State Agency Child Nutrition Director Survey
School Year 2023-2024

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Introduction

Intro.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), has contracted with Mathematica to conduct the School Meals Operations (SMO) Study. Having updated information about school-based Child Nutrition (CN) Programs will help FNS effectively administer these programs and inform policy and budget decisions.

This survey is collecting information on the following topics for School Year (SY) 2023-2024:

A. Meal Pattern Requirements
B. Summer Non-Congregate Meal Service
C. Buy American
D. Child Nutrition Data Systems

Cooperation by States and districts is required under Section 28 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. At the same time, recognizing the administrative effort associated with participating in research studies, SMO has been designed to limit participant burden to the extent possible. **It should take about 30 minutes to complete the survey.**

The information you provide about yourself and other individuals in your organization 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 by State so that the public will be able to determine how your agency operates CN 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 SMOStudy@mathematica-mpr.com or call Mathematica toll-free at 833-440-9475.

Instructions for Completing the Survey

PROGRAMMER NOTE: INCLUDE A LINK FOR THIS PAGE TITLED "Help" IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF EVERY PAGE.

- **You may view a PDF 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.

- 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.

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

- 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.

Glossary

Local program operators: SFAs, sponsors, or institutions that operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO), or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

School food authority (SFA): The governing body that has the legal authority to operate a lunch or breakfast program in one or more public or private schools.

Data systems: Digital systems used to share, store, and/or manage CN Program data, including digital forms.

Digital forms: Digital forms are forms that are completed and saved electronically (e.g., online forms, Excel spreadsheets, fillable PDF forms, and Word documents). Forms that were printed and completed on physical paper are considered paper forms, even if the final completed paper form was subsequently scanned and saved electronically (e.g., paper forms scanned to PDF).

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.

Contact Information

CI1. 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:

Last Name:

Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number: (Please do not use parentheses or dashes)

Ext.

Email:

CI2. 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:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number: (Please do not use parentheses or dashes)

Ext.

Email:

Survey Sections

PROGRAMMER: THIS IS THE TABLE OF CONTENTS PAGE. AFTER RESONDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE CONTACT INFORMATION SCREENS, EACH TIME THEY ENTER THE SURVEY, THEY SHOULD COME TO THIS LANDING PAGE. AFTER FINISHING A SECTION, THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO THIS LANDING PAGE TO SELECT WHICH SECTION TO START NEXT. EACH SECTION LISTED SHOULD LINK RESPONDENTS TO THE BEGININNING OF THAT SECTION. NEXT TO EACH SECTION LISTED BELOW, PLEASE INCLUDE A STATUS INDICATOR OF "Not started", "Incomplete", AND "Completed."

THE "Submit completed survey" LINK OR BUTTON SHOULD TAKE THEM TO THE SURVEY VERIFICATION PAGE. DISPLAY SUBMIT BUTTON ONLY IF EACH SECTION HAS BEEN STARTED. RESPONDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUBMIT SURVEY IF SECTIONS ARE INCOMPLETE. IF SECTIONS ARE NOT STARTED, RESPONDENTS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUBMIT THE SURVEY.

Use the section buttons below to navigate to the survey sections. You may return to this page at any time by clicking the "Survey Sections Page" button.

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.

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C	Buy American Provision	[STATUS BUTTON]
D	Child Nutrition Data Systems	[STATUS BUTTON]

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A. Meal Pattern Requirements

This section is about meal pattern requirements in your State.

IF STATE OVERSEES NSLP, SBP, OR SSO. (NSLP=1, SBP=1, OR SSO=1)

The [National School Lunch Program (NSLP)](#) and [School Breakfast Program (SBP)](#) meal pattern requirements for SY 23-24 outline minimum nutrition standards for school meals served to children. State agencies may establish additional meal pattern requirements beyond those set by USDA.

Current Standards	
Added Sugars	None
Milk	Flavored and unflavored milk may be offered for all grades K-12 (only fat-free and low-fat milks are allowed). Unflavored milk must be offered at each school meal service.
Sodium	Meet [Sodium Target 1](#) for school breakfast Meet [Sodium Target 1A](#) for school lunch
Grains	At least 80% of grains offered weekly must be whole grain-rich; remaining grain items offered must be enriched.

A1. **Does your State agency have meal pattern requirements that exceed the USDA-set meal pattern requirements for each listed nutrition standard? See the table above for current**
NEW **nutrition standards.**

Select one per row

	Yes	No	Don't Know
a. Added sugars	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
b. Milk	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
c. Sodium	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
d. Whole grains	1 ○	0 ○	d ○

B. Summer Non-Congregate Meal Service

This section is about non-congregate meal service through the NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in summer 2024.

B1a. **In summer 2024, how many non-congregate *SSO* meal sites were in your State?**

NEW Please enter the total number of non-congregate SSO meal sites in your State during summer 2024. 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." If your State did not have non-congregate SSO meal sites in summer 2024, please enter 0.

NUMBER OF NON-CONGREGATE SSO MEAL SITES
(RANGE: 0-6000)

- ○ Actual number of non-congregate SSO meal sites 1
- ○ Estimated number of non-congregate SSO meal sites 2
- ○ Don't know .... d

B1b. **In summer 2024, how many non-congregate *SFSP* meal sites were in your State?**

NEW Please enter the total number of non-congregate SFSP meal sites in your State during summer 2024. 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." If your State did not have non-congregate SFSP meal sites in summer 2024, please enter 0.

NUMBER OF NON-CONGREGATE SFSP MEAL SITES
(RANGE: 0-6000)

- ○ Actual number of non-congregate SFSP meal sites 1
- ○ Estimated number of non-congregate SFSP meal sites 2
- ○ Don't know .... d

B2. **In summer 2024, how many non-congregate [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] meal sites in your State used each listed meal delivery method?**

NEW

Please provide your best estimate. If none, please enter 0.

Enter one number per row

	Number of non-congregate [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] meal sites	Don't Know
a. Meal pick-up		d ◯
b. Meal delivery		d ◯
c. Other non-congregate meal service method that was not meal pick up or meal delivery		d ◯

Sites with approval for conditional non-congregate meal service may distribute non-congregate meals to participants who meet eligibility criteria in areas that are not normally eligible for congregate meal service or participation in USDA Summer Meals programs (See 7 CFR 225.2 for definition).

B3. **In summer 2024, how many conditional non-congregate [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] meal sites in your State were approved to distribute meals?**

NEW

Please provide your best estimate. If none, please enter 0.

NUMBER OF CONDITIONAL NON-CONGREGATE [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] MEAL SITES

(RANGE: 0-6000)

◯ Don't know .... d

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B4.

NEW

In summer 2024, approximately what proportion of non-congregate [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] meal sites in your State were approved to distribute multiple days' worth of meals?

❍ All 4

❍ More than half 3

❍ About half 2

❍ Less than half 1

❍ None 0

❍ Don't know .... d

B5.

NEW

Among non-congregate [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] meal sites approved to distribute multiple days' worth of meals in summer 2024, what was the most common number of days' worth of meals distributed?

❍ 2 to 4 days' worth 1

❍ 5 to 7 days' worth 2

❍ 8 to 10 days' worth 2

❍ Don't know .... d

B6.

NEW

In summer 2024, approximately what proportion of non-congregate [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] meal sites were approved to distribute bulk foods?

Bulk food packages are 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.

❍ All 4

❍ More than half 3

❍ About half 2

❍ Less than half 1

❍ None 0

❍ Don't know .... d

B7.

NEW

Among non-congregate [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] meal sites approved to distribute bulk foods in summer 2024, what was the most common bulk food distribution practice?

[DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "bulk food": Bulk food packages are 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.]

❍ Bulk milk only 1

❍ Less than 50% of components issued in bulk 2

❍ 50% or more of components issued in bulk 3

❍ All components issued in bulk 4

❍ Don't know .... d

B8.

NEW

In summer 2024, approximately what proportion of non-congregate [IF B1a>0 AND B1b=0: SSO, IF B1a=0 AND B1b>0: SFSP, IF B1a>0 AND B1b>0: SSO and SFSP] meal sites were approved to distribute meals through parent or guardian pick-up?

❍ All 4

❍ More than half 3

❍ About half 2

❍ Less than half 1

❍ None 0

❍ Don't know .... d

C. Buy American Provision

The next set of questions is about Buy American during SY 23-24.

The Buy American provision requires SFAs to procure, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products. A domestic commodity or product is defined as an agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States or a food product that is processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities produced in the United States.

C1. **Does your State have a policy on the Buy American provision? State policies may be identical to the Federal policy or may include Federal and/or State-specific policy components.**

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- ❍ Yes, our State implements the Federal policy 1
- ❍ Yes, our State has a State-specific policy 2
- ❍ No, our State does not have a State-specific policy or implement the Federal policy .... 0 SKIP TO D1

C2. **What components are described in your State's Buy American policy?**

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Select all that apply

- ☐ Buy American provision requirement to procure domestic commodities or products 1
- ☐ Definition of a domestic commodity or product 2
- ☐ Criteria for SFAs to determine exceptions to the Buy American provision 3
- ☐ Requirement for SFAs to document the Buy American provision in all procurement solicitations and/or contracts 4
- ☐ Requirement for SFAs to document the Buy American provision in all procurement procedures and/or document prototypes.................................... 5
- ☐ Encouragement for SFAs to procure domestic foods from local, regional, small, women-owned, and/or minority-owned businesses................................. 6
- ☐ Encouragement for SFAs to order USDA Foods.. 7
- ☐ State procurement reviews to ensure SFA compliance with the Buy American provision 8
- ☐ Other *(Specify)* 99
  Specify [   ] (STRING 150)

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IF STATE HAS A POLICY ON BUY AMERICAN PROVISION (C1=1 OR 2)

C3. **How does your State agency ensure SFA compliance with the Buy American provision? For each compliance review activity, please indicate the type of review your State uses to check compliance.**

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Select all that apply per row or 'Compliance not checked'

	During administrative review	During procurement review	During other review	Compliance not checked
a. Check that SFAs are procuring domestic commodities/products	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	0 ○
b. Check that contract solicitations contain Buy American language	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	0 ○
c. Check that contracts contain Buy American language	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	0 ○
d. Check that supplier invoices or receipts show that solicited domestic commodities/products were provided by the contractor	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	0 ○
e. Look at food product labels in SFA storage facilities	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	0 ○
f. Share sample Buy American language that SFAs can use in solicitations, contracts, and other documents	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	0 ○
g. Other *(Specify)*	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	0 ○

Exceptions to the Buy American provision are allowed when the use of domestic foods is not practical. That is, domestic foods are in inadequate supply, low quality, or substantially higher in price than non-domestic foods.

C4. **Do you use any of the following information, documented by SFAs, to verify that an exception to the Buy American provision is needed?**

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Select one per row

	Yes	No
a. The domestic food product is in inadequate supply	1 ○	0 ○
b. The domestic food product is low quality	1 ○	0 ○
c. The domestic food product is substantially higher in price than the non-domestic food product counterpart	1 ○	0 ○
d. Alternative domestic food product options were researched and considered	1 ○	0 ○
e. The domestic food product availability or pricing was verified using a third-party verification (for example, the Agricultural Marketing Service report)	1 ○	0 ○
f. Other *(Specify)*	1 ○	0 ○

(STRING (NUM))

D. Child Nutrition Data Systems

ALL STATES

This section asks about the systems your State agency used to share and manage CN Program data.

The next few questions ask about whether your State agency relied on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for any CN Program processes, such as, program enrollment or renewal, monitoring, meal claims, procurement, or other processes in SY 2023-2024.

IF STATE OVERSEES NSLP AND SBP (IF NSLP=1 OR SBP=1)

D1. **For NSLP and SBP, did your State agency rely on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for any of the listed processes in SY 2023-2024?**

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	Select one per row		
	Yes, relied on paper forms	No, did not rely on paper forms	Don't Know
a. NSLP and SPB enrollment or renewal	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
b. Monitoring	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
c. Meal claims	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
d. State procurement	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
e. Other process (specify) _____	1 ○	0 ○	d ○

D2. **Why did your State agency rely on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for NSLP and SBP [FILL RESPONSES FROM D1] in SY 2023-2024?**

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Select all that apply

☐ No State data system for this process.. 1

☐ State data system has limitations (for example, cannot manage qualitative observations from on-site monitoring). 2

☐ Paper forms or documents are required by State law or regulation..................... 3

☐ Local program operators have limited internet access or limited access to IT systems.. 4

☐ State agency staff choose to use paper forms 5

☐ Other reason (specify) 99

⬜

○ Don't know .... d

D3. **For SSO, did your State agency rely on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for any of the listed processes in SY 2023-2024?**

If no SFAs operated SSO in SY 2023-2024, please select that option.

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Select one per row

	Yes, relied on paper forms	No, did not rely on paper forms	Don't Know
a. SSO enrollment or renewal	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
b. Monitoring	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
c. Meal claims	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
d. State procurement	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
e. Other process (specify) ⬜	1 ○	0 ○	d ○

○ No SFAs operated SSO 0

D4. **Why did your State agency rely on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for SSO [FILL RESPONSES FROM D3] in SY 2023-2024?**

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Select all that apply

☐ No State data system for this process.. 1

☐ State data system has limitations (for example, cannot manage qualitative observations from on-site monitoring). 2

☐ Paper forms or documents are required by State law or regulation..................... 3

☐ Local program operators have limited internet access or limited access to IT systems.. 4

☐ State agency staff choose to use paper forms. .... 5.

☐ Other reason (specify) 99

[   ]

○ Don't know.. d

D5. **For SFSP, did your State agency rely on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for any of the listed processes in SY 2023-2024?**

If no sponsors operated SFSP in SY 2023-2024, please select that option.

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Select one per row

	Yes, relied on paper forms	No, did not rely on paper forms	Don't Know
a. SFSP enrollment or renewal	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
b. Monitoring	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
c. Meal claims	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
d. State procurement	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
e. Other process (specify) [ ]	1 ○	0 ○	d ○

○ No sponsors operated SFSP... 0

D6. **Why did your State agency rely on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for SFSP [FILL RESPONSES FROM D5] in SY 2023-2024?**

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Select all that apply

☐ No State data system for this process.. 1

☐ State data system has limitations (for example, cannot manage qualitative observations from on-site monitoring). 2

☐ Paper forms or documents are required by State law or regulation.................... 3

☐ Local program operators have limited internet access or limited access to IT systems.. 4

☐ State agency staff choose to use paper forms. 5

☐ Other reason (specify) 99

[   ]

○ Don't know .... d

D7. **For CACFP, did your State agency rely on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for any of the listed processes in SY 2023-2024?**

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	Select one per row		
	Yes, relied on paper forms	No, did not rely on paper forms	Don't Know
a. CACFP enrollment or renewal	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
b. Monitoring	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
c. Meal claims	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
d. State procurement	1 ○	0 ○	d ○
e. Other process (specify) [ ]	1 ○	0 ○	d ○

D8. **Why did your State agency rely on paper forms (as opposed to digital forms) for CACFP [FILL RESPONSES FROM D7] in SY 2023-2024?**

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Select all that apply

☐ No State data system for this process... 1

☐ State data system has limitations (for example, cannot manage qualitative observations from on-site monitoring). 2

☐ Paper forms or documents are required by State law or regulation.................... 3

☐ Local program operators have limited internet access or limited access to IT systems... 4

☐ State agency staff choose to use paper forms. 5

☐ Other reason (specify) 99

☐ Don't know .... d

D9a. **The next few questions ask about use of data systems to manage data for certain programs in summer 2024.**

NEW **In summer 2024, to what extent was your State agency able to use existing data systems to support implementation and administration of non-congregate meal service for *SSO*?**

[DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "data system": "Data system" refers to digital systems used to share, store, and/or manage CN Program data, including digital forms.]

❍ Exclusively used existing data systems 1

❍ Updated existing data systems... 2

❍ Used a mix of existing and new data systems 3

❍ Developed all new data systems.. 4

❍ Don't know .... d

D9b. **In summer 2024, to what extent was your State agency able to use existing data systems to support implementation and administration of non-congregate meal service for *SFSP*?**

NEW [DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "data system": "Data system" refers to digital systems used to share, store, and/or manage CN Program data, including digital forms.]

- ❍ Exclusively used existing data systems 1
- ❍ Updated existing data systems... 2
- ❍ Used a mix of existing and new data systems 3
- ❍ Developed all new data systems.. 4
- ❍ Don't know .... d

ALL STATES

D10. **Did your State agency operate the Summer EBT program in summer 2024?**

NEW
- ❍ Yes.. 1
- ❍ No 2
- ❍ Don't know .... d

D11. **In summer 2024, to what extent was your State agency able to use existing data systems to support implementation and administration of the Summer EBT program?**

NEW [DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "data system": "Data system" refers to digital systems used to share, store, and/or manage CN Program data, including digital forms.]

- ❍ Exclusively used existing data systems 1
- ❍ Updated existing data systems... 2
- ❍ Used a mix of existing and new data systems 3
- ❍ Developed all new data systems.. 4
- ❍ Don't know .... d

ALL STATES

D12. **From your perspective, how do your current CN data system(s) affect administrative burden for your State agency?**

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- ❍ Substantial decrease in burden.. 1
- ❍ Small decrease in burden.. 2
- ❍ No impact on burden 3
- ❍ Small increase in burden 4
- ❍ Substantial increase in burden 5
- ❍ Don't know .... d

D13. **Would you like FNS to follow up with your State to learn more about the strengths and limitations of the data system(s) currently used to operate CN Programs?**

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❍   Yes.. 1

❍   No 2

D14. **In SY 2023-2024, who provided enhancements, operations, and maintenance services for your State agency CN data systems?**

NEW   [DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "data system": "Data system" refers to digital systems used to share, store, and/or manage CN Program data, including digital forms.]

❍   In-house State agency staff 1

❍   Vendor 2

❍   Both In-house State agency staff and vendor 3

❍   Don't know .... d

D15. **Please indicate how your state CN data systems were hosted.**

NEW   [DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "data system": "Data system" refers to digital systems used to share, store, and/or manage CN Program data, including digital forms.]

Select all that apply

☐   State agency on premise servers.. 1

☐   State agency cloud servers 2

☐   Vendor provided on premise servers 3

☐   Vendor provided cloud servers... 4

☐   Other (specify) 99

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❍   Don't know .... d

D16. **How frequently does your State agency go through an acquisition process to secure CN data systems operations and maintenance services?**

NEW   [DISPLAY AS HOVER TEXT OVER "data system": "Data system" refers to digital systems used to share, store, and/or manage CN Program data, including digital forms.]

❍ Once a year 1

❍ Every 2-3 years 2

❍ Every 4-5 years 3

❍ Never 0

❍ Other (specify) 99

[   ]

❍ Don't know... d

IF STATE NEVER GOES THROUGH AN ACQUISITION PROCESS FOR CN DATA SYSTEMS SERVICES (IF D16=0)

D17. **How are your vender contracts extended?**

NEW   [   ]

ALL STATES

D18. **Did your State receive a Technology Innovation Grant?**
NEW

❍ Yes.. 1

❍ No 2

❍ Don't know .... d

D19. **For what purpose has your State agency used the Technology Innovation Grant?**

NEW *Select all that apply*

☐ Upgraded or added enhancements to an old system 1

☐ Built a new system or replaced an old system 2

☐ Integrated existing systems 3

☐ Added a review component 4

☐ Built a new system or feature for S-EBT 5

☐ Streamlined local data transfers... 6

☐ Added features to support or improve monitoring and oversight 7

☐ Purchased technology equipment and/or software or hardware........................ 84

☐ Hired new staff or contractors... 9

☐ Trained new staff or contractors 10

☐ Other *(Specify)* 99

○ Don't know .... d

ALL

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You have completed the State Agency Child Nutrition Director Survey for School Year 2023–2024. 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 "Back" button to navigate to the question you would like to review.

○ Yes

ALL

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