

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

2018

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.



244,475

meals served to children and teens by California public libraries

↑ 7% increase in # of meals served over 2017 (228,608)

42,898 snacks served



191

California public library meal sites

↑ 16% increase in # of sites serving meals over 2017 (164)

55 library jurisdictions **28** counties

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

92% know they can find books and things to borrow at the library



77% know they can find access to computers



67% know they can find people to help them



14%

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

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

65% feel good about themselves



75% feel happy



I like the lunch program. I can eat with other kids. That's fun!

Lunch at the Library participant

Keep up the great job providing free lunches for the kids it's a true blessing thank you! :)

Lunch at the Library parent

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

*Data is still being collected and is current as of 11/20/2018. In 2018, 6,341 people at 145 library meal sites completed surveys. There are 184 public library jurisdictions and 58 counties in California.

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