

Pandemic EBT 1.0: Outcomes Report



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Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) 1.0 was a disaster response program intended to support children who lost access to free or reduced price school meals due to pandemic related school facility closures during the months of March through June of 2020. The program provided food benefits to students who would have received free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) if not for the school facility closure.

P-EBT 1.0 was administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE). The CDSS and CDE estimate that 3,941,570 school aged children were eligible for P-EBT statewide and benefits were issued for 3,738,746 children, representing a nearly 95% statewide reach rate.

P-EBT 1.0 Statewide Data Outcomes

The table below summarizes aggregate P-EBT data statewide. All data is up to date as of September 17, 2020.

| Summary of Statewide P-EBT Data | Value |
|--|-----------------|
| Total Eligible Children Issued P-EBT Benefits | 3,738,746 |
| Total P-EBT Benefits Issued | \$1,362,140,097 |
| Total Automatically Eligible Children Issued P-EBT Benefits | 2,256,807 |
| Total Applicant Eligible Children Issued P-EBT Benefits | 1,481,939 |
| Total Cards Issued to Automatically Eligible Children ⁱ | 1,640,403 |
| Total Cards Issued to Applicant Children ⁱ | 1,253,956 |
| Total Applications Received (unduplicated) | 1,374,413 |
| Total Children Issued Full Benefits | 3,719,015 |
| Total Children Issued Prorated Benefits | 19,723 |

P-EBT 1.0 County by County Data Outcomes

The table below summarizes county-by-county P-EBT reach rates. In 52 of 58 counties, an estimated 90 percent or more of eligible children were issued benefits.

ⁱ Total cards issued is equal to less than the total children issued P-EBT benefits due to one P-EBT card being issued per family at the beginning of the program.



| County | Estimated Eligible ⁱ | Actual Participants ⁱⁱ | Reach Rate |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Alameda | 106,044 | 97,725 | 92.2% |
| Alpine | 44 | 39 | 89.8% |
| Amador | 1,676 | 1,563 | 93.2% |
| Butte | 17,991 | 17,642 | 98.1% |
| Calaveras | 1,816 | 1,800 | 99.2% |
| Colusa | 1,954 | 1,727 | 88.4% |
| Contra Costa | 79,194 | 72,351 | 91.4% |
| Del Norte | 3,323 | 3,108 | 93.5% |
| El Dorado | 6,318 | 6,127 | 97.0% |
| Fresno | 169,475 | 165,074 | 97.4% |
| Glenn | 3,485 | 3,367 | 96.6% |
| Humboldt | 8,489 | 8,195 | 96.5% |
| Imperial | 30,283 | 28,775 | 95.0% |
| Inyo | 960 | 816 | 85.1% |
| Kern | 153,724 | 149,959 | 97.6% |
| Kings | 22,176 | 20,653 | 93.1% |
| Lake | 5,743 | 5,526 | 96.2% |
| Lassen | 1,250 | 1,183 | 94.7% |
| Los Angeles | 1,070,810 | 1,011,887 | 94.5% |
| Madera | 27,003 | 26,373 | 97.7% |
| Marin | 9,930 | 9,240 | 93.1% |
| Mariposa | 882 | 876 | 99.2% |
| Mendocino | 8,304 | 8,104 | 97.6% |
| Merced | 50,868 | 48,771 | 95.9% |
| Modoc | 419 | 387 | 92.3% |
| Mono | 261 | 253 | 97.1% |
| Monterey | 62,426 | 60,502 | 96.9% |
| Napa | 10,345 | 9,684 | 93.6% |
| Nevada | 3,909 | 3,720 | 95.2% |
| Orange | 244,203 | 235,010 | 96.2% |
| Placer | 14,432 | 13,559 | 94.0% |
| Plumas | 994 | 969 | 97.5% |
| Riverside | 290,848 | 280,992 | 96.6% |
| Sacramento | 171,799 | 161,952 | 94.3% |
| San Benito | 6,900 | 6,406 | 92.8% |

ⁱ The estimated number of children eligible for P-EBT benefits. This includes the actual participants count plus an additional 203,005 children who were eligible for P-EBT benefits but did not apply.

ⁱⁱ The total number of children that received P-EBT benefits. Of this total, 640 children received benefits at an address out of state and 212,210 children were not able to be attributed to a specific county due to geocoding limitations. These children were proportionally distributed across the 58 counties to establish the county-by-county reach rate. Children who received benefits at an address out of state were living and attending school in California at the time that P-EBT eligibility was determined.

| County | Estimated Eligible ⁱ | Actual Participants ⁱⁱ | Reach Rate |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| San Bernardino | 306,701 | 297,584 | 97.0% |
| San Diego | 272,597 | 255,707 | 93.8% |
| San Francisco | 43,379 | 37,078 | 85.5% |
| San Joaquin | 110,559 | 104,515 | 94.5% |
| San Luis Obispo | 14,126 | 13,068 | 92.5% |
| San Mateo | 38,275 | 32,886 | 85.9% |
| Santa Barbara | 46,631 | 44,802 | 96.1% |
| Santa Clara | 104,429 | 94,356 | 90.4% |
| Santa Cruz | 19,491 | 18,698 | 95.9% |
| Shasta | 14,059 | 13,376 | 95.1% |
| Sierra | 9 | 6 | 69.6% |
| Siskiyou | 2,786 | 2,578 | 92.5% |
| Solano | 36,083 | 33,135 | 91.8% |
| Sonoma | 30,397 | 26,940 | 88.6% |
| Stanislaus | 84,547 | 79,992 | 94.6% |
| Sutter | 14,950 | 14,071 | 94.1% |
| Tehama | 8,051 | 7,712 | 95.8% |
| Trinity | 104 | 104 | 100.0% |
| Tulare | 95,049 | 92,008 | 96.8% |
| Tuolumne | 2,264 | 2,166 | 95.7% |
| Ventura | 80,943 | 77,984 | 96.3% |
| Yolo | 16,152 | 14,765 | 91.4% |
| Yuba | 11,892 | 10,899 | 91.6% |
| Statewide | 3,941,750 | 3,738,745 | 94.8% |

Data Sources

To generate these estimates, the CDSS sourced P-EBT eligibility data from the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System via the CDE and point-in-time P-EBT issuance data from the EBT vendor FIS.

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