

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

2017

California's public library summer meal programs provide children and teens with continued access to free, healthy food and learning opportunities essential to their development while school is out.



228,500+

meals served to children and teens by California public libraries

↑ 12%
increase in number of meals served over 2016 (203,500)

↑ 18%
increase in number of sites serving meals over 2016 (139)

18%
of families who participate in Lunch at the Library programs report that they don't get lunch anywhere else but the library



164

California public library meal sites

*Data is still being collected and is current as of 10/26/2017

Families who participate in Lunch at the Library know they can get help and essential resources at the library:


90% know they can find books and things to borrow at the library →

75% know they can find access to computers →

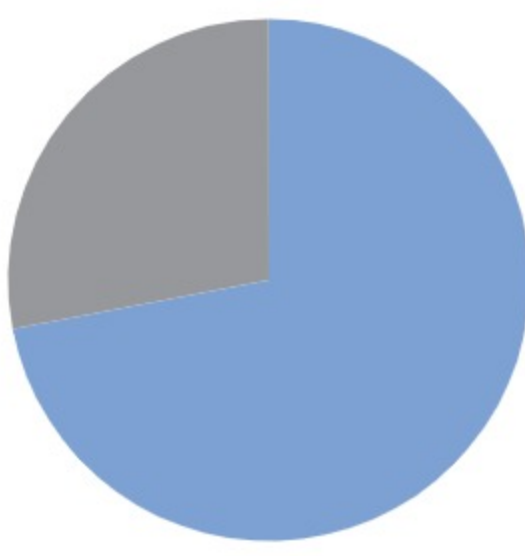
64% know they can find people to help them →

Families who participate in Lunch at the Library programs also report that they feel good at the library:

64%
feel good about themselves



72%
feel happy



 I enjoy the Lunch Program; it keeps me full and full of energy.
- Lunch at the Library Participant

In 2017, 5,390 people in 115 libraries completed surveys.

Library summer meal programs have helped:

- Support the physical, emotional, and developmental health of low income children in the community.
- Engage children and youth in summer reading programs and other library programming.
- Provide community service opportunities for youth.
- Provide a safe and trusted community space for children and their families to go when school is out.
- Provide families with access to technology and other community resources and services.

For more information on the Lunch at the Library program please visit lunchatthelibrary.org

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