

# Massachusetts Summer Food Service Program Scorecard 2013

Based on FRAC's *Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation, Summer Nutrition Status Report*<sup>1</sup>, the *Massachusetts Summer Food Service Program Scorecard 2013* is a tool to help show the impact of this important federal nutrition program on hunger in our state.

When the school year ends, thousands of low-income children in Massachusetts lose access to the school meals they rely on during the school year. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is designed to replace these school year programs, providing low-income children access to the nutritious meals they need to keep hunger at bay and remain healthy throughout the summer. The SFSP is a federally-funded nutrition program that provides free meals to children ages 18 and under when school is not in session. In Massachusetts, the SFSP is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE). The meals provided through the SFSP also play an important role in drawing children into educational, enrichment, and recreational programming that keep them learning, engaged, active, safe, and moving during school vacation.

Unfortunately, the SFSP has fallen short of the need. In summer 2013, in communities where there is a SFSP, only 21 percent of children eligible for free or reduced price meals participated.<sup>2,3</sup> With 229,170 children living in food insecure households, the reach of this program is important more than ever.<sup>4</sup>

## Navigating the SFSP Scorecard

**Community:** The scorecard is organized alphabetically by communities in which there is a SFSP.

**Average Daily Participation, SFSP July 2013:** For each community, the number of kids who attend that town's SFSP on an average day in July.

**Number of Students:** Number of students eligible for free or reduced price meals.

**Percent Participating in SFSP:** Number of students divided by the number of kids who participate in SFSP on an average day in July. This number determines what percent of students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals also participate in the SFSP.

**Average Daily Participation, NSLP October 2012:** Number of students eligible for free or reduced price meals that eat lunch at school on an average day.

**SFSP Participation/NSLP Participation:** Percent of students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals that eat lunch on an average school day and participate in the SFSP. This number is a more realistic way of determining how well hunger is being addressed in a community. While a higher number of students may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, a slightly smaller percent of those students will eat lunch at school on an average day.

**Rank:** Rank of each community is based on the percent of students being reached through the SFSP who also participate in NSLP on an average school day. A lower ranking indicates that this town is reaching a higher percent of students.

**Additional Federal Reimbursement if SFSP ADP Reached NSLP ADP of Children Eligible for F-R Price Meals:**

Potential federal reimbursement, were the number of kids who participate in SFSP to increase to the number who participate in school lunch. This number was then multiplied by the SFSP lunch reimbursement and by 40 days, assuming a program operates five days a week for eight weeks.

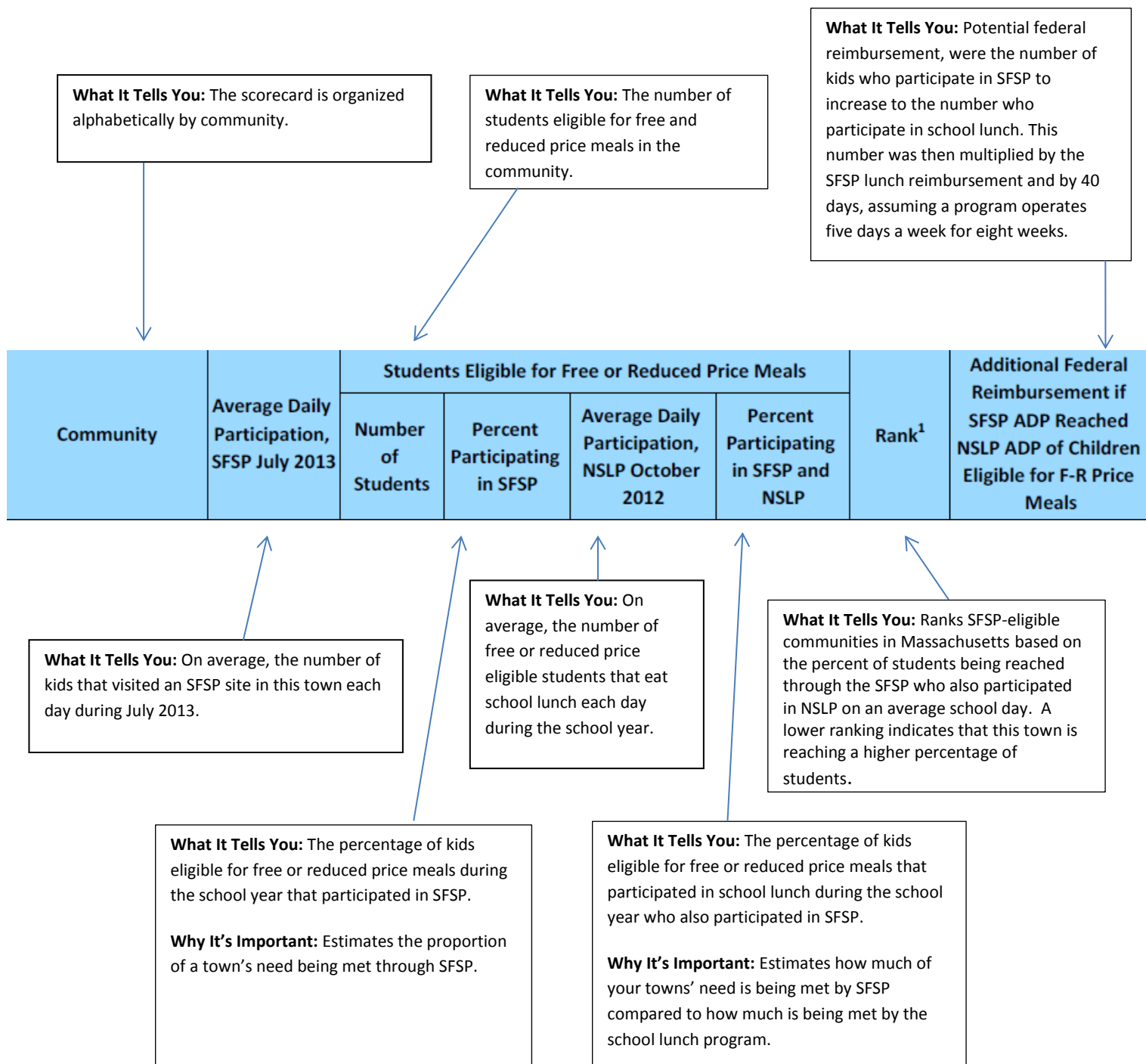
<sup>1</sup>The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), *Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation, Summer Nutrition Status Report 2013*.

<sup>2</sup>Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Summer Food Service Program, July 2013 Statistics.

<sup>3</sup>Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, School Breakfast Program, October 2012 Statistics.

<sup>4</sup>Map the Meal Gap: Highlights of Findings for Overall and Child Food Insecurity 2011, Feeding America, 2013.

## Guide to Using the SFSP Scorecard



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Community	Average Daily Participation, SFSP July 2013	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals				Rank <sup>1</sup>	Additional Federal Reimbursement if SFSP ADP Reached NSLP ADP of Children Eligible for F-R Price Meals
		Number of Students	Percent Participating in SFSP	Average Daily Participation, NSLP October 2012	Percent Participating in SFSP and NSLP		
Adams-Cheshire	155	674	23%	533	29%	22	\$ 52,473.34
Athol-Royalston	143	859	17%	644	22%	31	\$ 69,583.22
Attleborough	121	2221	5%	1659	7%	55	\$ 213,474.40
Barnstable <sup>2</sup>	244	2124	11%	1350	18%	51	\$ 153,533.62
Beverly	135	1014	13%	715	19%	38	\$ 80,555.88
Boston	14069	47889	29%	33879	42%	13	\$ 2,749,568.32
Brockton	2503	12771	20%	10777	23%	28	\$ 1,148,381.23
Cambridge	941	2239	42%	1381	68%	3	\$ 61,127.52
Chatham	135	187	72%	112	121%	1	\$ (3,192.40)
Chelsea	1085	5456	20%	4309	25%	25	\$ 447,453.42
Chicopee	1334	4923	27%	3793	35%	17	\$ 341,295.32
Dennis-Yarmouth	62	1463	4%	1186	5%	57	\$ 156,032.02
Everett	618	5522	11%	4389	14%	45	\$ 523,423.13
Fall River	1375	7905	17%	5895	23%	27	\$ 627,410.70
Fitchburg	859	3644	24%	3023	28%	23	\$ 300,322.95
Framingham	454	3426	13%	2611	17%	40	\$ 299,343.02
Gardner	164	1390	12%	1111	15%	43	\$ 131,501.90
Gill-Montague	219	531	41%	440	50%	8	\$ 30,738.65
Gloucester	124	1241	10%	887	14%	46	\$ 105,864.15
Greenfield	618	1073	58%	825	75%	2	\$ 28,785.73
Haverhill	511	4110	12%	3096	17%	41	\$ 358,806.33
Holyoke	1628	5539	29%	4326	38%	16	\$ 374,462.97
Hull	48	373	13%	260	18%	39	\$ 29,478.34
Lawrence	2850	11906	24%	9397	30%	20	\$ 908,719.44
Leominster	289	2869	10%	2219	13%	48	\$ 267,924.25
Lowell	2050	10110	20%	8338	25%	26	\$ 872,834.08
Lynn	1935	11792	16%	8451	23%	30	\$ 904,476.32
Malden	817	4139	20%	3182	26%	24	\$ 328,282.82
Medford	16	1698	1%	1174	1%	59	\$ 160,729.01
Methuen	205	3055	7%	2294	9%	54	\$ 289,919.89
Middleborough	118	1465	8%	875	13%	47	\$ 105,050.78
Nauset <sup>3</sup>	111	284	39%	188	59%	5	\$ 10,675.11
New Bedford	1576	8884	18%	7106	22%	32	\$ 767,536.24
North Adams	376	888	42%	632	59%	4	\$ 35,556.40
Orange <sup>4</sup>	242	763	32%	554	44%	12	\$ 43,368.06
Peabody	172	2071	8%	1606	11%	50	\$ 199,066.96
Pittsfield	865	3675	24%	2896	30%	21	\$ 281,841.73
Plymouth	367	2257	16%	1725	21%	34	\$ 188,500.12
Quincy	1063	4323	25%	3363	32%	19	\$ 319,302.46
Randolph	275	1634	17%	1272	22%	33	\$ 138,397.48

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Revere	1857	5200	36%	4147	45%	11	\$ 317,864.49
Salem	917	2622	35%	1975	46%	9	\$ 146,801.82
Sandwich	38	481	8%	260	15%	44	\$ 30,785.84
Saugus	30	922	3%	662	5%	58	\$ 87,664.69
Somerville	1253	3331	38%	2778	45%	10	\$ 211,618.64
Southbridge	407	1004	41%	758	54%	7	\$ 48,702.14
Springfield	4328	23867	18%	18637	23%	29	\$ 1,986,135.00
Stoughton	87	1271	7%	949	9%	53	\$ 119,712.22
Taunton	583	3861	15%	3012	19%	37	\$ 337,170.18
Waltham	605	2312	26%	1765	34%	18	\$ 160,959.42
Ware	112	679	16%	556	20%	35	\$ 61,599.44
Wareham	425	1586	27%	1036	41%	14	\$ 84,813.74
Webster	332	1217	27%	819	41%	15	\$ 67,602.54
West Springfield	869	2133	41%	1580	55%	6	\$ 98,749.26
Westfield	337	2302	15%	1690	20%	36	\$ 187,815.83
Weymouth	100	1900	5%	1404	7%	56	\$ 180,950.78
Winthrop	57	718	8%	496	12%	49	\$ 60,870.74
Woburn	117	1562	7%	1098	11%	52	\$ 136,155.86
Worcester	2212	18892	12%	14339	15%	42	\$ 1,683,265.08
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>55538</b>	<b>264247</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>200436</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>59<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 20,111,842.62</b>

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education October 2012 NSLP and July 2013 SFSP

<sup>1</sup> Rank based on "Percent Participating in SFSP and NSLP". Total of 59 communities.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Hyannis and meals served through YMCA Cape Cod's Home Delivered Meals program

<sup>3</sup> This includes Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, and Truro

<sup>4</sup> Includes Ralph Mahar Regional School District