

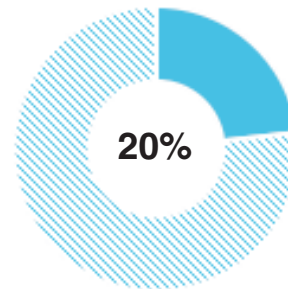
# Child Food Programs in Georgia

Food insecurity affects more than **500,000 children** of who live in the state of Georgia.

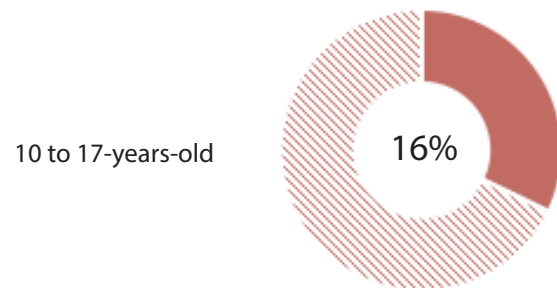
**16%** of Georgia's youth ages 10-17 years are obese.

**When given access to adequate nutrition, the impact is clear:** children perform better in school, are healthier, and have the chance to become productive adults. However, children who are not provided adequate, healthy food often experience poor education performances and are more likely to experience mental health problems. These children are also at greater risks for health issues later in life like diabetes, high blood pressure, hyper-tension, heart disease, arthritis, and some types of cancer.

## Children under 18 with limited or uncertain access to adequate food



## Children in Georgia who are overweight or obese



\*Overweight is at or above 85th percentile of healthy BMI, and obese is at or above 95th percentile

## Yearly Cost to the US Economy

Cost of Hunger  
\$130.5 billion



Cost of Obesity  
\$149 billion



\* Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program

## PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT HEALTHY AND ADEQUATE CHILD NUTRITION

Program	Description	Children Impacted in Georgia
<b>CACFP</b> Child and Adult Care Food Program	Provides reimbursements for nutritious meals. Programs that can receive CACFP include child care centers, afterschool care programs, childcare homes, emergency shelters, and adult care centers.	145,731 average daily participation
<b>NSLP</b> National School Lunch Program	Provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children in public and nonprofit private schools, and residential child care institutions.	1,190,338 total participation
<b>SBP</b> School Breakfast Program	Provides cash subsidies to public or non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions for the purpose of providing meals that meet federal nutrition requirements . Meals are provided to eligible children for free or at a reduced cost.	646,452 total participation
<b>NSLP/SBP</b> Seamless Summer Option	Provides that same meal service that is available during the regular school year in order to reach hungry kids in the community during the summer. This program is provided through either the NSLP or SBP.	101,394
<b>SFSP</b> Summer Food Service Program	Provides reimbursement for healthy meals and snacks served to children from low-income areas during summer months when school is not in session	93,839 average daily attendance
<b>SMP</b> Special Milk Program	Provides milk to children in schools and childcare institutions and other eligible organizations which do not participate in other federal meal service programs. The program reimburses programs for milk served. SMP is also available to children in half-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs where school meal programs are not available.	134,661 half-pints served
<b>SNAP</b> Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	Provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of low-income individuals and families.	342,000 households with children
<b>WIC</b> Women, Infants, and Children	Provides supplemental food assistance, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age five.	217,695

*\*All data represents average daily participation for FY 2018 except for SNAP data. SNAP data is from FY 2017 and represents the number of households with children receiving SNAP.*