

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.035

School Nutrition Services

Program is found in the following core budget(s): School Nutrition Services

**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

Efficiency to support effective programming

**1b. What does this program do?**

The National School Lunch, Food Distribution, After School Snack, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Seamless Summer Option programs are federally funded entitlement programs. The purpose of these programs is to assist Missouri public and non-public schools in providing nutritious lunches, after school snacks, breakfast, and extra milk to students.

Federal cash assistance is extended to public and non-public schools based upon set federal reimbursement rates according to the type of meals, after school snacks, and milk served. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is a grant based program providing fresh fruits and vegetables to students outside the breakfast and lunch times. The Food Distribution Program provides a variety of foods that are distributed for use in school feeding programs.

Our goal is to increase food security and reduce hunger for children to learn at their full potential. Nutritious food, provided at school, benefits all students by assisting them to achieve to their maximum potential in all school related goals. Access by all students to nutritious food at school supports high academic performance and equity for all students. The federal cash assistance and the donated foods enable schools to make the cost of school meals affordable to full price students. Students from low income families are provided meals and after school snacks free or at a reduced rate.

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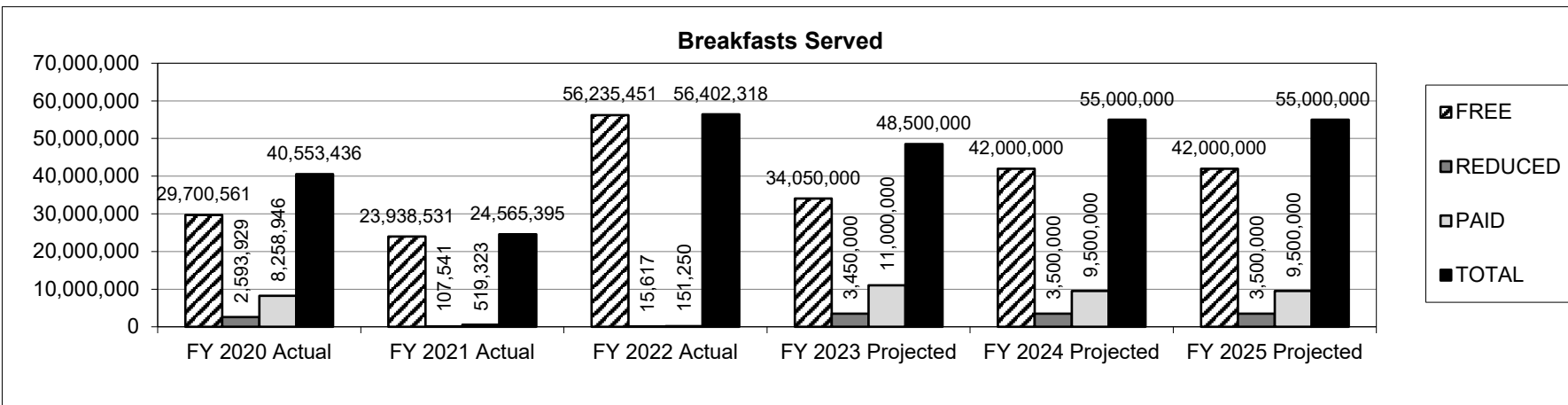
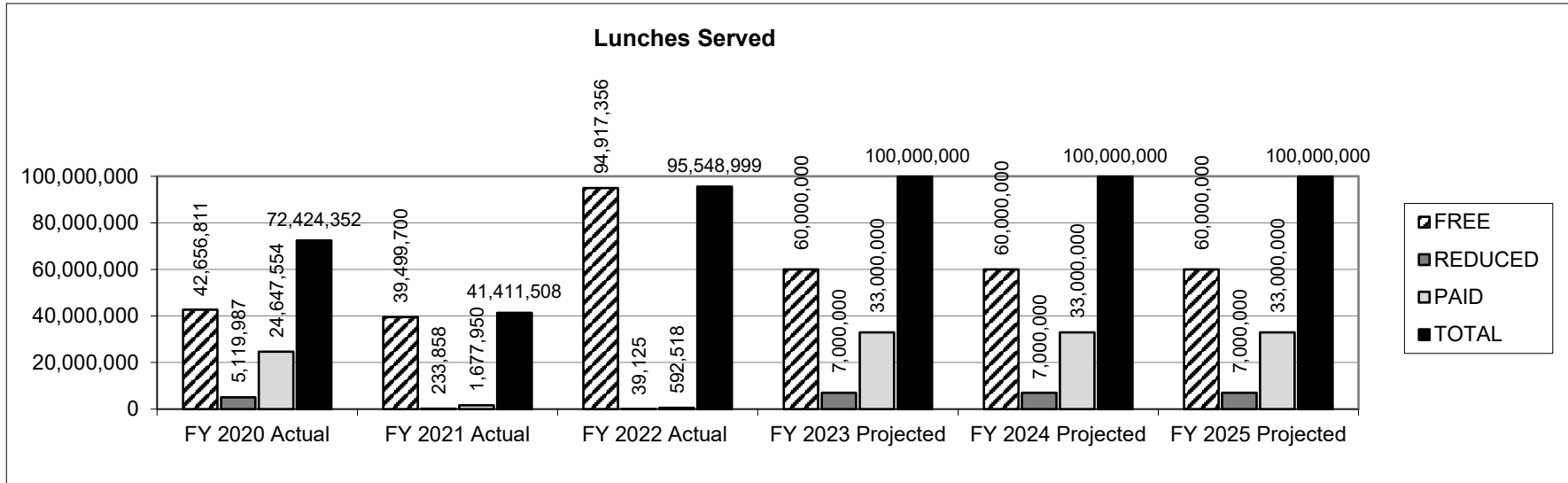
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



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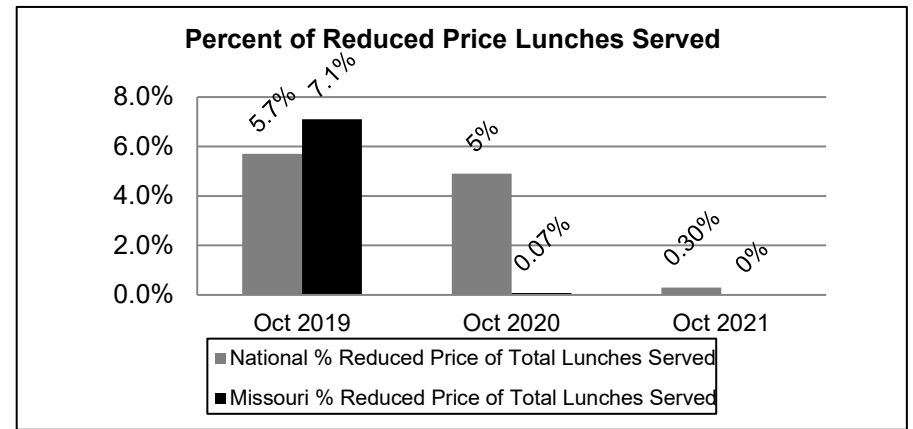
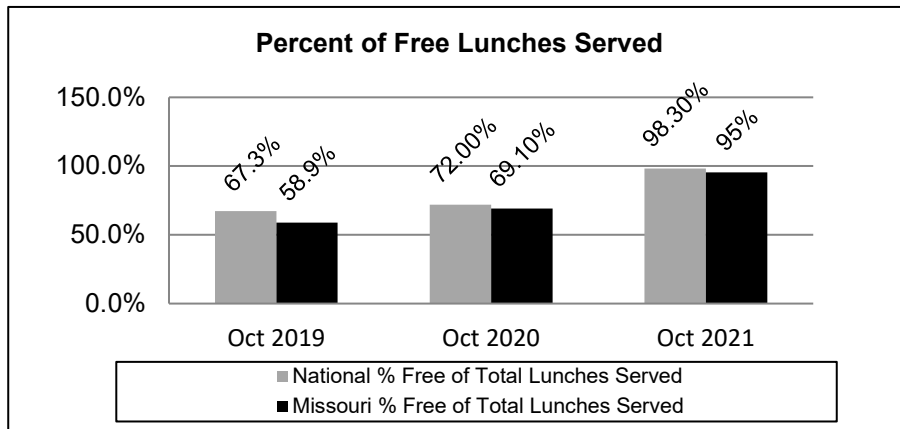
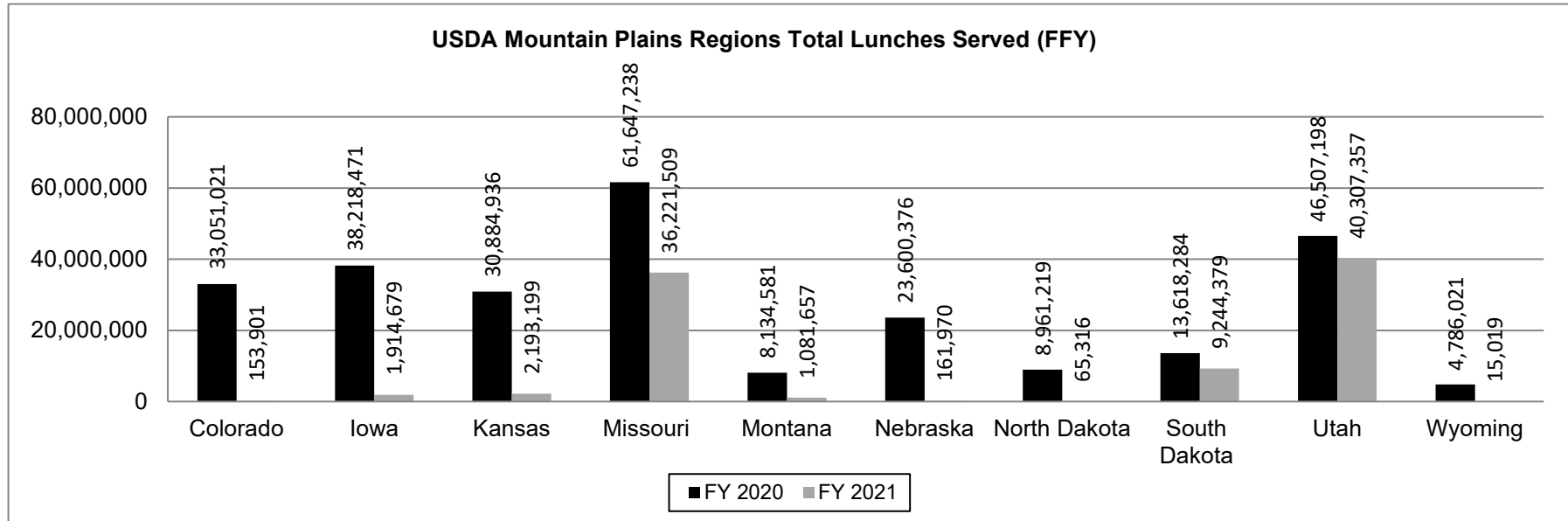
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



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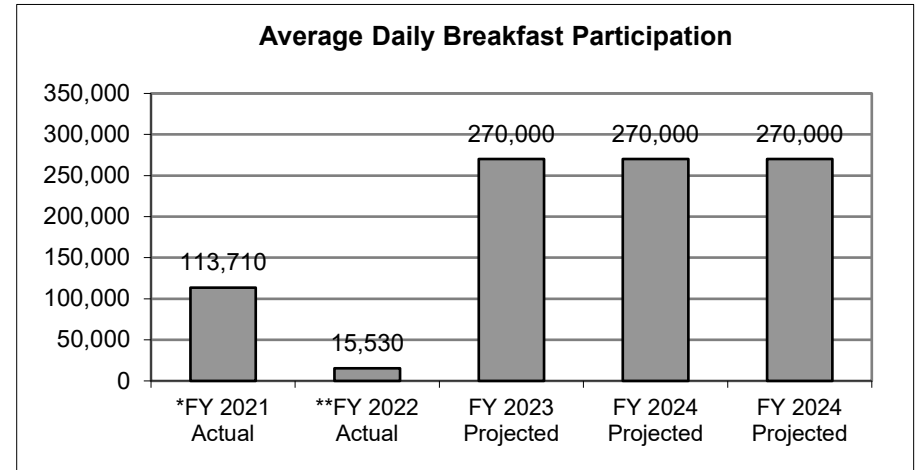
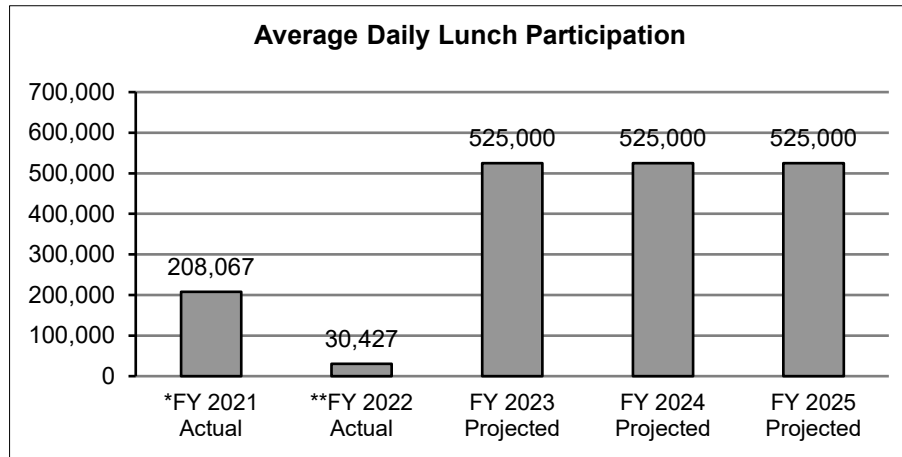
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



*\*COVID-19 Pandemic Nationwide waivers allowed LEAs to operate the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) through the Dept of Health in lieu of NSLP. Under the summer meal provisions all meals are served free and students are not counted for a meal by eligibility. FNS does not have a mechanism to track average daily participation under the summer meals provisions since all meals are offered free. Average daily lunch participation and breakfast participation indicate a decrease for this reason.*

*\*\*COVID-19 Pandemic Nationwide waivers allowed LEAs to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in lieu of NSLP. Under this SSO provision all meals are served free to all students who participate and students are not counted for a meal by free or reduced-price eligibility. FNS does not have a mechanism to track average daily participation under the SSO provisions since all meals are offered free. Average daily lunch participation and breakfast participation indicate a decrease for this reason. Nationwide waivers to operate SSO during the regular school year in lieu of NLSP expired June 30, 2022. We can expect average daily participation to return to normal.*

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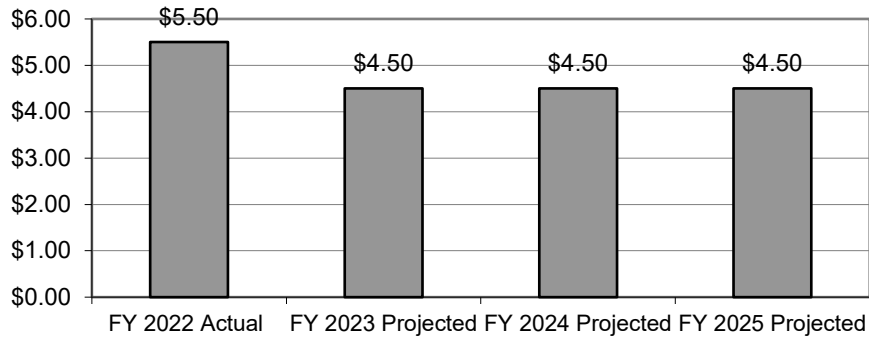
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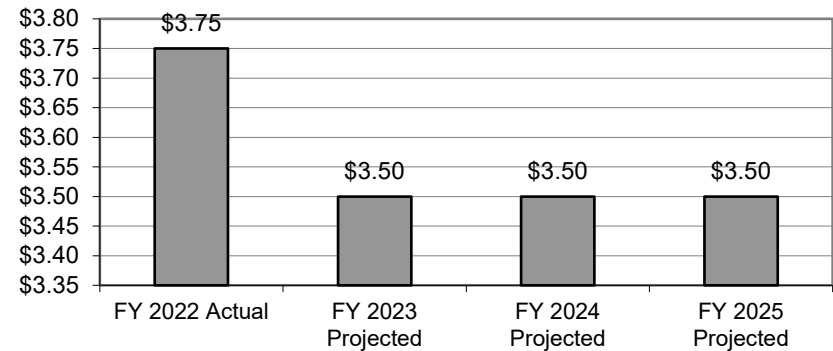
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

**Average Cost to Produce a Lunch**

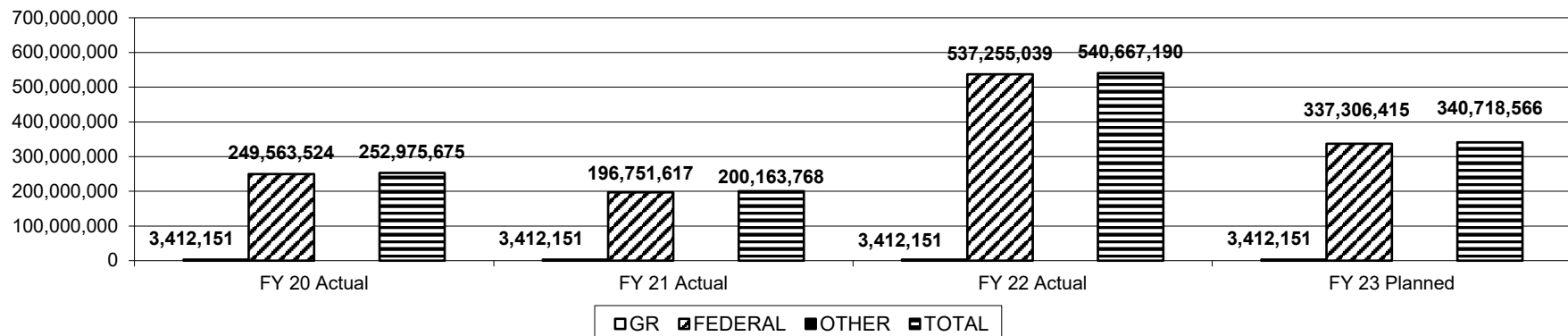


**Average Cost to Produce a Breakfast**



3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)

**Program Expenditure History**



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**4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?**

N/A

**5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)**

	<u>CFDA#</u>	<u>Law/Regulation</u>
National School Lunch/After School Snack/Donated Foods Program	10.555	7CFR210,250
School Breakfast Program	10.553	7CFR220
Special Milk Program	10.556	7CFR215
Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program	10.582	Section 19 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act

**6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.**

Yes. For each school year, the amount of General Revenue appropriated for the National School Lunch Program shall not be less than 30 percent of the federal funds received by the state during the 1980-1981 school year. If in any school year, the state fails to meet the matching requirement, the federal funds utilized shall be repaid to the United States Department of Agriculture. The matching percentage, as required by the National School Lunch Act is 30 percent; however, the percentage is adjusted for each state according to the state's per capita income in relation to the national per capita income.

**7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.**

Yes