Food Rankings 2023

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Our 2023 Food Rankings analyze data from the 2022 Program Year (2021-2022 data).

# Data Sources

## Harmony and Kipp Districts

Explain here why we have to combine harmony and kipp districts. Or maybe this should go someplace else?

## Texas Education Agency (TEA)

Total Enrollment Counts in Student Program and Special Populations Reports, PEIMS Data 2021-2022

TEA data was obtained via Public Records Request. From this data we use the student enrollment counts and economically disadvantaged counts.

Student enrollment for small campuses are masked. In the case of the reported number being <10, we use 10. This means our district student counts are a slight overestimate.

Economically disadvantaged counts are sometimes unavailable, so in that case they are assumed zero.

Percent economically disadvantaged for each district is calculated from the campus counts.

## Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)

Although we obtained our data from a public information request, it is also available on the Food and Nutrition Meals Served Dashboard, 2021-2022: <https://data.texas.gov/stories/s/2021-2022-TDA-Food-and-Nutrition-Meals-Served-Dash/93tt-ffn6>

### School Nutrition Program (SNP)

SNP Data includes meal counts from the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Credit for participating in the Community Eligible Provision (CEP) was given to the entire district if they had any participating location.

### Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

SSO data was obtained from the TDA F&N Meals Served Dashboard.

2021-2022 Monthly SNP & SSO School Meal Count: <https://data.texas.gov/dataset/2021-2022-Monthly-School-Meal-Count/dyrd-amq2>

Note from the data dashboard: “In March 2020, USDA began allowing flexibility in nutrition assistance program policies to support continued meal access during the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). This included offering School Nutrition Program sponsors the option to provide meals through Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in program year 2021-2022.”

The SSO is what schools used to offer free meals to all students regardless of income. Because of this, we are choosing to look at total number of meals served instead of only the free and reduced as we’ve done in years past. This option will not be available next year because the program has ended.

### Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP) – At Risk– Meal Reimbursement – Program Year 2021-2022: <https://data.texas.gov/dataset/Child-and-Adult-Care-Food-Programs-CACFP-At-Risk-M/e4wr-4i5j>

CACFP data captures meals served in At-Risk afterschool care centers.

# Aggregate school-level data up to district level

# Overall Rankings

# Large districts, 50k or more

Creates same table as before but with 50K or more students

# Middle-income districts (60-70% Eco Dis)

takes out high poverty schools and focuses on those which often face more challenges in implementing school food programs to scale