Appendix D.2
Screenshots of State Agency Child Nutrition Director Survey: Fall 2021

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Introduction

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), has contracted with Mathematica to conduct the School Meals Operations (SMO) Study. This survey is collecting information on the statutory reporting requirements for the nationwide Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers that FNS first authorized during school year (SY) 2020-2021 and changes in use of nationwide Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers that were extended through SY 2020-2021.

The nationwide COVID-19 waivers apply to the following Child Nutrition Programs:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)*

Federal statute requires each State Agency that oversees these programs to report on:

1. The use of each waiver by the State Agency and local program operators, and
2. A description of whether and how each waiver resulted in improved services to children.

This study is focused on Child Nutrition Programs and is not collecting information on use of the waivers for CACFP operations in adult day care centers.

Full participation in the SMO Study will satisfy your State Agency's reporting requirements for the nationwide Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers used during SY 2020-2021.

The information you provide will be kept private to the full extent allowed by law. This means that your personal information will be kept private and not associated with any of your responses about your agencies' operations. The responses you provide about operations may be tabulated separately for each State so that the public will be able to determine how your agency operates the Child Nutrition Programs.

We thank you in advance for your time and cooperation in this important study. If you have any questions about the study, please email [STUDY EMAIL] or call Mathematica toll-free at [STUDY PHONE LINE].

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Instructions for Completing the Survey

- **You may view a PDF or Word version of the full data collection instrument** [here](#). Note that this does not include the display logic so you may see questions that do not apply to your State Agency.

- Question numbers may not follow sequentially as you proceed through the data collection instrument. The numbers are only displayed to assist you in following along with the hard copy, if desired.

- You may view FNS guidance on each of the waivers [here](#).

- If you need a colleague to complete a section of the survey, you should forward them the email with the link to the survey. They do not need a separate link.

- **Avoid having multiple people logged into the survey at once.** Responses may not be recorded correctly if multiple users are logged into the survey at the same time.

- If you or a colleague are returning to finish your saved survey, the program will return to the **"Survey Sections"** menu. Use the menu to return to previous questions or start a new section.

- Within each section you may review your unanswered questions using the **"Section Review"** link at the top of the page.

- This survey has been optimized to run on a desktop computer and is best viewed in the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, or Internet Explorer.

- Click the **"Next"** button to progress in the survey. You must click this button to save your responses. **If you cannot complete the survey in one sitting, click the "Next" button before you close your browser.** Your answers will be saved.

- Click the **"Back"** button to go to the previous question.

- **Use the buttons and links within the survey.** Using your browser's "Back" function may cause errors.

- Definitions for key terms are provided in the **glossary** located on the "Help" page. As you complete the survey, you may return to this page at any point via the "Help" link in the lower left corner of the window.

- If you have any questions about the study or about completing this survey, please email **SMOStudy@mathematica-mpr.com** or call Mathematica toll-free at 833-440-9475.

- If you would like a copy of your responses to the first SMO survey that you completed in the spring, please email **SMOStudy@mathematica-mpr.com**.

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Waiver List

The fall 2021 School Meals Operations (SMO) Study survey will focus on the reporting requirements associated with the nationwide waivers that were first authorized during SY 2020-2021. In addition, to ensure that reporting requirements are satisfied for extensions of the nationwide waivers covered in the first SMO survey (conducted in spring 2021), this survey will collect information on changes in waiver use since September 2020 for the nationwide waiver extensions that were applicable to SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021.

Note that this survey does not focus on the reporting requirements associated with the nationwide waivers used during SY 2021-2022. The summer 2022 School Meals Operations (SMO) Study survey will collect that information.

Below is the waiver list that includes the full, formal name of each waiver with a link to the FNS guidance and, underneath, the shortened waiver name that will be used in the survey for simplicity. The shortened names include the waiver number, a short description, the extension number, and the waiver end date.

Waivers First Authorized in SY 2020-2021:

A. Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Summer Food Service Operations

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021 – Extension (through June 30, 2021)
  - #59: SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021- Extension, June 30, 2021

B. At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waivers

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver (through December 31, 2020)
  - #58: At-Risk Area Eligibility, Dec. 31, 2020

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #68: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver- Extension (through June 30, 2021)
  - #68: At-Risk Area Eligibility- Extension, June 30, 2021

C. Reporting Requirements

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements
  - #72: Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements

D. Community Eligibility Provision Data Waiver

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs
  - #82: CEP Deadlines in NSLP/SBP, Dec. 31, 2020

SY 2020-2021 and Summer 2021 Waiver Extensions:

E. Non-Congregate Waiverss

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #33: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs (SBP, NSLP, and CACFP)- Extension 2
  - #33: NSLP/SBP/CACFP Non-congregate- Extension 2, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #54: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 4
  - #54: SFSP/SSO Non-congregate- Extension 4, Dec. 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #61: Nationwide Waivers to Allow Non-congregate Feeding in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 5
  - #61: SFSP/SSO Non-congregate- Extension 5, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #75: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 6
  - #75: SFSP/SSO Non-congregate- Extension 6, Sept. 30, 2021

F. Meal Service Time Waivers

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #34: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program- Extension 2
  - #34: NSLP/SBP/CACFP Meal Service Time Flexibility- Extension 2, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #66: Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 2
  - #66: SFSP/SSO Meal Service Time - Extension 2, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #78: Nationwide Waiver of Meal Service Time Restrictions for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 3
  - #78: SFSP/SSO Meal Service Time Flexibility- extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021

G. Closed Enrolled Area Eligibility Waivers

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #48: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in SFSP and the NSLP Seamless Summer Option- Extension
  - #48: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites - Extension, Dec. 31, 2020

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #64: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites in SFSP and the NSLP Seamless Summer Option- Extension 2
  - #64: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites - Extension 2, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #80: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 3
  - #80: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites - Extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021

H. Other Program Operations Waivers

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #67: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program- Extension 2
  - #67: SFSP Offer vs. Serve Flexibilities- Extension 2, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #79: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibilities in the Summer Food Service Program for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 3
  - #79: SFSP/SSO Offer vs. Serve- Extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #69: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Reimbursement for Meals Served Prior to Notification of Approval and Provide Flexibility for Pre-Approval Visits in the Summer Food Service Program- Extension
  - #69: SFSP Pre-approval Visits and Reimbursements- Extension, June 30, 2021

I. Parent and Guardian Pick-up Waivers

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #35: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children (SBP, NSLP, and CACFP)- Extension 2
  - #35: NSLP/SBP/CACFP Parent Pick-up- Extension 2, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #55: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children (SSO and SFSP)- Extension 4
  - #55: SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up- Extension 4, Dec. 31, 2020

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #62: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children (SSO and SFSP)- Extension 5
  - #62: SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up- Extension 5, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #76: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 6
  - #76: SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up- Extension 6, September 30, 2021

J. Area Eligibility Waivers

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #52: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers- Extension 2
  - #52: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility- Extension 2, Dec. 31, 2020

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #60: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers- Extension 3
  - #60: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility - Extension 3, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #77: Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 4
  - #77: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility- Extension 4, Sept. 30, 2021

K. Meal Pattern Flexibility Waivers

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #53: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility ie Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 7
  - #53: SFSP/SSO Meal Pattern Flexibility - Extension 7, Dec. 31, 2020

- OVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #63: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option- Extension 8
  - #63: SFSP/SSO Meal Pattern Flexibility - Extension 8, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #70: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs (NSLP, SBP, and CACFP)- Extension 5
  - #70: NSLP/SBP/CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibility - Extension 5, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #74: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibilities for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 9
  - #74: SSO Meal Pattern Flexibilities- Extension 9, Sept. 30, 2021 waiver extension in summer 2021

L. Monitoring Waivers

- OVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #39: Nationwide Waiver of Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program- Extension
  - #39: CACFP Onsite Monitoring for Sponsors- Extension, Sept. 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #40: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program- Extension 2
  - #40: CACFP Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies- Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #41: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meals Programs- Extension 2
  - #41: School Meals Onsite Monitoring- Extension 2, June 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #42: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsoring Organizations in the Summer Food Service Program- Extension 2
  - #42: SFSP Onsite Monitoring for Sponsoring Orgs - Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #43: Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Summer Food Service Program- Extension 2
  - #43: SFSP Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies- Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021

- COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #81: Nationwide Waiver to Waive First Week Site Visits in the Summer Food Service Program for Summer 2021 Operations- Extension 3
  - #81 - SFSP First Week Site visits- Extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Before starting the survey, please fill in the requested contact information below. If the information below is prefilled, please review and update the information as necessary.

Please fill in the contact information for the *State Child Nutrition Director below: (Update where necessary)*

First Name:	Emily
Last Name:	Doe
Street Address 1:	987 Avenue A
Street Address 2:	Apt 1
City:	Princeton
State:	NJ
Zip:	
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Ext. Number:	
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If you are *not* the State Child Nutrition Director, please fill in the name and contact information of the primary contact:

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Title:	
Street Address 1:	
Street Address 2:	
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State:	
Zip:	
Phone Number: (Please do not use parentheses or dashes)	
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FNS first authorized certain nationwide Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers during SY 2020-2021. The next few sections of this survey focus on the reporting requirements associated these waivers. Which of these nationwide waivers did your State Agency use in SY 2020-2021?

We understand that you reported to FNS which waivers your State elected in SY 2020-2021. However, questions in this information collection will be based on your answers to this question. Your answers ensure this effort gathers the information needed for your State Agency to meet the statutory reporting requirements for each waiver.

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

	Yes	No
A. #59: SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021- Extension, June 30, 2021	○	○
B. #58: At-Risk Area Eligibility, Dec. 31, 2020 and/or #68: At-Risk Area Eligibility- Extension, June 30, 2021	○	○
C. #72: Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements	○	○
D. #82: CEP Deadlines in NSLP/SBP, Dec. 31, 2020	○	○

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Survey Sections.

Use the status buttons below to navigate to the survey sections. Each waiver section collects information on the statutory reporting requirements for that waiver, including:

1. The number of local program operators that used the waiver (as applicable),

2. Technical assistance requested by local program operators to assist with waiver use (as applicable),

3. Program changes resulting from waiver use,

4. Reasons for waiver use, and

5. How the waiver improved services to children.

The survey sections for those waivers with additional reporting requirements – Nationwide Waiver to Extend Area Eligibility Waivers, Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children, and Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs – also collect information to address those requirements.

Because this is a mandatory information collection to meet statutory reporting requirements, all questions and items must be answered. While you may skip questions and come back to them as needed, the survey sections will display as 'Incomplete' and you will be unable to submit your survey responses until all questions have been answered. Within each section you may review your unanswered questions by clicking the "Section Review" link at the top of the page. You may return to this page at any time by clicking the "Survey Sections" link.

The status of each section is listed next to the section name below. Once you have completed all sections, click "Submit completed survey" to finalize your responses.

A	SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021- Extension, June 30, 2021	**NOT STARTED**
	undefined	
B	At-Risk Area Eligibility, Dec. 31, 2020 and/or #68	**NOT STARTED**
	At-Risk Area Eligibility- Extension, June 30, 2021	
C	Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements	**NOT STARTED**
	undefined	
D	CEP Deadlines in NSLP/SBP, Dec. 31, 2020	**NOT STARTED**
	undefined	
E		**NOT STARTED**
	Changes to use of program operations waivers since September 2020	
F		**NOT STARTED**
	Changes to use of monitoring waivers since September 2020	
G		**NOT STARTED**
	Emergency Funding	
V		**NOT STARTED**
	Challenges	

A. COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021

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A1_INTRO

This section asks about use of the *SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2020-2021.

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A. COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021

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A1

For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators use the *SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver?

Local program operators include School Food Authorities (**SFAs**) for SSO and all types of SFSP operators.

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

☐ Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

☐ Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

◯ No local program operators used this waiver

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A2a

How many **SFAs** used the *SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver for **SSO**?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select "Don't know."

[   ] NUMBER OF SFAS

○ Actual number of SFAs

○ Estimated number of SFAs

○ Don't know- data not collected

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A2b

How many **sponsors** (including SFAs) used the *SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver for **SFSP**?

Please enter the number of **sponsors** (including SFAs) that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select 'Don't know."

[   ] NUMBER OF SFAS

○ Actual number of sponsors

○ Estimated number of sponsors

○ Don't know- data not collected

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A3

In the previous question(s), you indicated that you did not know how many local program operators used the waiver for the following program(s). Approximately what proportion of local program operators that provided meal service during SY 2020-2021 used the *SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators				
	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○	○

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A. COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021

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A6a1

For **SFAs** that used the *SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver, approximately what proportion implemented the following meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods for **SSO** at any time during SY 2020-2021?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Meal delivery methods						
Cafeteria service	○	○	○	○	○	○
Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school buildings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Meals in the classroom	○	○	○	○	○	○
Walk-up sites outside of schools, centers, or other buildings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Curbside pick-up/ drive through service	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivers meals at pre-set times	○	○	○	○	○	○
Delivery with stops at individual homes	○	○	○	○	○	○
Other home delivery methods	○	○	○	○	○	○

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Meal options						
Full week (5 days) of meals at one time	○	○	○	○	○	○
2–3 days of meals at one time	○	○	○	○	○	○
Weekend meals	○	○	○	○	○	○
Bulk food packages*	○	○	○	○	○	○
Frozen meals	○	○	○	○	○	○
Shelf-stable meals	○	○	○	○	○	○

*Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain one or more items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes. For example, a quart of milk provides four 1-cup servings.

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Meal counting methods						
Standard point of service system	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Paper rosters	○	○	○	○	○	○
Clickers	○	○	○	○	○	○
Circle, tally, or tick sheets, or another similar form	○	○	○	○	○	○
Other meal delivery method, option, or counting method (specify) [_____]	○	○	○	○	○	○

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A. COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021

A6b1

For **sponsors** (including SFAs) that used the *SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021* waiver, approximately what proportion implemented the following meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods for **SFSP** at any time during SY 2020-2021?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
Meal delivery methods	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Cafeteria service	○	○	○	○	○	○
Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school buildings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Meals in the classroom	○	○	○	○	○	○
Walk-up sites outside of schools, centers, or other buildings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Curbside pick-up/ drive through service	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivers meals at pre-set times	○	○	○	○	○	○
Delivery with stops at individual homes	○	○	○	○	○	○
Other home delivery methods	○	○	○	○	○	○

	Proportion of local program operators					
Meal options	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Full week (5 days) of meals at one time	○	○	○	○	○	○
2–3 days of meals at one time	○	○	○	○	○	○
Weekend meals	○	○	○	○	○	○
Bulk food packages*	○	○	○	○	○	○
Frozen meals	○	○	○	○	○	○
Shelf-stable meals	○	○	○	○	○	○

*Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain one or more items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes. For example, a quart of milk provides four 1-cup servings.

	Proportion of local program operators					
Meal counting methods	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Standard point of service system	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Paper rosters	○	○	○	○	○	○
Clickers	○	○	○	○	○	○
Circle, tally, or tick sheets, or another similar form	○	○	○	○	○	○
Other meal delivery method, option, or counting method (specify) [_____]	○	○	○	○	○	○

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A. COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021

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Please select the ways in which use of the SFSP/SSO Adoption during SY 2020-2021 waiver improved services to children.

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know." If the waiver improved services to children for all listed Child Nutrition Programs your State Agency administers, please select "All."

	SSO	SFSP	All
Site Options			
Greater geographic distribution of sites	☐	☐	○
Increased number of sites	☐	☐	○
Increased alternative meal delivery methods	☐	☐	○
Meal Options			
Allowed pick up of multiple meals at one time	☐	☐	○
Allowed distribution of bulk food packages	☐	☐	○
Allowed service of available foods when supply issues occurred	☐	☐	○
Other			
Improved safety for children by not requiring congregate feeding or meal pick-up	☐	☐	○
Reduced barriers to receiving meals	☐	☐	○
Increased participation	☐	☐	○
Don't know how this waiver improved services to children	☐	☐	
This waiver did not improve services to children	☐	☐	

Other way services to children improved in *SSO* as a result of this waiver (specify) [_____]

Other way services to children improved in *SFSP* as a result of this waiver (specify) [_____]

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A. COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #59: Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations through School Year 2020-2021

Thank you for completing this section, if you would like to review please click the link below, otherwise click [<< NEXT >>] to continue.

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B. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver and/or COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #68: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver- Extension

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This section asks about use of the *At-Risk Area Eligibility* waiver, which was initially authorized through December 2020 and then extended through June 2021. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2020-2021..

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B. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver and/or COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #68: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver- Extension

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How many **SFAs and institutions** used the *At-Risk Area Eligibility* waiver for the **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component** any time during SY 2020-2021?

Please enter the number of SFAs and institutions that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select 'Don't know."

	NUMBER OF SFAS AND INSTITUTIONS

○ Actual number

○ Estimated number

○ Don't know- data not collected

○ No SFAs or insttitutions used this waiver

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B. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver and/or COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #68: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver- Extension

B3

In the previous question(s), you indicated that you did not know how many local program operators used the waiver for the following program(s). Approximately what proportion of local program operators that provided meal service during SY 2020-2021 used the *At-Risk Area Eligibility* waiver any time during SY 2020-2021?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators				
	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk Afterschool Care Component	○	○	○	○	○

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B4a

For **SFAs and institutions** that used the *At-Risk Area Eligibility* waiver any time in SY 2020-2021, approximately what proportion implemented the following meal delivery methods, meal options, and meal counting methods for the **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component**?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Meal delivery methods						
Cafeteria service	○	○	○	○	○	○
Grab-and-go tables or kiosks in school or afterschool program buildings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Meals in the classroom	○	○	○	○	○	○
Walk-up sites outside of schools, centers, or other buildings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Curbside pick-up/ drive through service	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mobile sites at which a bus or van delivers meals at pre-set times	○	○	○	○	○	○
Delivery with stops at individual homes	○	○	○	○	○	○
Other home delivery methods	○	○	○	○	○	○

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Meal options						
Full week (5 days) of meals at one time	○	○	○	○	○	○
2–3 days of meals at one time	○	○	○	○	○	○
Weekend meals	○	○	○	○	○	○
Bulk food packages*	○	○	○	○	○	○
Frozen meals	○	○	○	○	○	○
Shelf-stable meals	○	○	○	○	○	○

*Bulk food packages: Food packages that contain one or more items that could be used for multiple meals or portion sizes. For example, a quart of milk provides four 1-cup servings.

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't Know
Meal counting methods						
Standard point of service system	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mobile technology (for example, laptop, tablet, or cell phone apps)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Paper rosters	○	○	○	○	○	○
Clickers	○	○	○	○	○	○
Circle, tally, or tick sheets, or another similar form	○	○	○	○	○	○
Other meal delivery method, option, or counting method (specify) [_____]	○	○	○	○	○	○

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B. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver and/or COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #68: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver- Extension

B5

FNS's *At-Risk Area Eligibility* waiver policy memos in SY 2020-2021 indicated that new meal sites made area eligible under the waiver should target benefits to children in need, such as children who may be eligible for benefits due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. For **SFAs and institutions** that used the At-Risk Area Eligibility waiver for the **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component** any time in SY 2020-2021, approximately what proportion used the following methods to target new meal sites?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
No methods used- all sites approved as area eligible	○	○	○	○	○	○
Analyzed unemployment data	○	○	○	○	○	○
Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data	○	○	○	○	○	○
Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years	○	○	○	○	○	○
Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals	○	○	○	○	○	○
Other approach to select meal sites (specify) [_____]	○	○	○	○	○	○
Did not use any methods to target new meal sites	○	○	○	○	○	○

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B. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #58: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver and/or COVID–19: Child Nutrition Response #68: At-Risk Afterschool Area Eligibility Waiver- Extension

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B6

Please select the ways in which use of the *At-Risk Area Eligibility* waiver improved services to children during SY 2020-2021.

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component
Site Options	
Greater geographic distribution of sites	☐
Increased number of sites	☐
Increased alternative meal delivery methods	☐
Meal Options	
Allowed pick up of multiple meals at one time	☐
Allowed distribution of bulk food packages	☐
Allowed service of available foods when supply issues occurred	☐
Other	
Improved safety for children by not requiring congregate feeding or meal pick-up	☐
Reduced barriers to receiving meals	☐
Increased participation	☐
Don't know how this waiver improved services to children	☐
This waiver did not improve services to children	☐

Other way services to children improved in *CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component* as a result of this waiver (specify) [   ]

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C. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements

C1_INTRO

This section asks about use of the *Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements* waiver. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2020-2021.

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C. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements

C1

Did your State Agency waive the identified Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements for all SFAs in your State?

○ Yes

○ No

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C. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements

C2

You indicated that your agency did not waive the identified Child Nutrition Programs reporting requirements for all SFAs in your State. For what types of SFAs were the reporting requirements waived?

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C. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements

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C3

Did your State Agency use the *Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements* waiver for any of the following in SY 2020-2021?

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
FNS-10 Report of School Program Operations – Part B (October Annual Reporting)	○	○	○
FNS-640 Administrative Review Report Form	○	○	○
FNS-828 Paid Lunch Price Report	○	○	○
FNS-834 State Agency (NSLP/SNAP) Direct Certification Rate Data Element Report	○	○	○
FNS-874 Second (Independent) Review of Applications	○	○	○
Ameliorative Action Report	○	○	○
State Agency Food Safety Inspections Report	○	○	○
Performance-Based Reimbursement (7 Cents) Quarterly Report	○	○	○

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C4

Why did your State Agency use the *Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements* waiver in SY 2020-2021?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

☐ Reduce administrative burden

☐ Focus State administrative resources on approving meal sites

☐ Focus State and local administrative resources on identifying meal sites

☐ Focus State administrative resources on other priority areas

☐ Provide technical assistance to local program operators

☐ Modified Child Nutrition program operations impacted data availability

☐ Use of other waivers impacted data availability

☐ School closures impacted data availability

☐ Other concerns about data completeness

☐ Concerns about data quality

☐ Other (*specify*)

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C. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements

C5

Did use of the *Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements* waiver improve services to children in the following ways during SY 2020-2021?

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
Increased State Agency administrative resources for approving meal sites	○	○	○
Increased State and local administrative resources for identifying meal sites	○	○	○
Increased local resources for providing meals	○	○	○
Increased State and local administrative resources available for other priority areas to improve services to children	○	○	○
Increased State Agency ability to provide technical assistance to local program operators	○	○	○
Other way services to children improved as a result of this waiver (specify) [_____]	○	○	○

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C. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #72: Nationwide Waiver for Selected Child Nutrition Programs Reporting Requirements

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D. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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D1_INTRO

This section asks about use of the *CEP Deadlines in NSLP/SBP* waiver. Please answer the following questions focusing on use of the waiver during SY 2020-2021.

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D. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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D1

How many **SFAs** used the *CEP Deadlines in NSLP/SBP* waiver during SY 2020-2021?

Please enter the number of SFAs that used the waiver during SY 2020-2021. Then select an option to indicate whether this is the actual number or your best estimate. If you do not have enough information to provide a reasonably close estimate, please select "Don't know."

☐ NUMBER OF SFAS

○ Actual number of SFAs
○ Estimated number of SFAs
○ Don't know- data not collected
○ No SFAs used this waiver

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D. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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D2

In the previous question, you indicated that you did not know how many SFAs used the waiver. Approximately what proportion of SFAs used the *CEP Deadlines in NSLP/SBP* waiver during SY 2020-2021?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

○ Less than half

○ About half

○ More than half

○ All

○ Don't know

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D. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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D5

Did use of the *CEP Deadlines in NSLP/SBP* waiver improve services to children in the following ways during SY 2020-2021?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Increased State Agency administrative resources for approving meal sites	○	○	○
Increased State Agency administrative resources for identifying meal sites	○	○	○
Increased State Agency administrative resources available for other priority areas to improve services to children	○	○	○
Increased State Agency ability to provide technical assistance to local program operators	○	○	○
Increased local program operators' administrative resources for identifying meal sites	○	○	○
Increased local program operators' administrative resources for addressing food supply issues and other challenges in preparing meals	○	○	○
Increased local program operators' administrative resources for providing meals	○	○	○
Increased local program operators' ability to focus administrative resources on other priority areas to improve services to children	○	○	○
This waiver did not improve services to children	○	○	○
Other way services to children improved as a result of this waiver (specify)	○	○	○

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D. COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #82: Nationwide Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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E1_INTRO

This section asks about changes in use of nationwide waivers related to Child Nutrition Program operations since September 2020. Responding to these questions will ensure that your State agency's reporting requirements for SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021 extensions of the nationwide waivers covered in the first SMO survey (conducted in spring 2021) are satisfied.

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E1

For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

	NSLP	SBP	SSO	SFSP	CACFP	None
Non-congregate waivers						
#33: NSLP/SBP/CACFP Non-congregate- Extension 2, June 30, 2021	☐	☐			☐	○
#54: SFSP/SSO Non-congregate - Extension 4, Dec. 30, 2020			☐	☐		○
#61: SFSP/SSO Non-congregate- Extension 5, June 30, 2021			☐	☐		○
Meal service time waivers						
#34: NSLP/SBP/CACFP Meal Service Time Flexibility- Extension 2, June 30, 2021	☐	☐			☐	○
#66: SFSP/SSO Meal Service Time - Extension 2, June 30, 2021			☐	☐		○
Closed enrolled area eligibility waivers						
#48: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites - Extension, Dec. 31, 2020			☐	☐		○
#64: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility For Closed Enrolled Sites - Extension 2, June 30, 2021			☐	☐		○
Other program operations waivers						
#67: SFSP Offer vs. Serve Flexibilities- Extension 2, June 30, 2021				☐		○
#69: SFSP Pre-approval Visits and Reimbursements- Extension, June 30, 2021				☐		○

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E2

Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the ***non-congregate waiver(s)*** in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here.**

Select one per row

	Compared to March through September 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021	Don't know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○	○

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E2a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the ***non-congregate waiver(s)*** in **SY 2020-2021** differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here.**

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E2b

Compared to how the **non-congregate waiver(s)** improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by increasing the number of sites or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did these waivers improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○

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Please describe how the **non-congregate waiver(s)** improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021** differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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E3

Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **meal service time waiver(s)** in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

Select one per row

	Compared to March through September 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021	Don't know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○	○

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E3a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the **meal service time waiver(s)** in **SY 2020-2021** differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E3b

Compared to how the *meal service time waiver(s)* improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by increasing participation or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did these waivers improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○

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Please describe how the *meal service time waiver(s)* improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021** differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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E4

Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the ***closed enrolled area eligibility waiver(s)*** in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

Select one per row

	Compared to March through September 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021	Don't know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○

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E4a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the ***closed enrolled area eligibility waiver(s)*** in **SY 2020-2021** differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E4b

Compared to how the *closed enrolled area eligibility waiver(s)* improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by increasing participation or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did these waivers improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○

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E4c

Please describe how the *closed enrolled area eligibility waiver(s)* improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021** differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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E5

Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **SFSP Offer vs. Serve waiver** in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

- ○ More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021
- ○ Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021
- ○ About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021
- ○ Don't know

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E5a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the **SFSP Offer vs. Serve waiver** in **SY 2020-2021** differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

- ○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E5b

Compared to how the *SFSP Offer vs. Serve waiver* improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by allowing service of available foods when supply issues occurred or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did the waiver improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021**?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't know

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E5c

Please describe how the *SFSP Offer vs. Serve waiver* improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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E6

Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *SFSP Pre-approval Visits and Reimbursements waiver* in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- Please respond thinking of each Child Nutrition Program your State Agency oversees.
- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021

○ Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021

○ About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021

○ Don't know

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E6a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP Pre-approval Visits and Reimbursements waiver* in **SY 2020-2021** differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E6b

Compared to how the *SFSP Pre-approval Visits and Reimbursements waiver* improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by increasing the number of sites or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did the waiver improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021**?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't know

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E6c

Please describe how the *SFSP Pre-approval Visits and Reimbursements waiver* improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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E7

For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators use the following waiver extension(s) in **summer 2021??**

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

	SSO	SFSP	None
#75: SFSP/SSO Non-congregate Feeding- Extension 6, Sept. 30, 2021	☐	☐	○
#78: SFSP/SSO Meal Service Time Flexibility- Extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	☐	☐	○
#80: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility For Closed Enrolled Sites - extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	☐	☐	○
#79: SFSP/SSO Offer vs. Serve- Extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021	☐	☐	○

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E8

Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **SFSP/SSO Non-congregate Feeding waiver** in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but did use the extension in summer 2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

Select one per row

	Compared to summer 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in summer 2021	Don't know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○

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E8a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP/SSO Non-congregate Feeding waiver* in **summer 2021** differed from summer 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

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○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E8b

Compared to how the *SFSP/SSO Non-congregate Feeding waiver* improved services to children in each Child Nutrition Program in summer 2020 (for example, by increasing the number of sites or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did this waiver improve services to children **differently** in **summer 2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○

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E8c

Please describe how the *SFSP/SSO Non-congregate Feeding waiver* improved services to children in **summer 2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from summer 2020.

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E9

Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *SFSP/SSO Meal Service Time Flexibility waiver* in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but did use the extension in summer 2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

Select one per row

	Compared to summer 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	**Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021**	**About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in summer 2021**	**Don't know**
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○

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E9a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP/SSO Meal Service Time Flexibility waiver* in **summer 2021** differed from summer 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

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○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E9b

Compared to how the *SFSP/SSO Meal Service Time Flexibility waiver* improved services to children in each Child Nutrition Program in summer 2020 (for example, by increasing the number of sites or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did this waiver improve services to children **differently** in **summer 2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○

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E9c

Please describe how the *SFSP/SSO Meal Service Time Flexibility waiver* improved services to children in **summer 2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from summer 2020.

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E10

Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility For Closed Enrolled Sites waiver* in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but did use the extension in summer 2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

Select one per row

	Compared to summer 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in summer 2021	Don't know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○

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School Meals Operations Study

E10a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility For Closed Enrolled Sites waiver* in **summer 2021** differed from summer 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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SMO
School Meals Operations Study

E10b

Compared to how the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility For Closed Enrolled Sites waiver* improved services to children in each Child Nutrition Program in summer 2020 (for example, by increasing the number of sites or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did this waiver improve services to children **differently** in **summer 2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○

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Please describe how the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility For Closed Enrolled Sites waiver* improved services to children in **summer 2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from summer 2020.

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E11

Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *SFSP/SSO Offer vs. Serve waiver* in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but did use the extension in summer 2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

Select one per row

	Compared to summer 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in summer 2021	Don't know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○

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Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP/SSO Offer vs. Serve waiver* in **summer 2021** differed from summer 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

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○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E11b

Compared to how the *SFSP/SSO Offer vs. Serve waiver* improved services to children in each Child Nutrition Program in summer 2020 (for example, by allowing service of available foods when supply issues occurred or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did this waiver improve services to children **differently** in **summer 2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○

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E11c

Please describe how the *SFSP/SSO Offer vs. Serve waiver* improved services to children in **summer 2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from summer 2020.

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E12_INTRO

The next set of questions is about changes in use of **parent and guardian pick-up waivers** since September 2020.

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E12

For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

	NSLP	SBP	SSO	SFSP	CACFP	None
#35: NSLP/SBP/CACFP Parent Pick-up- Extension 2, June 30, 2021	☐	☐			☐	○
#55: SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up- Extension 4, Dec. 31, 2020			☐	☐		○
#62: SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up- Extension 5, June 30, 2021			☐	☐		○

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Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **parent and guardian pick-up waiver(s)** in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

Select one per row

	Compared to March through September 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021	Don't know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○	○

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E13a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *parent and guardian pick-up waiver(s)* in **SY 2020-2021** differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E13b

Compared to how the ***parent and guardian pick-up waiver(s)*** improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by increasing participation or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did these waivers improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○

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E13c

Please describe how the ***parent and guardian pick-up waiver(s)*** improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021** differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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E14

FNS's Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children in SY 2020-2021?**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	SFAs for NSLP, SBP, or SSO	Sponsors for SFSP	Institutions for CACFP
Scanned children's meal cards or asked for children's personal identification numbers used for meal service	☐	☐	☐
Requested children's names, ages or dates of birth, or grade levels when meals were picked up	☐	☐	☐
Requested children's school names or a copy of school correspondence when meals were picked up	☐	☐	☐
Requested the number of children for which the parent/guardian was picking up meals	☐	☐	☐
Provided parents/guardians with rear view mirror hangers, placards, or QR codes	☐	☐	☐
Posted signage to indicate who is eligible to pick up and receive meals	☐	☐	☐
Other method to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children (specify)	☐	☐	☐
Don't know which methods were used to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children	☐	☐	☐

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What other methods were used to ensure that meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children in SY 2020-2021?

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E15

FNS's Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that duplicate meals are not distributed to any child. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **duplicate meals were not distributed to any child** in **SY 2020-2021**?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	SFAs for NSLP, SBP, or SSO	Sponsors for SFSP	Institutions for CACFP
Told parents/guardians picking up meals that children are not eligible to receive duplicate meals	☐	☐	☐
Asked parents/guardians to self-attest that they were not picking up duplicate meals	☐	☐	☐
Requested children's names or other identifying information when meals were picked up	☐	☐	☐
Used the same staff at multiple delivery sites (that provided meals at different times) located in a geographic area	☐	☐	☐
Other method to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed (specify)	☐	☐	☐
Don't know which methods were used to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed	☐	☐	☐

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What other methods were used to ensure that duplicate meals were not distributed to any child in SY 2020-2021?

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E16_INTRO

The next few questions are about use of the parent and guardian pick-up waiver for **SFSP or SSO in summer 2021.**

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E16

For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators use the **#76: SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up- Extension 6, September 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021?**

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

☐ Seamless Summer Option

☐ Summer Food Service Program

○ No local program operators used this waiver

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E17

Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up waiver* in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- By summer 2020, we generally mean the months of May through September 2020.
- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but did use the extension in summer 2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

	Compared to March through September 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021	Don't know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○

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E17a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up waiver* in **summer 2021** differed from summer 2020?

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○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E17b

Compared to how the *SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up waiver* improved services to children in summer 2020 (for example, by increasing participation or reduced barriers to receiving meals), did the waiver improve services to children **differently** in **summer 2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○

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E17c

Please describe how the *SFSP/SSO Parent Pick-up waiver* improved services to children in **summer 2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from summer 2020.

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E18

FNS's Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **SFSP or SSO meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children in summer 2021?**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	SFAs for SSO	Sponsors for SFSP
Scanned children's meal cards or asked for children's personal identification numbers used for meal service	☐	☐
Requested children's names, ages or dates of birth, or grade levels when meals were picked up	☐	☐
Requested children's school names or a copy of school correspondence when meals were picked up	☐	☐
Requested the number of children for which the parent/guardian was picking up meals	☐	☐
Provided parents/guardians with rear view mirror hangers, placards, or QR codes	☐	☐
Posted signage to indicate who is eligible to pick up and receive meals	☐	☐
Other method to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children (specify)	☐	☐
Don't know which methods were used to ensure meals distributed only to parent/guardians of eligible children	☐	☐

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What other methods were used to ensure that SFSP or SSO meals were distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children in summer 2021?

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E19

FNS's Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-up Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that processes should be put in place to ensure that duplicate meals are not distributed to any child. Did local program operators use the following methods to ensure that **duplicate SFSP or SSO meals were not distributed to any child in summer 2021?**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	SFAs for SSO	Sponsors for SFSP
Told parents/guardians picking up meals that children are not eligible to receive duplicate meals	☐	☐
Asked parents/guardians to self-attest that they were not picking up duplicate meals	☐	☐
Requested children's names or other identifying information when meals were picked up	☐	☐
Used the same staff at multiple delivery sites (that provided meals at different times) located in a geographic area	☐	☐
Other method to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed (specify)	☐	☐
Don't know which methods were used to ensure duplicate meals were not distributed	☐	☐

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What other methods were used to ensure duplicate SFSP or SSO meals were not distributed to any child in summer 2021?

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E20_INTRO

The next set of questions is about changes in use of the **SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver** since September 2020.

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E20

For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

	SSO	SFSP	None
#52: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility- Extension 2, Dec. 31, 2020	☐	☐	○
#60: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility - Extension 3, June 30, 2021	☐	☐	○

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E21

Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)** in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

Select one per row

	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021	Don't know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○

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Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* in *SY 2020-2021* differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

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○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E21c

Please describe how the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021** differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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E22

FNS's Area Eligibility Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that new meal sites made area eligible under the **SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)** should target benefits to children in need, such as children who may be eligible for benefits due to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Did local program operators use the following approaches to target new meal sites made area eligible under the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* in **SY 2020-2021?**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	SFAs for SSO	Sponsors for SFSP
Analyzed unemployment data	☐	☐
Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data	☐	☐
Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years	☐	☐
Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals	☐	☐
Other approach to select meal sites (specify)	☐	☐
Don't know which approaches were used to select meal sites	☐	☐
No methods used- all sites approved as area eligible	☐	☐

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What other approaches were used to target new meal sites made area eligible under the SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver in SY 2020-2021?

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E22a

Which approach to targeting new meal sites made area eligible under the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* was most commonly used by local program operators in **SY 2020-2021?**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

○ Analyzed unemployment data

○ Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data

○ Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years

○

○ Don't know

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E23

For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators use the **#77: SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility- Extension 4, Sept. 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021?**

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

☐ Seamless Summer Option

☐ Summer Food Service Program

◯ No local program operators used this waiver

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E24

Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the **SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver** in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- By summer 2020, we generally mean the months of May through September 2020.
- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but did use the extension in summer 2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021."
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

Select one per row

	More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in summer 2021	Don't know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	◯	◯	◯	◯
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	◯	◯	◯	◯

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Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* in **summer 2021** differed from summer 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

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○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E24b

Compared to how the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* improved services to children in summer 2020 (for example, by providing greater geographic distribution of sites or reducing barriers to receiving meals), did these waivers improve services to children **differently** in **summer 2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○

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E24c

Please describe how the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* improved services to children in **summer 2021** differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from summer 2020.

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FNS's Area Eligibility Nationwide Waiver policy memos indicate that new meal sites made area eligible under the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* should target benefits to children in need, such as children who may be eligible for benefits due to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Did local program operators use the following approaches to target new meal sites made area eligible under the *SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver(s)* in **summer 2021?**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	SFAs for SSO	Sponsors for SFSP
Analyzed unemployment data	☐	☐
Analyzed prior year school meals eligibility data	☐	☐
Identified site(s) that were area eligible in prior years	☐	☐
Targeted near-eligible sites, such as sites where 40% of children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals	☐	☐
Other approach to select meal sites (specify)	☐	☐
Don't know which approaches were used to select meal sites	☐	☐
No methods used- all sites approved as area eligible	☐	☐

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What other approaches were used to target new meal sites made area eligible under the SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility waiver in SY 2020-2021?

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E26_INTRO

The next set of questions is about changes in use of **meal pattern flexibility waivers** since September 2020.

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Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)* in **SY 2020-2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021."
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

Select one per row

	Compared to March through September 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021	Don't know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○	○

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E28a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)* in **SY 2020-2021** differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E28b

Compared to how the *meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)* improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by allowing service of available foods when supply issues occurred or increasing participation), did these waivers improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021** in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○

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E28c

Please describe how the *meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)* improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021** differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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Did local program operators use the **#74: SSO Meal Pattern Flexibilities- Extension 9, Sept. 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021**?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ Yes

○ No

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E30

Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *SSO Meal Pattern Flexibilities waiver* in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- By summer 2020, we generally mean the months of May through September 2020.
- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but did use the extension in summer 2021, please select, 'More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021.'
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021

○ Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021

○ About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in summer 2021

○ Don't know

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E30a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SSO Meal Pattern Flexibilities waiver* in **summer 2021** differed from summer 2020?

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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E30b

Compared to how the *SSO Meal Pattern Flexibilities waiver* improved services to children in summer 2020 (for example, by allowing service of available foods when supply issues occurred or increasing participation), did the waiver improve services to children **differently** in **summer 2021?**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

○ Yes
○ No
○ Don't know

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E30c

Please describe how the **SSO Meal Pattern Flexibilities waiver** improved services to children in **summer 2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from summer 2020.

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E31

States that implemented any of the **meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)** are required to report when and where the waiver was in effect and for what food components. Please follow the instructions provided for the administrative data request to submit a file that includes this information for SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021 to the SMO secure file transfer site.

If you need assistance accessing the SMO secure file transfer site, please email **SMOStudy@mathematica-mpr.com** or call toll-free at (833) 440-9475. If the file does not contain personally identifiable information, you may email it to **SMOStudy@mathematica-mpr.com**.

By summer 2021, we generally mean the months of May through September 2021.

Mark all that apply

☐ File with SY 2020-2021 submitted

☐ File with summer 2021 data submitted

☐ Unable to submit file- SY 2020-2021 data not available

☐ Unable to submit file- summer 2021 data not available

○ Unable to submit file- need assistance accessing secure file transfer site

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E32

Does the file include the following information on use of the *meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)* by local program operators during **SY 2020-2021**?

Select one per row

	No	Yes, for some LPOs	Yes, for all LPOs
When the waiver was used	○	○	○
Where the waiver used	○	○	○
Food components for which the waiver was used	○	○	○

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E33

Does the file include the following information on use of the *meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)* by local program operators during **summer 2021**?

By summer 2021, we generally mean the months of May through September 2021.

Select one per row

	No	Yes, for some LPOs	Yes, for all LPOs
When the waiver was used	○	○	○
Where the waiver used	○	○	○
Food components for which the waiver was used	○	○	○

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E34

Why are you not able to provide a file with **SY 2020-2021** information?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

☐ Did not collect this information

☐ Other (specify)

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E35

For which of the following time periods did the **majority** of local program operators that used the *meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)* waive food component requirements in **SY 2020-2021** in each program?

By majority we mean more than half. Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	NSLP	SBP	SSO	SSO	CACFP
Component requirements were waived for the entirety of SY 2020-2021	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Component requirements were waived for specific days or weeks during SY 2020-2021	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Component requirements were waived for specific months during SY 2020-2021	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Don't know	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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E36

Please indicate which, if any, food component requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **SY 2020-2021.**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	Grains	Fruits	Vegetables	Meat/meat alternates	Milk	Waiver not used for this program	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○	○

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E37

Please indicate which vegetable subgroup requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **SY 2020-2021.**

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select all that apply

	Dark Green	Red/Orange	Starchy	Legumes	Other	Don't Know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○

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E38

Approximately what proportion of local program operators waived requirements for two or more food components with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **SY 2020-2021**?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○	○	○	○

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E39

Why are you not able to provide a file with **summer 2021** information?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

☐ Did not collect this information

☐ Other (specify)

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E39a

For which of the following time periods did the **majority** of SFAs that used the *meal pattern flexibility waiver(s)* waive food component requirements in **summer 2021?**

By majority we mean more than half. Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

○ Component requirements were waived for the entirety of summer 2021

○ Component requirements were waived for specific days or weeks during summer 2021

○ Component requirements were waived for specific months during summer 2021

○ Don't know

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E40

Please indicate which food component requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **summer 2021.**

Select all that apply

	Grains	Fruits	Vegetables	Meats/ meat alternates	Milk	Waiver not used for this program	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○	○

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E41

Please indicate which vegetable subgroup requirements local program operators waived with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **summer 2021.**

Select all that apply

	Dark Green	Red/Orange	Starchy	Legumes	Other	Don't Know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	○

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E42

Approximately what proportion of local program operators waived requirements for two or more food components with the *Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver* during **summer 2021**?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Proportion of local program operators					
	None	Less than half	About half	More than half	All	Don't know
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	○	○	○	○	○	○

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The next set of questions is about changes in use of nationwide waivers related to Child Nutrition Program monitoring since September 2020. Responding to these questions will ensure that your State Agency's reporting requirements for SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021 extensions of the nationwide waivers covered in the first SMO survey (conducted in spring 2021) are satisfied.

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F1

For which Child Nutrition Programs did local program operators (LPOs) use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable)?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

	NSLP	SBP	SFSP	CACFP	None
#39: CACFP Onsite Monitoring for Sponsors- Extension, Sept. 30, 2021				☐	○
#41: School Meals Onsite Monitoring- Extension 2, June 30, 2021	☐	☐			○
#42: SFSP Onsite Monitoring for Sponsoring Orgs - Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021			☐		○

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F2

Compared to the period from March through September 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *onsite monitoring waiver(s)* in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) increase, decrease, or stay the same in each Child Nutrition Program?

- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver from March through September 2020, but did use the extension in SY 2020-2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021."
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

	Compared to March through September 2020			
	More LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	Fewer LPOs used waiver in SY 2020-2021	About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in SY 2020-2021	Don't know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○	○

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F2a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *onsite monitoring waiver(s)* in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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F2b

Compared to how the *onsite monitoring waiver(s)* improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by increasing administrative resources for identifying meal sites or providing meals), did these waivers improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

	Yes	No	Don't know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○

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F2c

Please describe how the *onsite monitoring waiver(s)* improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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F3a

Did local program operators conduct the following types of monitoring in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) under the *#39: CACFP Onsite Monitoring for Sponsors- Extension, Sept. 30, 2021*?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
Desk audit- paperwork review	○	○	○
Desk audit- interviews with site operators	○	○	○
Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	○	○	○
Virtual observations through review of site photos	○	○	○
On-site while assisting with or observing meal service	○	○	○
Other type of monitoring (specify) [ ]	○	○	○
No monitoring conducted	○	○	○

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F3b

Did local program operators conduct the following types of monitoring in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) under the *#41: School Meals Onsite Monitoring- Extension 2, June 30, 2021*?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
Desk audit- paperwork review	○	○	○
Desk audit- interviews with site operators	○	○	○
Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	○	○	○
Virtual observations through review of site photos	○	○	○
On-site while assisting with or observing meal service	○	○	○
Other type of monitoring (specify) [ ]	○	○	○
No monitoring conducted	○	○	○

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F3c

Did local program operators conduct the following types of monitoring in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) under the *#42: SFSP Onsite Monitoring for Sponsoring Orgs - Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021*?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
Desk audit- paperwork review	○	○	○
Desk audit- interviews with site operators	○	○	○
Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	○	○	○
Virtual observations through review of site photos	○	○	○
On-site while assisting with or observing meal service	○	○	○
Other type of monitoring (specify)	○	○	○
No monitoring conducted	○	○	○

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The next few questions are about changes in your State Agency's use of monitoring waivers in SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021.

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F4

For which Child Nutrition Programs did your State Agency use the following waiver extension(s) in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable)?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

	NSLP	SBP	SFSP	CACFP	None
#40: CACFP Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies- Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021				☐	○
#41: School Meals Onsite Monitoring- Extension 2, June 30, 2021	☐	☐			○
#43: SFSP Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies- Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021			☐		○

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F4a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how your State Agency's use of the *onsite monitoring waiver(s)* in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) differed from March through September 2020?

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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F4b

Compared to how your State Agency's use of the *onsite monitoring waiver(s)* improved services to children in the period from March through September 2020 (for example, by increasing administrative resources for identifying meal sites or providing technical assistance), did these waivers improve services to children **differently** in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) in each Child Nutrition Program?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select 'Don't know.'

	Yes	No	Don't know
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	○	○	○
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	○	○	○
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	○	○	○
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	○	○	○

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F4c

Please describe how your State Agency's use of the *onsite monitoring waiver(s)* improved services to children in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) differently than how the waiver(s) improved services to children from March through September 2020.

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F5a

Did your State Agency use the following types of monitoring in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) under the *#40: CACFP Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies- Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021*?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
Desk audit- paperwork review	○	○	○
Desk audit- interviews with local program operators	○	○	○
Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	○	○	○
Virtual observations through review of site photos	○	○	○
On-site socially distanced observations	○	○	○
Other type of monitoring (specify) [ ]	○	○	○

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F5b

Did your State Agency use the following types of monitoring in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) under the *#41: School Meals Onsite Monitoring- Extension 2, June 30, 2021*?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
Desk audit- paperwork review	○	○	○
Desk audit- interviews with local program operators	○	○	○
Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	○	○	○
Virtual observations through review of site photos	○	○	○
On-site socially distanced observations	○	○	○
Other type of monitoring (specify) [ ]	○	○	○

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F5c

Did your State Agency use the following types of monitoring in **SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021** (as applicable) under the **#43: SFSP Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies- Extension 2, Sept. 30, 2021**?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
Desk audit- paperwork review	○	○	○
Desk audit- interviews with local program operators	○	○	○
Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	○	○	○
Virtual observations through review of site photos	○	○	○
On-site socially distanced observations	○	○	○
Other type of monitoring (specify)	○	○	○

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The next few questions are about changes in use of monitoring waivers in **summer 2021.**

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F6

Did local program operators use the **#81 - SFSP First Week Site Visits- Extension 3, Sept. 30, 2021** waiver extension in **summer 2021?**

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ Yes

○ No

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F7

Compared to summer 2020, did the number of local program operators (LPOs) using the *SFSP First Week Site Visits waiver* in **summer 2021** increase, decrease, or stay the same?

- By summer 2020, we generally mean the months of May through September 2020.
- If local program operators in a program did not use the earlier version of the waiver in summer 2020, but did use the extension in summer 2021, please select, "More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021."
- Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available **here**.

○ More LPOs used waiver in summer 2021

○ Fewer LPOs used waiver in summer 2021

○ About the same number of LPOs used the waiver in summer 2021

○ Don't know

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F7a

Is there anything else you would like to share about how use of the *SFSP First Week Site Visits waiver* in **summer 2021** differed from summer 2020?

> [text box]

○ No other changes in use of waiver(s)

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F7b

Compared to how the *SFSP First Week Site Visits waiver* improved services to children in summer 2020 (for example, by increasing the ability of local program operators to begin operations more quickly or increasing administrative resources for providing meals), did the waiver improve services to children **differently** in **summer 2021?**

FNS guidance on each of the waivers is available here.

○ Yes
○ No
○ Don't know

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F7c

Please describe how the *SFSP First Week Site Visits waiver* improved services to children in **summer 2021** differently than how the waiver improved services to children from summer 2020.

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Did SFSP sponsors conduct the following types of monitoring in **summer 2021** under the *SFSP First Week Site Visits waiver*?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't know
Desk audit- paperwork review	○	○	○
Desk audit- interviews with site operators	○	○	○
Virtual observations conducted through live stream video	○	○	○
Virtual observations through review of site photos	○	○	○
On-site while assisting with or observing meal service	○	○	○
Other type of monitoring (specify)	○	○	○
No monitoring conducted	○	○	○

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G1_INTRO

This section is about use of the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program(s), which were intended to provide additional funding for local Child Nutrition Program operators whose revenues declined or were temporarily interrupted during the early months of the pandemic (March-June 2020) due to COVID-19 related restrictions and closures.

Together with the Nationwide Waivers offered by FNS under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Programs are specifically targeted toward addressing operational hurdles faced by program operators and aim to deliver relief from the impacts of COVID-19. Your responses to the questions below combined with your input on the use and impacts of the Nationwide Waivers will help FNS to gain a comprehensive understanding of how successfully these policies worked together to help State and local agencies to overcome their pandemic challenges.

State agencies that chose to participate in these reimbursement programs must submit a report to FNS no later than March 31, 2022 that includes a summary of the use of program funds by the State agency and program operators that received benefits. Completion of this survey section satisfies that statutory reporting requirement, though FNS will provide State agencies additional opportunities in the future to voluntarily share supplemental information they may have collected on the use of these funds by program operators.

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G1

Which of the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program(s) did your State agency elect to administer?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

☐ School Programs

☐ CACFP

◯ Don't know

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G2

Did you accept the 1% State administrative funds made available for Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program(s)?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

☐ Yes, for School Programs

☐ Yes, for CACFP

◯ No, declined funds

◯ Don't know

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G3

Why did your State agency decline the 1% State administrative funds made available for the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program(s)?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

☐ Sufficient State administrative funds on-hand (ex. SAE)

☐ Minimal or no expense associated with administering Program(s)

☐ Concerns about possible reporting burden

☐ Other (specify)

[   ]

◯ Don't know

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G. Emergency Funding

G4

Based on your current knowledge, for what types of expenses did local program operators use, or plan to use, the **School Programs** Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments distributed by your State agency?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- ☐ Food costs
- ☐ Labor (e.g., salaries/benefits)
- ☐ Supplies/Equipment
- ☐ Operations/Administrative
- ☐ Other (specify)

  [   ]

- ○ Don't know

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G. Emergency Funding

G4a

Please provide further details on the current and/or planned use of these funds by local program operators for the School Programs:

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G. Emergency Funding

G5

Based on your current knowledge, for what types of expenses did local program operators use, or plan to use, the *Child and Adult Care Food Program* Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments distributed by your State agency?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- ☐ Food costs
- ☐ Labor (e.g., salaries/benefits)
- ☐ Supplies/Equipment
- ☐ Operations/Administrative
- ☐ Other (specify)

[   ]

- ○ Don't know

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G. Emergency Funding

G5a

Please provide further details on the current and/or planned use of these funds by local program operators for the Child and Adult Care Food Program:

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G6

Based on your current knowledge, how effective were the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments received by your local program operators in stabilizing the financial health of their food service operations and/or making up for lost revenues during the public health emergency in spring 2020?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

○ Highly effective

○ Somewhat effective

○ Minimally effective

○ Don't know

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G6a

If you are able to provide further details on how Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs reimbursement payments received by your local program operators were [FILL G4]

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G7

Did your State agency experience any of the following challenges during the process of calculating and disbursing Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program payments?

Please provide your best estimate. If you do not have this information, please select "Don't know."

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

☐ Complexity of calculations

☐ Identifying eligible program operators

☐ Timing associated with necessary systems upgrades

☐ Costs associated with necessary systems upgrades

☐ Communicating with local program operators

☐ Obtaining assurance statements from local program operators

☐ Meeting statutory or programmatic deadlines

☐ Other (specify)

[   ]

○ None of the above

○ Don't know

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V1_INTRO

This section asks about challenges your State Agency experienced during SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021. While this section is not required to fulfill State agencies' statutory reporting requirements, your answers to these questions will help inform FNS's future policy, guidance, and technical assistance and will provide an opportunity for you to tell FNS anything you want us to know about the waiver implementation process or the operational or financial challenges your State agency experienced with CN Program administration during SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021.

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V1

Did your State Agency experience any operational challenges with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021**? For example, managing multiple CN programs simultaneously, staffing shortages, or unclear or untimely guidance from FNS.

○ Yes
○ No

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V2a

What factors contributed to operational challenges your State Agency experienced with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021**?

If a factor contributed to operational challenges for all listed Child Nutrition Programs your State Agency administers, please select "All."

Select all that apply

	NSLP	SFSP	ALL
Resources needed to manage multiple CN programs simultaneously (for example, school meals and summer meals)	☐	☐	☐
Resources needed to review and approve waiver requests from providers	☐	☐	☐
Resources needed to approve meal sites	☐	☐	☐
Resources needed to assist providers with identification of meal sites	☐	☐	☐
Resources needed to provide technical assistance to local program operators	☐	☐	☐
Resources needed to administer USDA Foods	☐	☐	☐
Managing staffing shortages (for example, due to illness or other reasons)	☐	☐	☐
Limitations on ability to hire new staff	☐	☐	☐
Unexpected staff training needs	☐	☐	☐
Redesigning monitoring approaches (for example, from onsite to virtual)	☐	☐	☐
Implementing IT system changes	☐	☐	☐
Office closures	☐	☐	☐
Unclear guidance from FNS	☐	☐	☐
Untimely guidance from FNS	☐	☐	☐
Insufficient technical assistance from FNS	☐	☐	☐
No operational challenges with program administration	☐	☐	

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What other factors contributed to operational challenges your State Agency experienced administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021**?

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Did your State Agency experience any financial challenges with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021**?

○ Yes

○ No

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What factors contributed to financial challenges your State Agency experienced with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021**?

If a factor contributed to financial challenges for all listed Child Nutrition Programs your State Agency administers, please select "All."

Select all that apply

	NSLP	SFSP	ALL
Added new staff	☐	☐	☐
Increased staff hours	☐	☐	☐
Staff overtime	☐	☐	☐
Insufficient State administrative expense funds (SAE) or State administrative funds (SAF)	☐	☐	☐
Rules regarding use of State administrative expense funds (SAE) or State administrative funds (SAF)	☐	☐	☐
IT system changes	☐	☐	☐
No financial challenges with program administration	☐	☐	

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What other factors contributed to financial challenges your State Agency experienced with administering Child Nutrition Programs during **SY 2020-2021 or summer 2021**?

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Of the challenges your State Agency experienced in implementing or using the COVID-19 Child Nutrition waivers during SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021, which were you unable to overcome?

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Is there anything else FNS should know about the waiver implementation process or State and local efforts to operate Child Nutrition Programs during SY 2020-2021 and summer 2021?

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You have just completed the Child Nutrition Director COVID-19 Waiver Collection Survey for School Year 2020–2021. Are you ready to submit your responses?

If you are ready, select "Yes" and press the "Next" button below and your survey will be submitted. If you need to double check an answer, click the "Survey Sections " link above and select the section you would like to review.

○ Yes

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You have answered all the questions. Thank you for completing this survey!

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