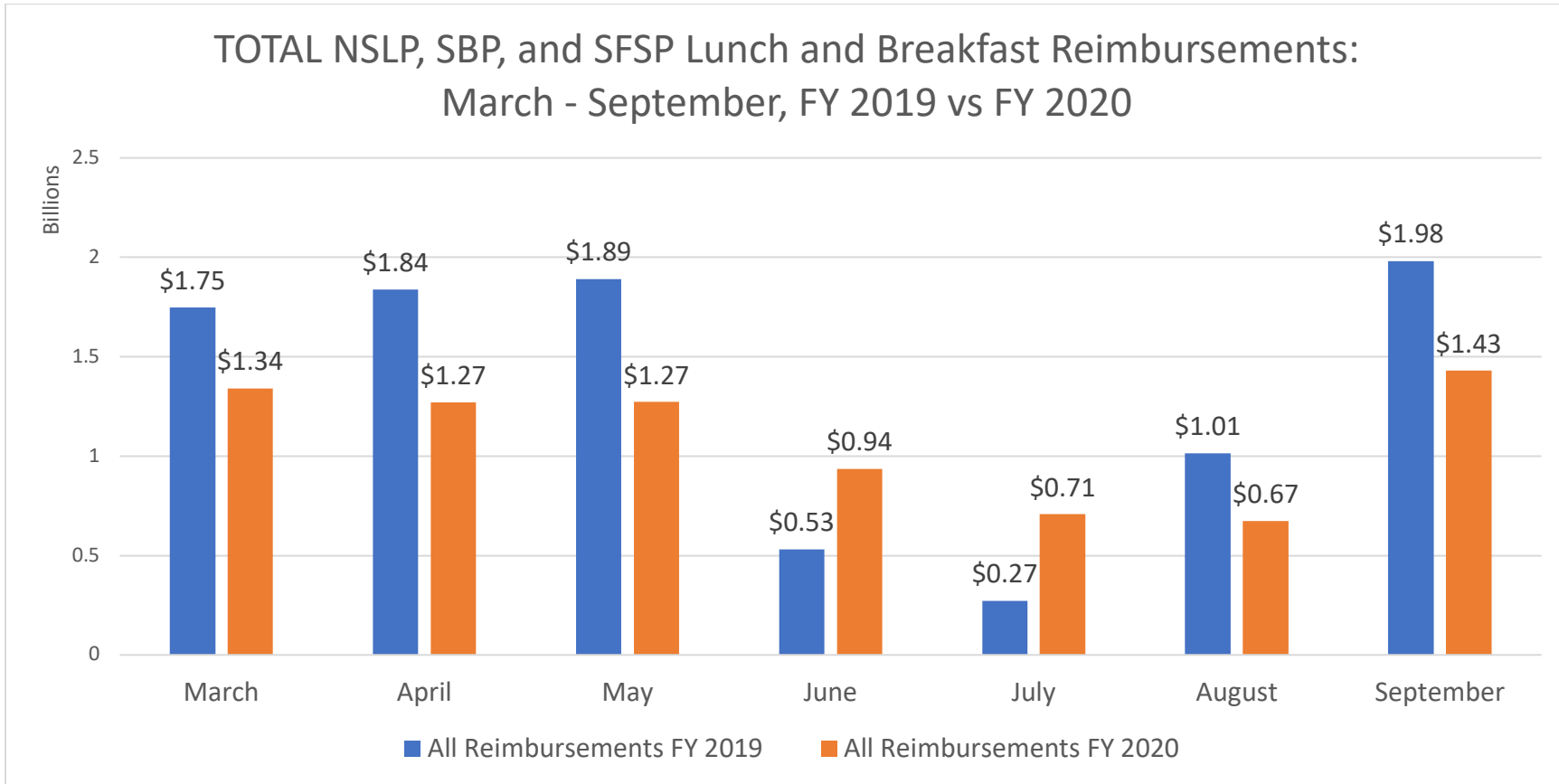
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Table 1. Total Reimbursements for NSLP Lunches, SBP breakfasts, and SFSP Meal Costs (\$): FY 2019 vs FY 2020

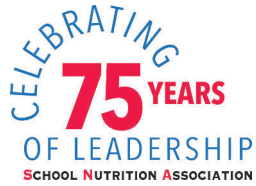
Month	Total Cash - NSLP Lunches: FY 2019	Total Cash - NSLP Lunches: FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly NSLP Lunches: FY 2019 - FY 2020	% Difference in Total Monthly NSLP Lunches: FY2019 - FY 2020	Total Program Costs - SBP Bfsts: FY 2019	Total Program Costs - SBP Bfsts: FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly BSP Meals: FY 2019 - FY 2020	% Difference in Total Monthly BSP Meals: FY2019 - FY 2020	Meal Cost - SFSP Meals: FY 2019	Meal Cost - SFSP Meals - FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly SFSP Lunches 2019 - FY 2020	% Difference in Total Monthly SFSP Lunches: FY2019 - FY 2020	All Reimbursements FY 2019	All Reimbursements FY 2020	Difference in All Reimbursements	% Difference in All Reimbursements
October	\$1,547,833,529.20	\$1,570,395,052.80	\$22,561,523.60	1.46	\$548,816,718.26	\$562,282,856.43	\$13,466,138.17	2.45	\$91,427.61	\$516,719.81	\$425,292.20	465.17	\$2,096,741,675.07	\$2,133,194,629.04	\$36,452,953.97	1.74
November	\$1,241,938,692.27	\$1,209,415,885.52	-\$32,522,806.75	-2.62	\$442,144,563.51	\$438,555,838.14	-\$3,588,725.37	-0.81	\$47,619.02	\$9,976.99	-\$37,642.03	-79.05	\$1,684,130,874.80	\$1,647,981,700.65	-\$36,149,174.15	-2.15
December	\$1,013,940,440.78	\$1,066,751,461.01	\$52,811,020.23	5.21	\$357,386,679.27	\$378,734,066.67	\$21,347,387.40	5.97	\$67,565.04	\$38,312.95	-\$29,252.09	-43.29	\$1,371,394,685.09	\$1,445,523,840.63	\$74,129,155.54	5.41
January	\$1,259,867,744.50	\$1,353,271,611.48	\$93,403,866.98	7.41	\$432,825,970.54	\$477,442,004.84	\$44,616,034.30	10.31	\$59,065.26	\$43,761.70	-\$15,303.56	-25.91	\$1,692,752,780.30	\$1,830,757,378.02	\$138,004,597.72	8.15
February	\$1,273,331,867.94	\$1,315,687,451.83	\$42,355,583.89	3.33	\$443,232,202.70	\$468,138,383.83	\$24,906,181.13	5.62	\$34,020.43	\$6,973.29	-\$27,047.14	-79.50	\$1,716,598,091.07	\$1,783,832,808.95	\$67,234,717.88	3.92
March	\$1,292,007,452.15	\$803,598,429.57	-\$488,409,022.58	-37.80	\$455,096,844.54	\$312,423,099.40	-\$142,673,745.14	-31.35	\$114,727.26	\$224,633,963.82	\$224,519,236.56	195698.25	\$1,747,219,023.95	\$1,340,655,492.79	-\$406,563,531.16	-23.27
April	\$1,355,920,908.41	\$351,921,466.60	-\$1,003,999,441.81	-74.05	\$481,302,164.61	\$206,211,958.06	-\$275,090,206.55	-57.16	\$32,208.99	\$712,863,979.44	\$712,831,770.45	2213145.37	\$1,837,255,282.01	\$1,270,997,404.10	-\$566,257,877.91	-30.82
May	\$1,385,418,654.10	\$333,753,377.48	-\$1,051,665,276.62	-75.91	\$501,283,948.03	\$197,344,647.12	-\$303,939,300.91	-60.63	\$3,568,887.60	\$741,071,053.37	\$737,502,165.77	20664.76	\$1,890,271,489.73	\$1,272,169,077.97	-\$618,102,411.76	-32.70
June	\$278,578,799.00	\$219,420,067.15	-\$59,158,731.85	-21.24	\$103,391,571.83	\$130,208,234.08	\$26,816,662.25	25.94	\$148,476,165.08	\$586,263,823.30	\$437,787,658.22	294.85	\$530,446,535.91	\$935,892,124.53	\$405,445,588.62	76.43
July	\$48,391,600.27	\$131,018,672.68	\$82,627,072.41	170.75	\$19,379,078.15	\$76,399,668.35	\$57,020,590.20	294.24	\$204,516,668.09	\$499,690,697.51	\$295,174,029.42	144.33	\$272,287,346.51	\$707,109,038.54	\$434,821,692.03	159.69
August	\$708,668,385.51	\$180,021,169.48	-\$528,647,216.03	-74.60	\$244,244,997.43	\$87,127,000.41	-\$157,117,997.02	-64.33	\$60,597,140.12	\$405,090,322.89	\$344,493,182.77	568.50	\$1,013,510,523.06	\$672,238,492.78	-\$341,272,030.28	-33.67
September	\$1,464,240,075.47	\$570,986,154.76	-\$893,253,920.71	-61.00	\$516,895,690.73	\$236,279,812.58	-\$280,615,878.15	-54.29	\$141,878.86	\$621,593,422.48	\$621,451,543.62	438015.60	\$1,981,277,645.06	\$1,428,859,389.82	-\$552,418,255.24	-27.88
Total	\$12,870,138,149.60	\$9,106,240,800.36	-\$3,763,897,349.24	-29.25	\$4,546,000,429.60	\$3,571,147,569.91	-\$974,852,859.69	-21.44	\$417,747,373.36	\$3,791,823,007.55	\$3,374,075,634.19	807.68	\$17,833,885,952.56	\$16,469,211,377.82	-\$1,364,674,574.74	-7.65
	Source: Tab NSLP - \$, column I, 'Total Cash', FY 2019 & FY 2020				Source: Tab SBP - \$, column I, 'Total Program Costs, FY 2019 & FY 2020				Source: Tab SFSP - \$, 'Meal Cost', column B, FY 2019 & FY 2020				Includes all reimbursements for NSLP lunches, SBP Breakfasts, and SFSP Meal cost reimbursements			

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If the period of analysis is limited to the pandemic months for which data is available (March – September), the overall percentage drop in reimbursements from FY 2019 – FY 2020 is 17.73%, or **\$1,644,346,826**.

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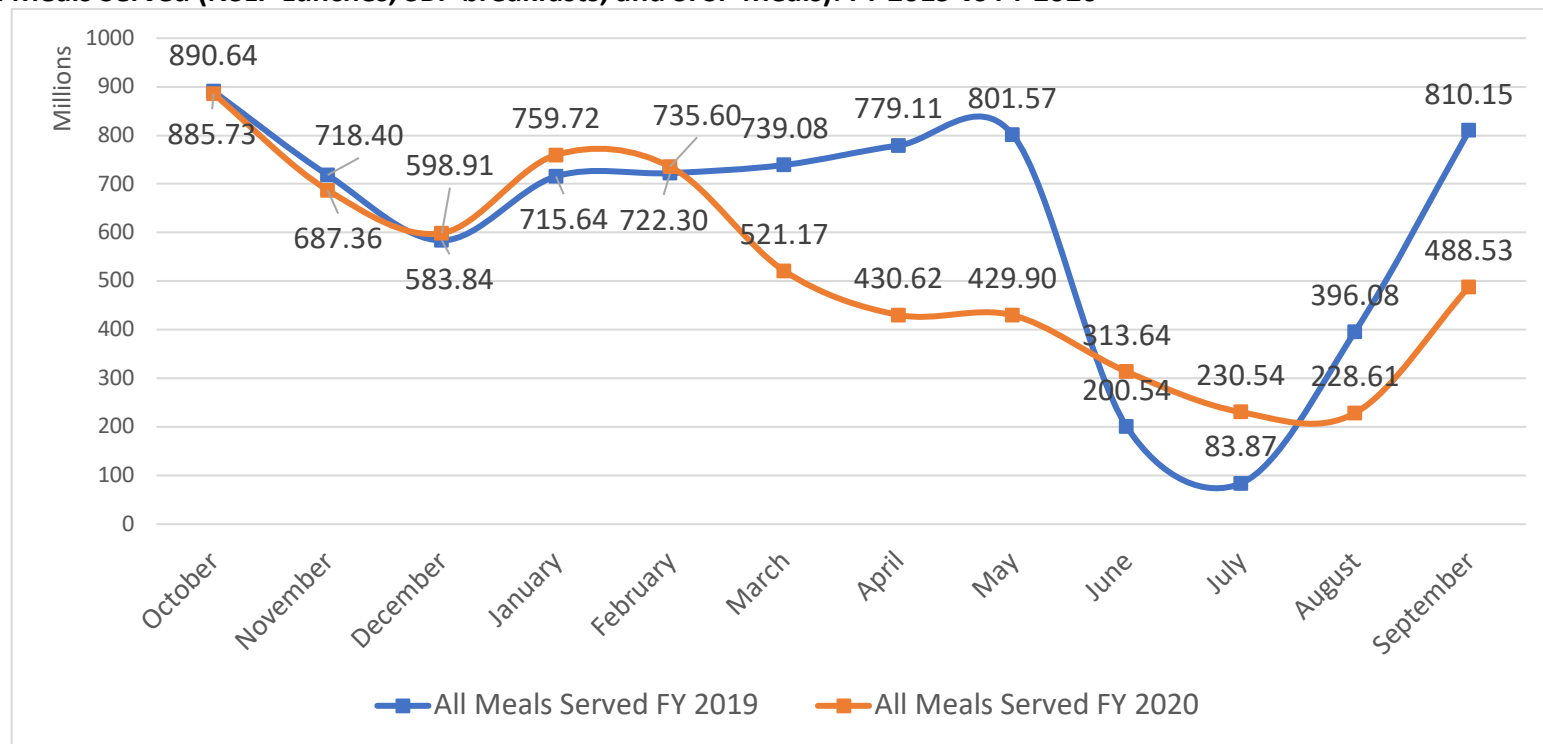
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March	\$1,292,007,452.15	\$803,598,429.57	-\$488,409,022.58	-37.80	\$455,096,844.54	\$312,423,099.40	-\$142,673,745.14	-31.35	\$114,727.26	\$224,633,963.82	\$224,519,236.56	195698.25	\$1,747,219,023.95	\$1,340,655,492.79	-\$406,563,531.16	-23.27
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Total	\$6,533,225,874.91	\$2,590,719,337.72	-\$3,942,506,537.19	-60.35	\$2,321,594,295.32	\$1,245,994,420.00	-\$1,075,599,875.32	-46.33	\$417,447,676.00	\$3,791,207,262.81	\$3,373,759,586.81	808.19	\$9,272,267,846.23	\$7,627,921,020.53	-\$1,644,346,825.70	-17.73
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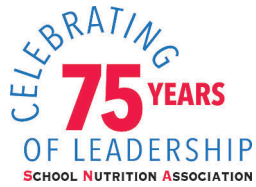
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Meals Served

- There were **1,130,866,836**, or **15.20%**, fewer lunches and breakfasts served in FY 2020 than FY 2019.
- Number of total lunches served in FY 2020 (including NSLP lunches and SFSP lunches) was down 21.37% from FY 2019.
- Number of total breakfasts served in FY 2020 (including SBP Breakfasts and SFSP breakfasts) was down 2.95% from FY 2019.

Chart 2. Total Meals Served (NSLP Lunches, SBP breakfasts, and SFSP Meals): FY 2019 vs FY 2020





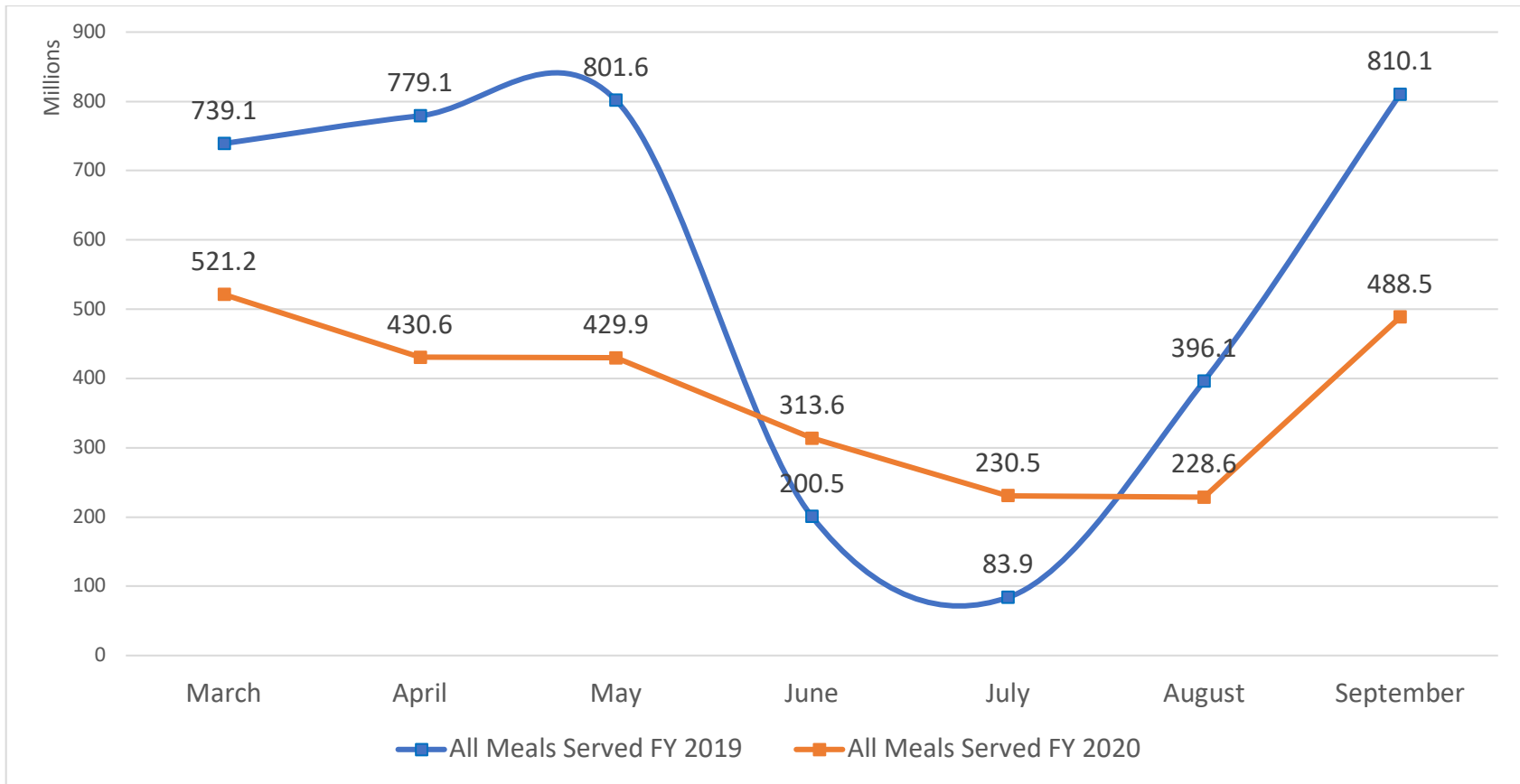
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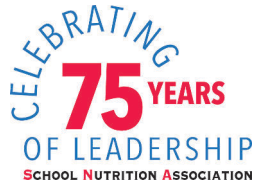
Month	Total Lunches: FY 2019	Total Lunches: FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly Lunches: FY 2019 - FY 2020	% Difference in Total Monthly Lunches: FY 2019 - FY 2020	Total Bfst: FY 2019	Total Bfst: FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly Bfasts: FY 2019 - FY 2020	% Difference in Total Bfasts: FY 2019 - FY 2020	All Meals Served FY 2019	All Meals Served FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly Meals Served	% Difference in Total Monthly Meals Served
October	592,058,631	585,707,725	-6,350,906	-1.07	298,586,266.00	300,019,532.00	1,433,266	0.48	890,644,897	885,727,257	-4,917,640	-0.55
November	477,845,594	453,275,095	-24,570,499	-5.14	240,550,906.00	234,089,024.00	-6,461,882	-2.69	718,396,500	687,364,119	-31,032,381	-4.32
December	389,806,266	397,755,451	7,949,185	2.04	194,034,621.00	201,156,915.00	7,122,294	3.67	583,840,887	598,912,366	15,071,479	2.58
January	481,013,647	505,862,036	24,848,389	5.17	234,629,043.00	253,853,927.00	19,224,884	8.19	715,642,690	759,715,963	44,073,273	6.16
February	482,859,408	487,308,011	4,448,603	0.92	239,435,705.00	248,290,651.00	8,854,946	3.70	722,295,113	735,598,662	13,303,549	1.84
March	492,186,297	324,184,535	-168,001,762	-34.13	246,897,577.00	196,987,080.00	-49,910,497	-20.22	739,083,874	521,171,615	-217,912,259	-29.48
April	517,376,398	220,350,290	-297,026,108	-57.41	261,730,843.00	210,271,941.00	-51,458,902	-19.66	779,107,241	430,622,231	-348,485,010	-44.73
May	529,357,466	219,479,399	-309,878,067	-58.54	272,211,386.00	210,419,663.00	-61,791,723	-22.70	801,568,852	429,899,062	-371,669,790	-46.37
June	131,007,665	161,888,940	30,881,275	23.57	69,537,304.00	151,750,666.00	82,213,362	118.23	200,544,969	313,639,606	113,094,637	56.39
July	54,088,413	120,255,258	66,166,845	122.33	29,782,021.00	110,287,921.00	80,505,900	270.32	83,870,434	230,543,179	146,672,745	174.88
August	262,976,039	125,121,989	-137,854,050	-52.42	133,108,918.00	103,492,032.00	-29,616,886	-22.25	396,084,957	228,614,021	-167,470,936	-42.28
September	537,708,383	289,786,120	-247,922,263	-46.11	272,438,914.00	198,746,674.00	-73,692,240	-27.05	810,147,297	488,532,794	-321,614,503	-39.70
Total	4,948,284,207	3,890,974,849	-1,057,309,358	-21.37	2,492,943,504.00	2,419,366,026.00	-73,577,478	-2.95	7,441,227,711	6,310,340,875	-1,130,886,836	-15.20
	Note: Includes NSLP Lunches and SFSP Lunches				Note: Includes BSP Breakfasts and SFSP Breakfasts				Note: Includes NSLP Lunches, SFSP Lunches, SBP breakfasts, and SFSP breakfasts			

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Chart 2A. Pandemic Months Comparison: Total Meals Served (NSLP Lunches, SBP breakfasts, and SFSP Meals): March – September, FY 2019 vs. FY 2020



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If the period of analysis is limited to the pandemic months for which data is available (March – September), the overall percentage drop in all meals served (NSLP Lunches, SBP breakfasts, and SFSP Meals) from FY 2019 – FY 2020 is **30.64%, or -1,167,385,116 fewer meals.**

Table 2A. Pandemic Months Comparison: Total Meals Served (NSLP Lunches, SBP breakfasts, and SFSP Meals): March – September, FY 2019 vs. FY 2020

Month	Total Lunches: FY 2019	Total Lunches: FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly Lunches: FY 2019 - FY 2020	% Difference in Total Monthly Lunches: FY 2019 - FY 2020	Total Bfsts: FY 2019	Total Bfsts: FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly Bfsts: FY 2019 - FY 2020	% Difference in Total Bfsts: FY 2019 - FY 2020	All Meals Served FY 2019	All Meals Served FY 2020	Difference in Total Monthly Meals Served	% Difference in Total Monthly Meals Served
March	492,186,297	324,184,535	-168,001,762	-34.13	246,897,577	196,987,080	-49,910,497	-20.22	739,083,874	521,171,615	-217,912,259	-29.48
April	517,376,398	220,350,290	-297,026,108	-57.41	261,730,843	210,271,941	-51,458,902	-19.66	779,107,241	430,622,231	-348,485,010	-44.73
May	529,357,466	219,479,399	-309,878,067	-58.54	272,211,386	210,419,663	-61,791,723	-22.70	801,568,852	429,899,062	-371,669,790	-46.37
June	131,007,665	161,888,940	30,881,275	23.57	69,537,304	151,750,666	82,213,362	118.23	200,544,969	313,639,606	113,094,637	56.39
July	54,088,413	120,255,258	66,166,845	122.33	29,782,021	110,287,921	80,505,900	270.32	83,870,434	230,543,179	146,672,745	174.88
August	262,976,039	125,121,989	-137,854,050	-52.42	133,108,918	103,492,032	-29,616,886	-22.25	396,084,957	228,614,021	-167,470,936	-42.28
September	537,708,383	289,786,120	-247,922,263	-46.11	272,438,914	198,746,674	-73,692,240	-27.05	810,147,297	488,532,794	-321,614,503	-39.70
Total	2,524,700,661	1,461,066,531	-1,063,634,130	-42.13	1,285,706,963	1,181,955,977	-103,750,986	-8.07	3,810,407,624	2,643,022,508	-1,167,385,116	-30.64
	Note: Includes NSLP Lunches and SFSP Lunches				Note: Includes BSP Breakfasts and SFSP Breakfasts				Note: Includes NSLP Lunches, SFSP Lunches, SBP breakfasts, and SFSP breakfasts			

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