



# 2021 Survey of Summer Meal Sponsors

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## ABOUT THE BAYLOR COLLABORATIVE ON HUNGER & POVERTY

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The Texas Hunger Initiative (THI) was founded in 2009 to develop research and implementation strategies to end hunger through policy, education, community organizing, and community development. In 2019, the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty (BCHP) was launched as the umbrella entity for THI to address the complex nature of hunger and poverty at local, state, national, and global levels.

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## BACKGROUND

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As part of the effort to expand and ensure food security in Texas, BCHP works to increase awareness and access to federal nutrition programs that provide meals for children and low-income families.

During the summer months, Summer Feeding Programs—administered by the USDA’s Department of Food and Nutrition Services and the Texas Department of Agriculture—act as one way to ensure that children receive healthy meals each day. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. The National School Lunch Program’s Seamless Summer Option (SSO) was created as an alternative for schools that already participate in school meal programs and wish to continue meal service into the summer. Schools, nonprofit organizations, and local cities serve as sponsors and typically have multiple meal sites within a county or region.

The purpose of this report is to document the perceived efficacy or inadequacy of the program by sponsor organizations in Texas that provided meals through Summer Feeding Programs during the summer of 2021. The data reported here will be used as part of BCHP’s more extensive research goals to help sponsors run effective summer feeding programs.

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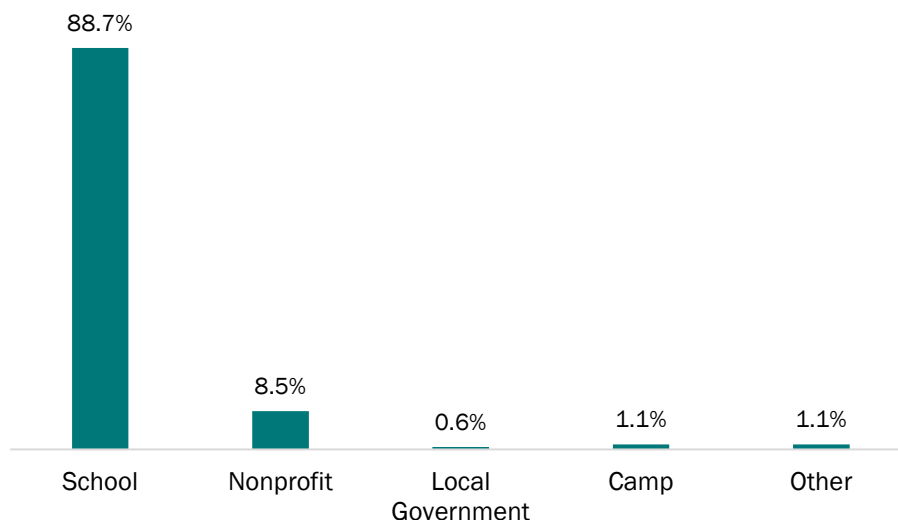
## ABOUT THE SURVEY & METHODOLOGY

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The survey was distributed via an electronic Qualtrics link and completed online during the survey period from October 4, 2021 – October 15, 2021. A list of sponsor organizations was obtained from the Texas Department of Agriculture Open Data Portal. Using this list, e-mail invitations were sent to 1,140 sponsor organizations, resulting in 563 sponsor organizations responding to the survey. Respondents were entered into a drawing to win one of five gift cards (four \$50 and one \$100) as an incentive for filling out the survey. Two reminder e-mails were sent during the survey time period. 355 of those who initially took the survey served as a summer meal sponsor, 203 respondents did not serve as a summer meal sponsor in 2021, and 5 did not know.

For this report, survey participants were categorized according to the type of organization that they represented separated into five sections: School, Nonprofit, Local Government, Camp, and Other, as referred to in Figure 1. Due to the low selection frequency of three of the categories, they were removed from comparison tables and figures, as shown in Table 1.

Figure 1. Sponsors Affiliated Organization Type  
*Which best describes your organization?*



Note: total N=355

Table 1. Adjusted Sponsors Affiliate Organization Type

	Survey Respondents	
	N	Column %
School	315	91.3%
Nonprofit	30	8.7%
Total	345	100.0%

The following document presents the main results from the survey and was prepared by the Center for Community Research and Development (CCRD) at Baylor University. The data shown represent valid responses where unanswered questions or respondents to whom the questions did not apply are not included in the data for the tables. Tables with the full range of responses from the collected data can be made available upon request.

*For more information about the survey and analysis, please contact the CCRD by calling 254-710-3811 or e-mailing [CCRD@baylor.edu](mailto:CCRD@baylor.edu).*

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## SURVEY RESULTS

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### KEY FINDINGS

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Overall, 78.1 percent of schools and 93.3 percent of nonprofits indicated that they were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with their 2021 summer meals program. Additionally, the majority of schools and nonprofits stated that they would sponsor the Summer Meals Program in 2022.

Over half of the school sponsors that participated in the survey are in rural areas (60.8 percent), while 66.7 percent of nonprofit sponsors were located in urban areas.

Like 2020, sponsors in 2021 used a variety of waivers to run their summer meals programs, with Non-congregate Feeding being the most popular followed by Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup waiver. Additionally, non-congregate feeding and grab-and-go options were also the most noted measure that sponsors took advantage of in 2020 and 2021 that they believed would be beneficial to keep moving forward.

Average daily participation in 2021 was mixed with 43.0 percent of schools reporting a decrease in ADP and 44.8 percent of nonprofits reporting an increase. Among those who reported a decrease in 2021 compared to 2020, reduced need due to other funding was the top reason given. In particular, sponsors noted the reduction in need due to P-EBT and Child Tax Credit, with the majority of sponsors noting that these family resources made a difference in food insecurity in their area. Sponsors that reported an increase in ADP noted the increased need due to COVID, highlighting the impact that COVID continues to play in communities.

When sponsors were asked about challenges experienced in 2020, most of the respondents selected 'low participation by children' as their primary challenge to sponsors in 2021, followed by 'drop in participation after summer school ends' and 'insufficient staff capacity to serve meals'.

Funding for activities was selected by 47.4 percent of sponsors as a type of support that might help the program, followed by new equipment for meal service. Transportation, the top selected type of support in 2020, was the third most common type of support selected in 2021.

About one in five sponsors surveyed reported being currently connected with THI. Among those who received some type of support for their summer meals program, most rated the support from THI as extremely helpful (67.7 percent of schools and 42.9 percent of nonprofits).

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## Sponsor Descriptors

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Table 2. Sponsor Status

	Sponsored in 2020		Sponsored in 2021		Sponsoring in 2022	
	N	Column %	N	Column %	N	Column %
School	301	92.3%	315	91.3%	271	90.0%
Nonprofit	25	7.7%	30	8.7%	30	10.0%
Total	326	100.0%	345	100.0%	301	100.0%

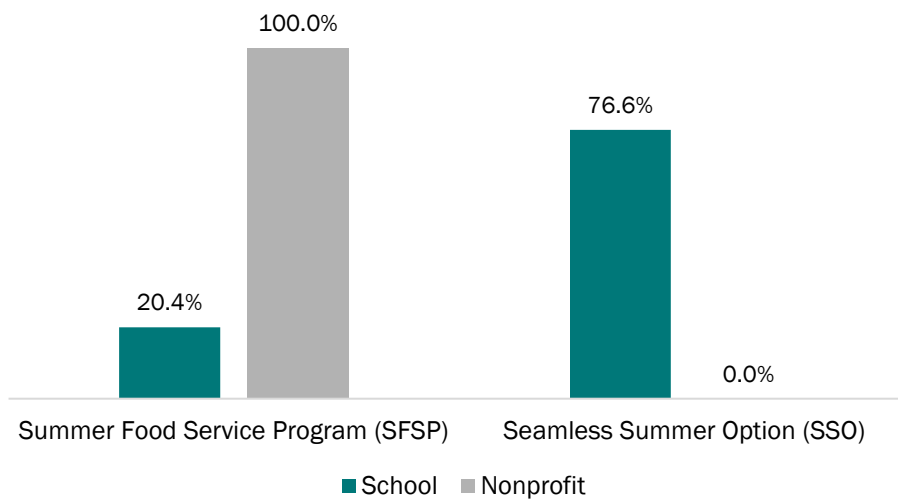
Table 2 shows the number of schools and nonprofits that served summer meals in 2020 and 2021 as well as those who expect to serve in 2022. Some organizations indicated that they did not know if they were a sponsor in 2020 or if they were planning to sponsor the coming year. Still, a large majority of those serving this year, reported serving in 2020 and expect to serve in 2022. While respondents who did not serve in 2021 were not asked to continue with the rest of the survey, we did ask why they did not serve. A majority (65.3 percent) never planned to serve in 2021. However, 34.7 percent indicated barriers to service. These are summarized in Appendix Two.

Among sponsors that indicated that they do not plan to be a sponsor in 2022, challenges such as low participation, being too remote, and other organizations nearby already serving were brought up. Transportation issues were also noted by several sponsors.

*“It is not financially viable. Our district is very rural and very spread out. Only a handful of students would be able to utilize summer meals. The last time we attempted summer feeding very few students took advantage of it.” (see Appendix Two)*

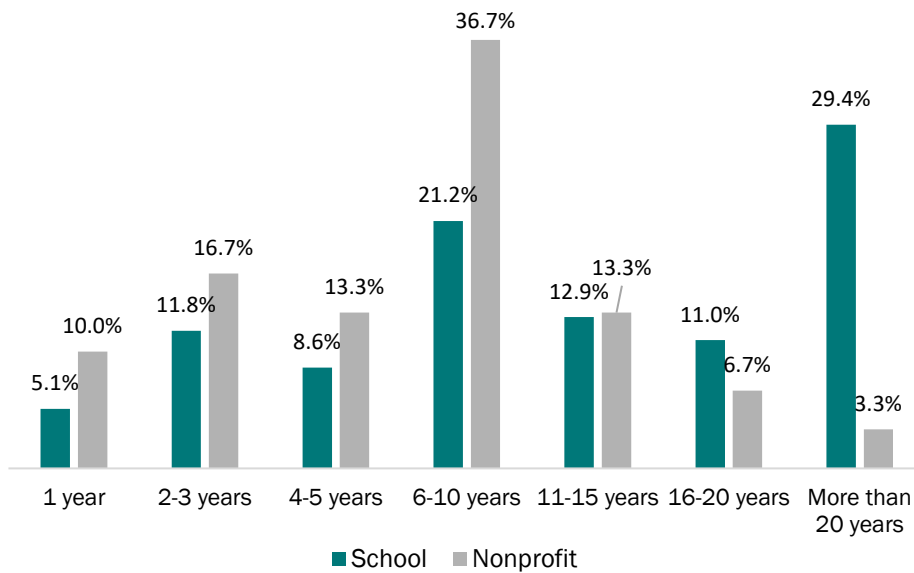
Most school sponsors utilized the Seamless Summer Option funding (76.6 percent). Nonprofit sponsors strictly obtained funding through the Summer Food Service Program (100.0 percent).

Figure 2. Federal programs selected by respondents  
*Which federal program do you utilize to administer the summer meals program?*



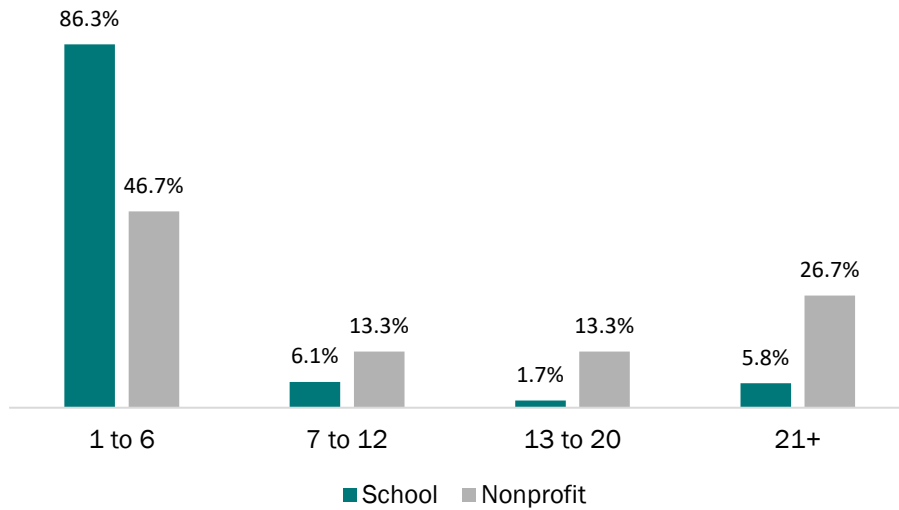
Note: Valid N=331

Figure 3. Number of years served as a sponsor  
*How long has your organization served as a summer meals sponsor?*



Note: Valid N=285

Figure 4. Number of sites in summer 2021  
*How many summer meals sites did you operate during summer 2021?*

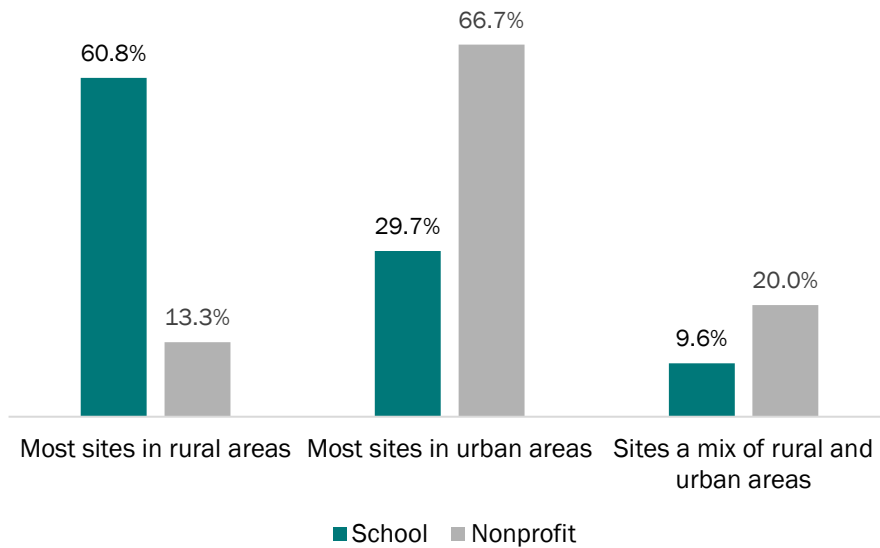


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Both school and nonprofit sponsors were most likely to operate between one and six sites (83.1 and 46.7 percent, respectively). Moreover, 48.2 percent of school sponsors and 16.7 percent of nonprofit sponsors operated just one site. School sponsors were most likely to operate in rural areas while nonprofit sponsors were more likely to operate in urban areas. Nonprofits were also more likely to sponsor afterschool meals programs through CACFP.

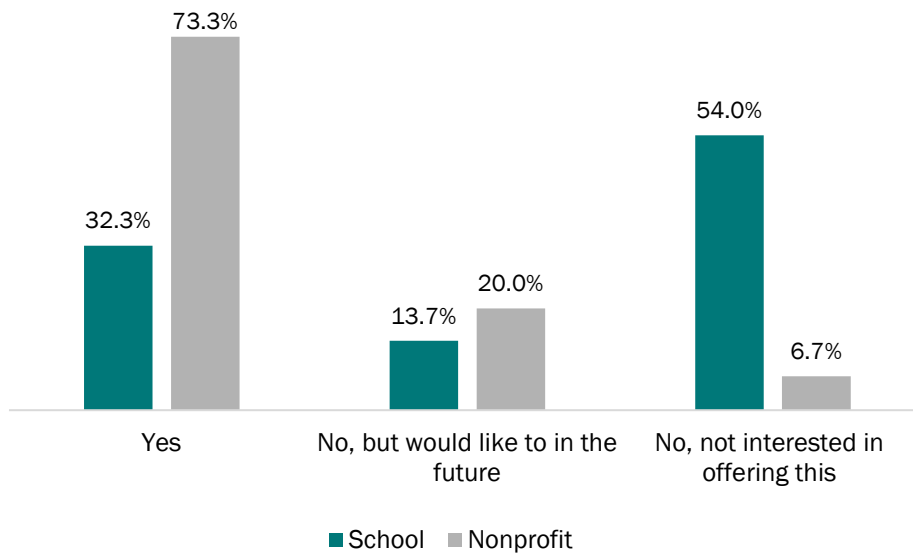


Figure 5. Geographic area type  
*Are most of your sites located in rural or urban areas?*



Note: Valid N=323

Figure 6. Sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)  
*Do you also sponsor an afterschool meal program offered through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) at some point during the year?*



Note: Valid N=330

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*COVID-19 and Effects on Summer Meal Sponsorships in 2021*

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The COVID-19 outbreak became a concern in the US in the early part of 2020. While summer meals were greatly disrupted in 2020 due to lockdowns, school closures, and other PPE requirements, some sponsors reported COVID as having impacted their summer meals in 2021 as well. This year we asked specifically about waivers that were utilized in 2021 as well as what waivers they would like to see stay in place in the future. In general sponsors used a variety of waivers to serve families in 2021, with non-congregate feeding being among one of the most popular.

Table 3. Waivers used in 2021

Select the SFSP and SSO waivers (Federal) which your organization used in adapting your feeding programs this year (2021) (select all that apply)

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Non-congregate Feeding	143	47.0%	22	73.3%	165	49.4%
Nationwide Parent/Guardian meal Pickup Waiver	123	40.5%	16	53.3%	139	41.6%
Meal Times	93	30.6%	17	56.7%	110	32.9%
SFSP/SSO Meal Service Times (Regular Summer)	101	33.2%	7	23.3%	108	32.3%
Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver	72	23.7%	2	6.7%	74	22.2%
SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility Waiver	63	20.7%	4	13.3%	67	20.1%
SFSP/SSO extension	63	20.7%	1	3.3%	64	19.2%
SFSP/SSO Closed Enrolled Sites (Regular Summer)	59	19.4%	3	10.0%	62	18.6%
SFSP First Week Site Visits (Regular Summer)	23	7.6%	15	50.0%	38	11.4%
Nationwide Waivers of child Nutrition Monitoring	26	8.6%	10	33.3%	36	10.8%
SFSP Offer Versus Serve (Regular Summer)	25	8.2%	2	6.7%	27	8.1%
Pre-approved Flexibility	14	4.6%	3	10.0%	17	5.1%
60 Day reporting requirement Waiver	2	0.7%	1	3.3%	3	0.9%
Other	10	3.3%	0	0.0%	10	3.0%
Don't Know	23	7.6%	0	0.0%	23	6.9%
None	30	9.9%	4	13.3%	34	10.2%

Note: Valid N=334

Sponsors also ranked how useful they felt the waivers they used were to them. A mean score was calculated. The lower the mean, the more useful sponsors found the waiver. Both schools and nonprofits found the Non-congregate Feeding Waiver to be most useful with a mean of 2.1 and 1.4 respectively. Further rankings can be found in Table 12 in Appendix One.

Non-congregate feeding (particularly grab-and-go) options were also the most noted measure that sponsors took advantage of in 2020 and 2021 that they believed would be beneficial to keep moving forward. Respondents reported that these options increased participation and were easier for parents.

*“Drive-thru and ‘non-congregate’ meals in the summer should always be allowed. Drastically improved access and participation. I think we will see participation crash and burn in the coming years if we go back to traditional.”*

Similarly parent pick-up was also specifically mentioned as well as being able to bundle meals.

*“When children were allowed to take meals home the participation increased and it increased even more when multiple days were sent home. It was less stressful on staff and didn't require staff for extended periods of time. That way there was more money for food cost.”*

A sample of responses representing major themes can be found in Table 16 in Appendix Two.

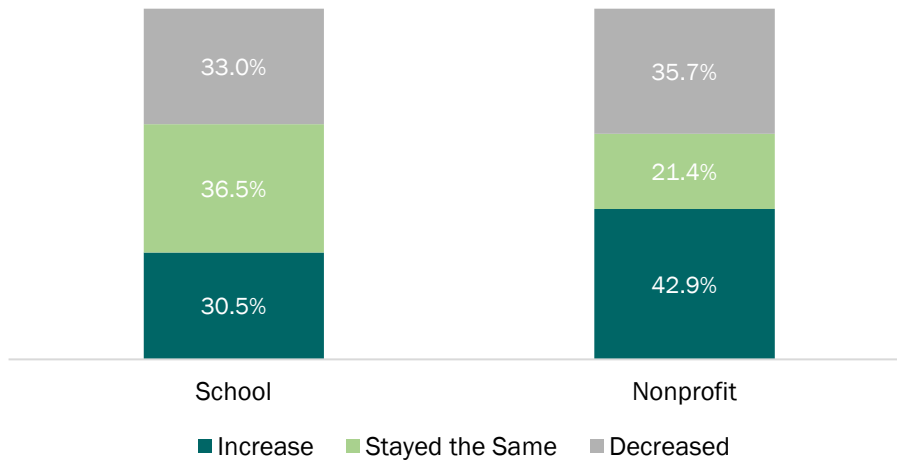
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## Participation and Sites

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Nonprofits were more likely to report an increase in summer meal sites in 2021 compared to 2020 than schools (42.9 percent and 30.5 percent, respectively). The increase from 2020 to 2021 was much less than that reported in our 2020 Summer Meals Sponsor Survey Report where 60.9 percent of schools and 45.8 percent of nonprofits reported an increase in sites, likely due to the large need created by COVID in 2020.

Figure 7. Number of meal sites  
*How did the number of summer meal sites in 2021 compare to 2020?*



Note: Valid N=310

Respondents who reported a decrease in sites were asked to select all the potential reasons for the decline in the number of sites (please note that categories are not mutually exclusive as each sponsor could choose multiple reasons). The most commonly selected reason school sponsors was 'lack of participation' (57.0 percent), followed by 'lack of staff' (22.6 percent). Nonprofits also reported 'lack of participation' as the most common reason (56.3 percent) but also indicated that 'local/state COVID restrictions' was still an issue (24.3 percent). Respondents could also select 'Other,' which included a write-in option. The most common comments given in the write-in option were regarding less need due to other sources of funding for families (like P-EBT)

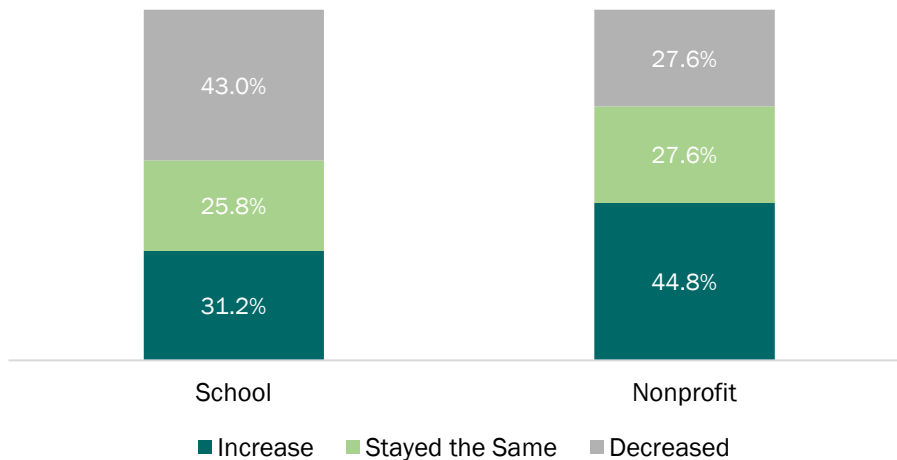
and not having as much flexibility in the 2021 programs compared to 2020 – such as parents having to come in to get food rather than offering curbside pick up or school delivery (See Appendix Two).

Table 4. Reasons for site decline  
*What contributed to the decline in sites? (select all that apply)*

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Lack of participation at sites	53	57.0%	5	50.0%	58	56.3%
Local/state COVID restrictions	19	20.4%	6	60.0%	25	24.3%
Lack of staff	21	22.6%	3	30.0%	24	23.3%
Transportation issues	19	20.4%	1	10.0%	20	19.4%
Construction/facility issues	5	5.4%	0	0.0%	5	4.9%
Lack of adequate funding	3	3.2%	1	10.0%	4	3.9%
Other	17	18.3%	1	10.0%	18	17.5%

Note: Valid N=103

Figure 8. Average daily participation  
*Overall, how did your organization's ADP (average daily participation) in 2021 compare to 2020?*



Note: Valid N=308

Compared to 2020, 128 respondents (120 school sponsors and 8 nonprofit sponsors) noticed a decrease in their average daily participation. Sponsors that reported a drop in participation were asked to identify all factors that contributed to a decline in participation in a follow-up question. A perceived reduced need due to other funding was the principal reason noted by schools for this decrease in participation with 45 percent of schools who saw a decrease indicating that this was a contributor. Nonprofits also noted this reason along with operating fewer sites. Respondents that chose ‘other’ had the option to write-in their responses, which can be found in Appendix Two.

Table 5. Reasons for ADP decrease

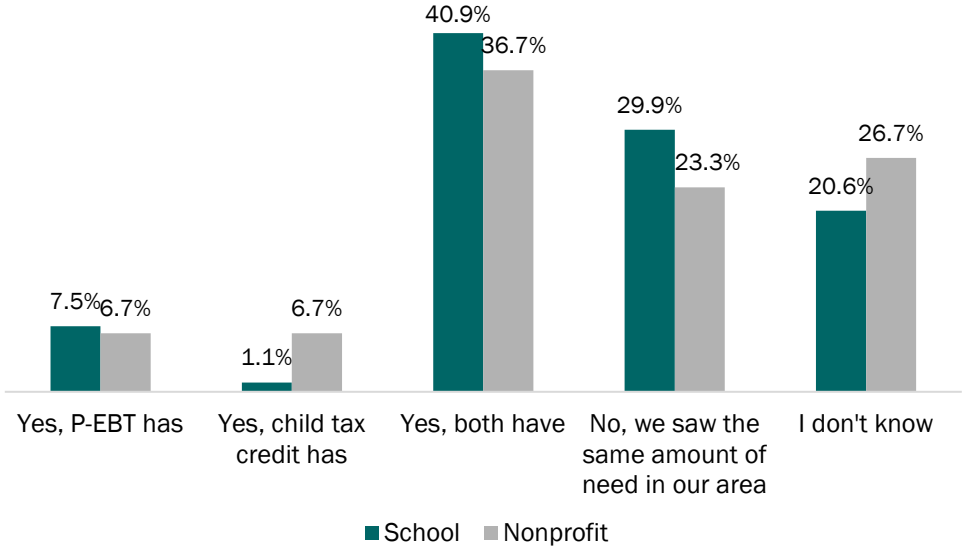
What contributed to the *decrease* in ADP? (select all that apply)

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Reduced need due to other funding (P-EBT, Child Tax Credit, unemployment benefits, etc)	54	45.0%	3	37.5%	57	44.5%
Transportation/accessibility of site	25	20.8%	1	12.5%	26	20.3%
Drop in summer school enrollment	23	19.2%	1	12.5%	24	18.8%
Children/families are aware of program but choose not to participate	18	15.0%	2	25.0%	20	15.6%
Local/state COVID restrictions	18	15.0%	2	25.0%	20	15.6%
Fewer sites are operating	11	9.2%	3	37.5%	14	10.9%
Operating fewer days during the summer	11	9.2%	1	12.5%	12	9.4%
Change in type of meals served at site	8	6.7%	0	0.0%	8	6.3%
Limited or lack of activities offered at site	6	5.0%	0	0.0%	6	4.7%
Timing of meal service	4	3.3%	0	0.0%	4	3.1%
Lack of awareness	1	0.8%	2	25.0%	3	2.3%
Food quality	2	1.7%	0	0.0%	2	1.6%
Weather (e.g. flooding or heat)	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
Other	16	13.3%	1	12.5%	17	13.3%
I don't know	13	10.8%	0	0.0%	13	10.2%

Note: Valid N=128

Not related to participation, we asked sponsors of their perception of the impact of P-EBT and the child tax credit on food insecurity in their area. Many sponsors noted that these resources helped to decrease summer food insecurity in their area.

Figure 9. Impact of P-EBT and Child Tax Credit  
*This year some families received both P-EBT and the child tax credit. Do you believe these programs decreased summer food insecurity in your area?*



Note: Valid N=311

Compared to 2020, 100 respondents (87 school sponsors and 13 nonprofit sponsors) noticed an increase in their average daily participation. Most of these sponsors attributed this to an increased need due to COVID (see Table 6) as well as bundled meals options (made possible in 2021 through waivers).

Table 6. Reasons for ADP increase  
 What contributed to the *increase* in ADP? (select all that apply)

	Type of organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Increased need due to COVID	46	52.87%	7	53.85%	53	53.00%
Bundled meals option	36	41.38%	6	46.15%	42	42.00%
Increased summer school enrollment	36	41.38%	2	15.38%	38	38.00%
Accommodating g service times	18	20.69%	8	61.54%	26	26.00%
Additional waivers not used last year	20	22.99%	4	30.77%	24	24.00%
Introduction of different delivery methods (e.g. mobile meals)	16	18.39%	4	30.77%	20	20.00%
More operating sites	15	17.24%	4	30.77%	19	19.00%
Increased days of service	18	20.69%	1	7.69%	19	19.00%
Effective marketing	10	11.49%	2	15.38%	12	12.00%
Improved food quality	9	10.34%	2	15.38%	11	11.00%
Improved programming	9	10.34%	2	15.38%	11	11.00%
Increased economies of scale (i.e.sponsor fiscally able to provide more meals)	3	3.45%	1	7.69%	4	4.00%
Other	5	5.75%	1	7.69%	6	6.00%
I don't know	1	1.15%	0	0.00%	1	1.00%

Note: Valid N=100

When sponsors were asked about challenges experienced in 2021, ‘low participation by children’ was identified as the primary challenge to school and nonprofit sponsors (41.8 and 30.0 percent, respectively).



Table 7. Program Challenges

Were any of the following challenges for your program during summer 2021? (select all that apply)

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Low participation by children	123	41.8%	9	30.0%	132	40.7%
Drop in participation after summer school ends	95	32.3%	7	23.3%	102	31.5%
Insufficient staff capacity to serve meals	53	18.0%	8	26.7%	61	18.8%
Precuring menu items (to comply with meal patterns)	44	15.0%	6	20.0%	50	15.4%
Covering expenses related to new methods of meal distribution	40	13.6%	4	13.3%	44	13.6%
Transportation	38	12.9%	3	10.0%	41	12.7%
Insufficient funds to cover costs of meals	21	7.1%	2	6.7%	23	7.1%
Marketing/community awareness	16	5.4%	5	16.7%	21	6.5%
Amount of reimbursement	18	6.1%	2	6.7%	20	6.2%
Filing paperwork	16	5.4%	4	13.3%	20	6.2%
Acquiring PPE for meal service	15	5.1%	2	6.7%	17	5.2%
Unable to successfully transport meals to sites	9	3.1%	0	0.0%	9	2.8%
Unable to get enough sites to serve meals	4	1.4%	3	10.0%	7	2.2%
Lack of information about safety protocols related to COVID	6	2.0%	1	3.3%	7	2.2%
Unable to provide quality meals	5	1.7%	0	0.0%	5	1.5%
Health Department policies	1	0.3%	2	6.7%	3	0.9%
Other	12	4.1%	4	13.3%	16	4.9%
Did not experience any challenges	74	25.2%	5	16.7%	79	24.4%

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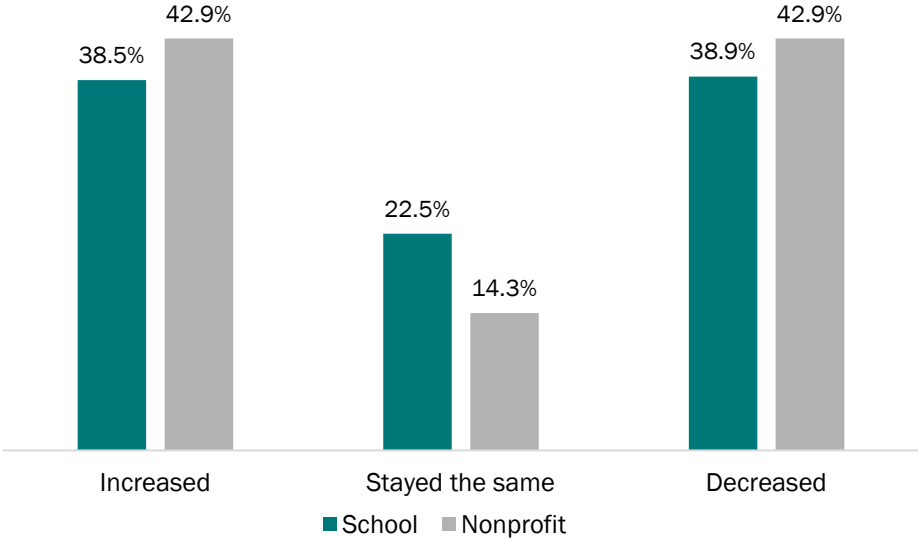
## Funding Sources and Utilization

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The majority of schools and nonprofits saw some change in the total number of meals reimbursed in 2021 compared to 2020. About half of the programs paid for themselves while 31.6 percent of schools and 46.7 percent of nonprofits required additional funds.

Figure 10. Meal reimbursement

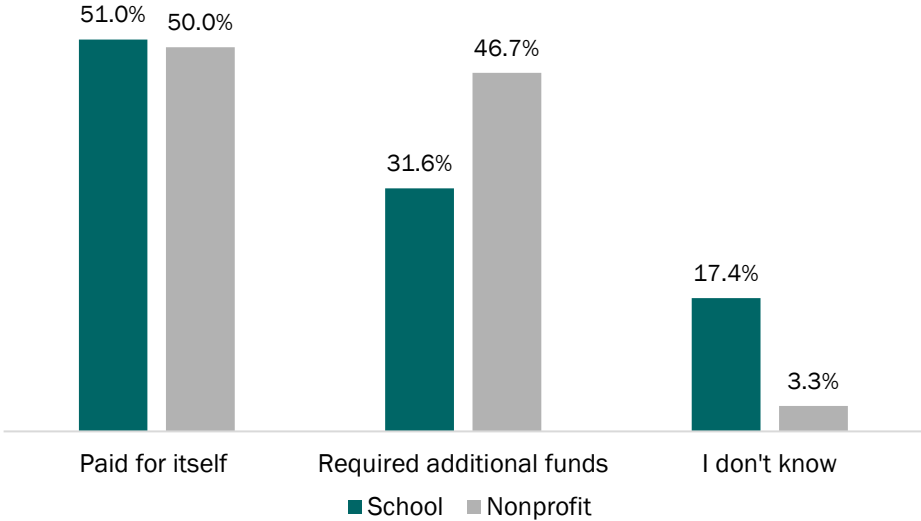
Overall, how did your organization's total number of meals reimbursed in 2021 compare to 2020?



Note: Valid N=303

Figure 11. Necessity of additional funds

In summer 2021, did your program pay for itself, or did it require additional funds outside of Texas Department of Agriculture's meal reimbursements to operate?



Note: Valid N=324

School sponsors stated additional funding came from school general funds and nutrition department funds (68.8 and 26.9 percent, respectively). Nonprofit sponsors received additional funding principally from individual donors (50.0 percent) and funding from other programs within their organization (28.6 percent).

Table 8. Additional funding sources  
*What is the source of additional funds? (select all that apply)*

	Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Individual donors	0	0.0%	7	50.0%	7	6.5%
School General Fund	64	68.8%	0	0.0%	64	59.8%
Nutrition Department Funds	25	26.9%	0	0.0%	25	23.4%
Founding from other programs within your organization	2	2.2%	4	28.6%	6	5.6%
Grants	1	1.1%	3	21.4%	4	3.7%
Other	3	3.2%	4	28.6%	7	6.5%
I don't know	4	4.3%	2	14.3%	6	5.6%

Note: Valid N=107

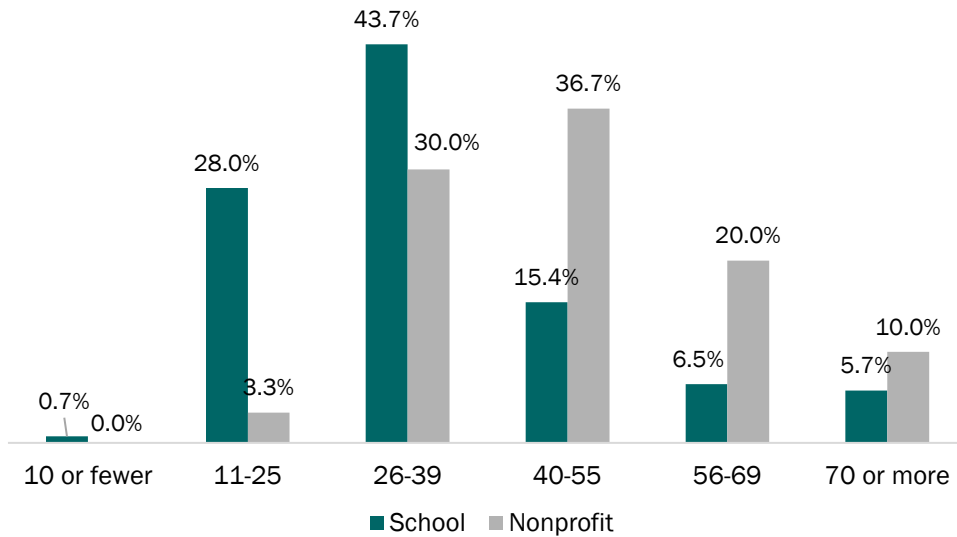
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### *Meals Served*

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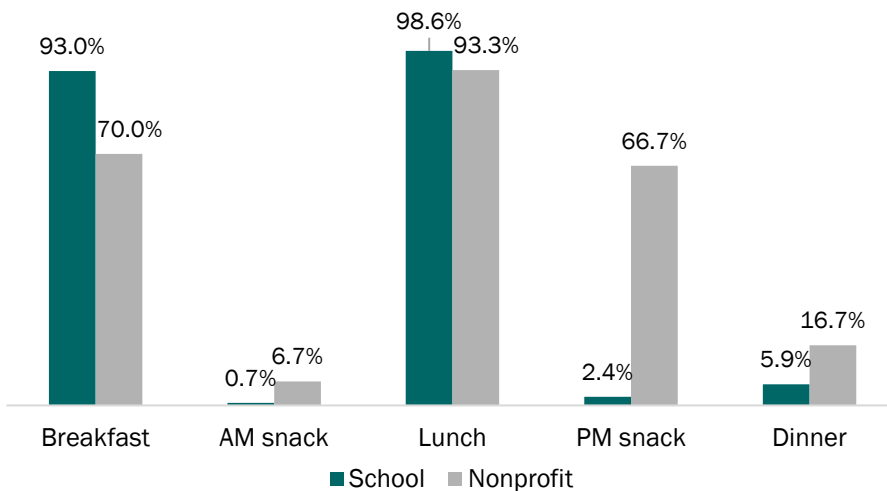
Compared to 2020 where we saw many schools and nonprofits report serving meals 70 or more days (due to COVID shutdowns that had some sponsors serving as early as March), in 2021 the number of days served decreased. Nonprofits tended to report serving more days (on average) than schools, but very few served 70 or more days as seen in the previous summer. A large majority of schools served breakfast (93.0 percent) and lunch (98.6 percent). Breakfast and lunch were also the most common meals served among nonprofits (70.0 and 93.3 percent), and nonprofits were also likely to serve a PM snack (66.7 percent).

Figure 12. Days that meals were served  
*Approximately how many days did you serve meals in summer 2021?*



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Figure 13. Type of meals that were served  
*What type of meals did you serve in summer 2021? (select all that apply)*

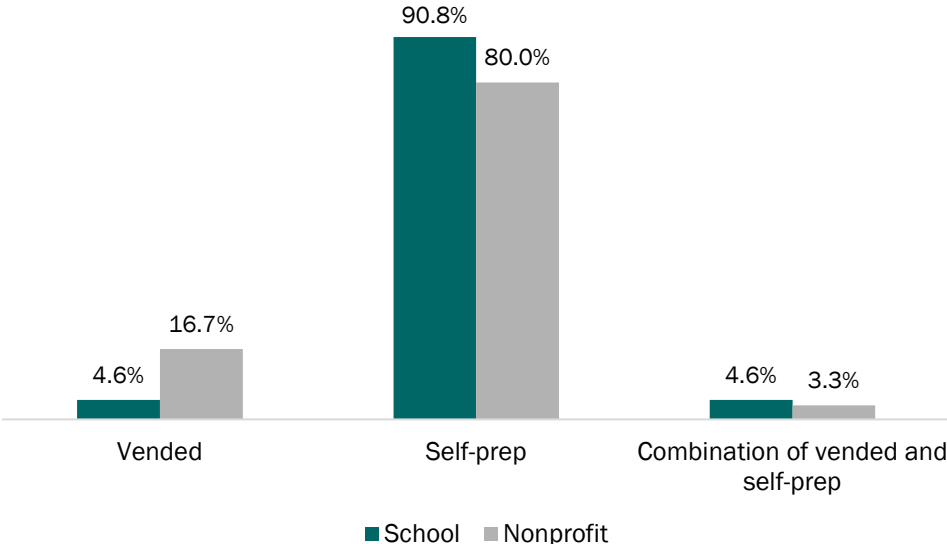


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The primary method of meal preparation for both school and nonprofit sponsors is self-preparation. School sponsors (90.8 percent) and nonprofit sponsors (80.0 percent) self-prepare their meals. A majority of school sponsors who reported using a vendor were either 'somewhat satisfied' (46.2 percent) or 'extremely satisfied' (34.6 percent) with

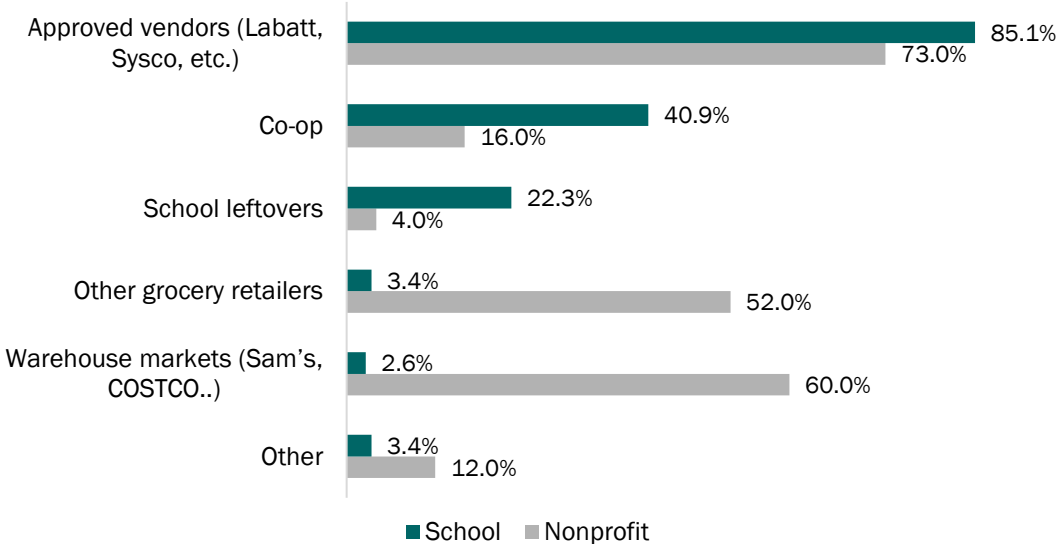
their experience, while 66.7 percent of nonprofit sponsors reported being ‘extremely satisfied’ but another 33.3 percent were either indifferent or somewhat dissatisfied. Still here it is important to note the small number of schools and nonprofits who used vendors.

Figure 14. Meal Preparation method  
*What is your meal preparation method?*



Note: Valid N=313

Figure 15. Acquire food  
*Where do you obtain the food? (select all that apply)*



Note: Valid N=294

Among sponsors that prepared meals themselves, school and nonprofit sponsors reported most often receiving food from approved vendors (85.1 and 73.0 percent, respectively). Nonprofit sponsors also received much of their food from grocery retailers (52.0 percent) and warehouse markets (60.0 percent). Co-ops were the second most used source of food for school sponsors in 2021 (40.9 percent).

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***Management and Logistics***

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In addition to meal preparations, the survey also asked about management and logistics for carrying out summer programs including staff and transportation needs along with reporting methods. Overall, most sponsors reported needing 5 or fewer staff or volunteers for meal distribution and for monitoring sites. The transportation requirements for sponsors to obtain food were mixed. School sponsors generally prepped on site, so transportation was not needed, but many nonprofit sponsors prepared meals and delivered to their sites.

Figure 16. Number of staff or volunteers necessary for meal distribution  
*Approximately how many staff or volunteers do you require for the following? (Delivering food)*

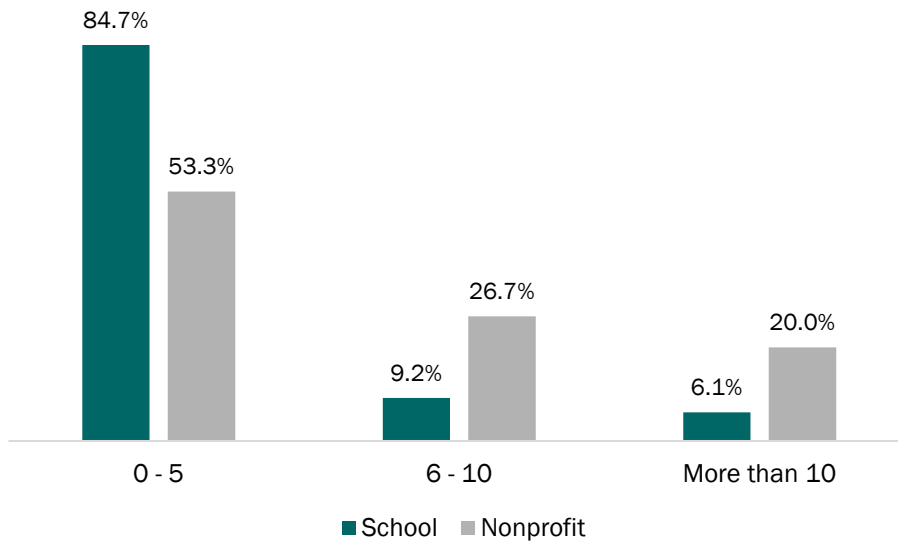
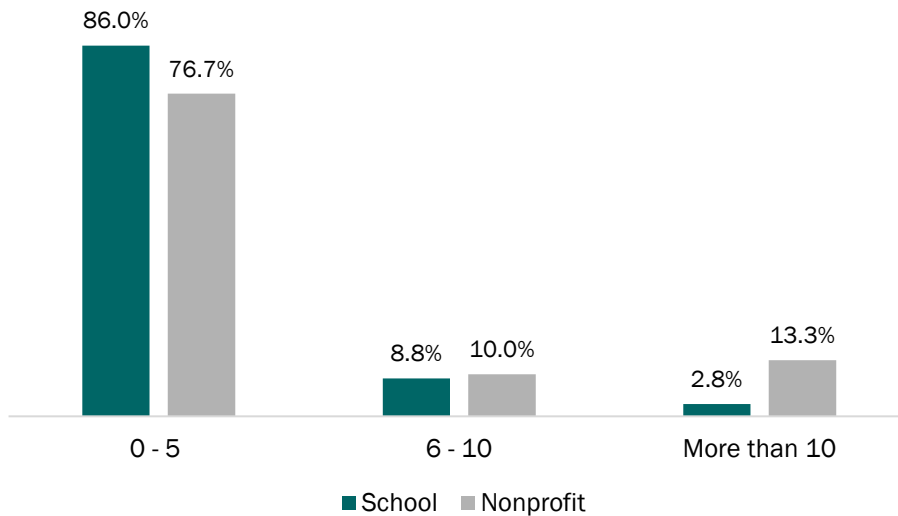
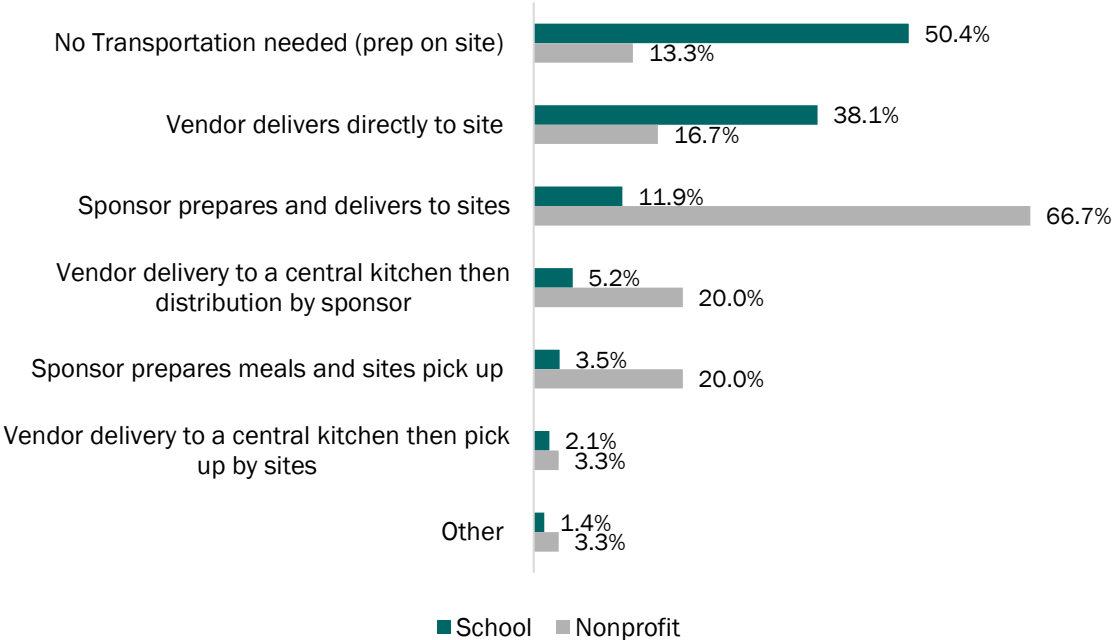


Figure 17. Number of staff or volunteers necessary for monitoring sites  
*Approximately how many staff or volunteers do you require for the following? (Monitoring sites)*



Note: Valid N=308

Figure 18. Transportation necessary to obtain meals  
*What transportation is necessary within your organization to obtain the meals? (Select all that apply)*



Note: Valid N=316

Sponsors were asked about the types of incentives and services offered at sites. The most common services provided at sites were go pick-up options, activities for children, and transportation.



Table 9. Select services provided by sites (Complete list in Appendix One, Table 14)  
*How many of your sites provided the following services in 2021?*

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Grab and go pick-up options						
None	90	31.7%	6	20.0%	96	30.6%
Some	32	11.3%	8	26.7%	40	12.7%
Most	26	9.2%	4	13.3%	30	9.6%
All	130	45.8%	12	40.0%	142	45.2%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%
Activities for children						
None	112	39.4%	2	6.7%	114	36.3%
Some	45	15.8%	6	20.0%	51	16.2%
Most	17	6.0%	4	13.3%	21	6.7%
All	87	30.6%	18	60.0%	105	33.4%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%
Transportation						
None	138	48.6%	20	66.7%	158	50.3%
Some	32	11.3%	4	13.3%	36	11.5%
Most	16	5.6%	1	3.3%	17	5.4%
All	81	28.5%	3	10.0%	84	26.8%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%

Sponsors were asked what specific types of support might help their program. Of the 249 sponsors who indicated that support would help, ‘funding for activities’ was the most common type of support identified with 44.3 percent of schools and 71.4 percent of nonprofits indicating this would be helpful. ‘New equipment for meal services’ was the second most identified type of support for both schools and nonprofits (42.1 percent and 67.9 percent, respectively). ‘Other’ responses can be found in Appendix Two.

Table 10. Support needed

What specific types of support might help your program? (Select all that apply).

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Funding for activities	98	44.3%	20	71.4%	118	47.4%
New equipment for meal service	93	42.1%	19	67.9%	112	45.0%
Transportation for children	81	36.7%	9	32.1%	90	36.1%
Promotional materials/marketing/outreach	79	35.7%	9	32.1%	88	35.3%
Transportation for meals	64	29.0%	12	42.9%	76	30.5%
Increased number of volunteers	49	22.2%	14	50.0%	63	25.3%
Greater selection of vendors	30	13.6%	8	28.6%	38	15.3%
Access to facilities	12	5.4%	4	14.3%	16	6.4%
Other	6	2.7%	2	7.1%	8	3.2%

Note: Valid N=249

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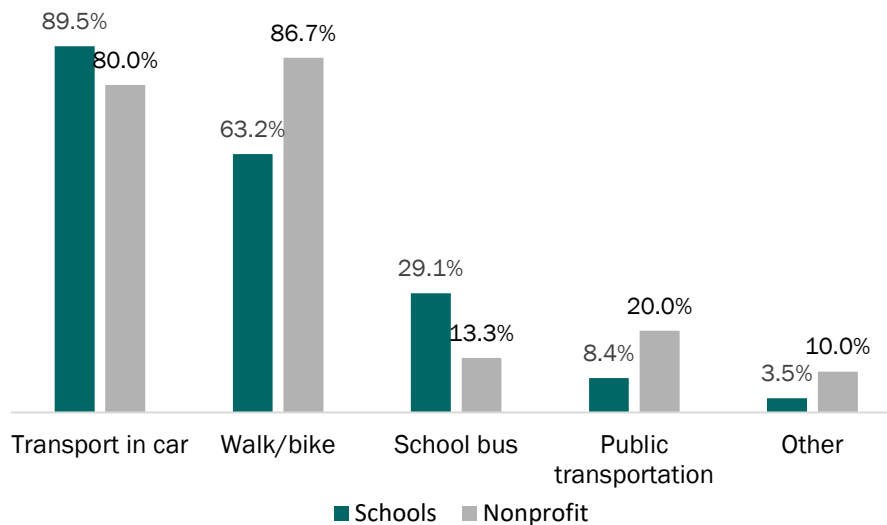
### *Family Involvement*

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While families may play additional roles, the survey asked sponsors specifically about their role of providing transportation to their sites. Many report that families either used personal vehicles or walked/biked to meal sites in 2021.

Figure 19. Type of transportation

What type of transportation options did families use to get to your sites in 2021?



Note: Valid N=305

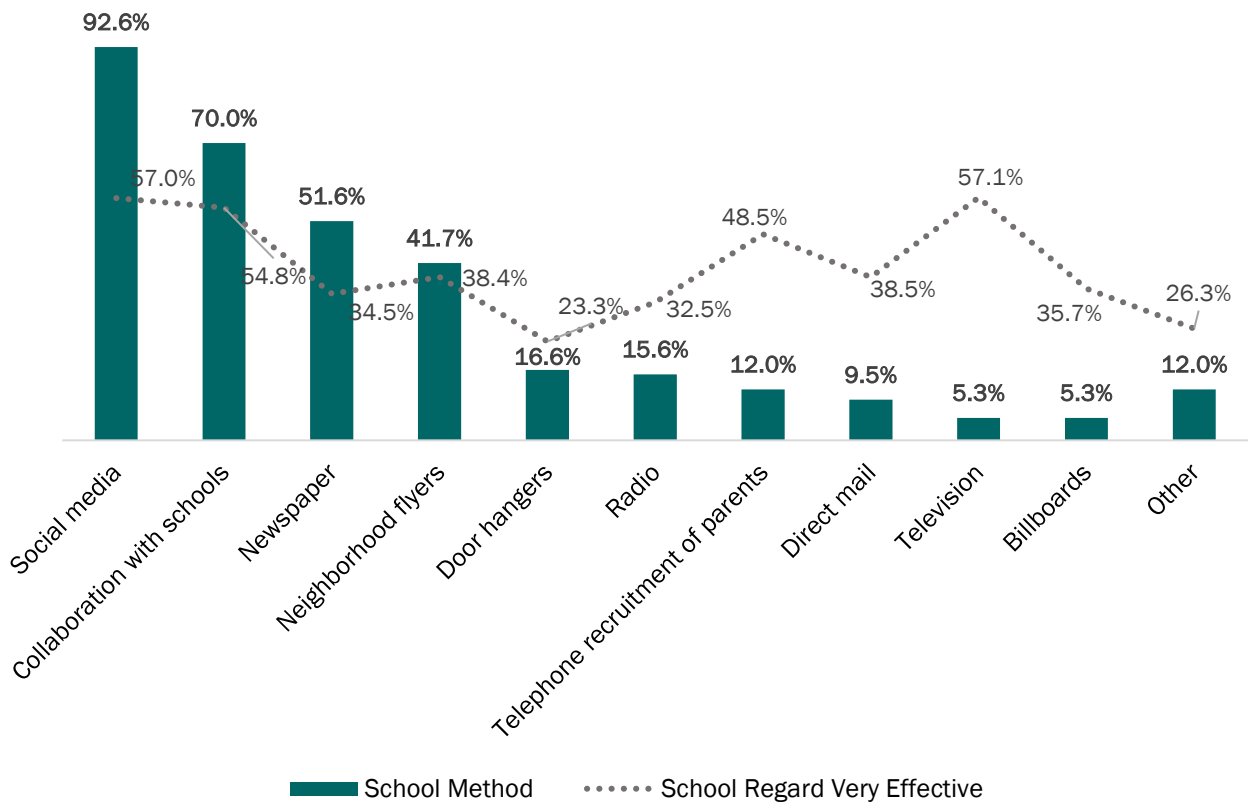
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*Marketing and Advertisement*

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Among school sponsors, the primary methods of advertising were social media and collaboration with schools (Figure 20). The majority of school sponsors who used these methods of advertising also found them very effective. While not as commonly used, schools that used television and telephone recruitment of parents also found them to be very effective (57.1 percent and 48.5 percent, respectively). For a complete table please refer to Appendix One, Table 15.

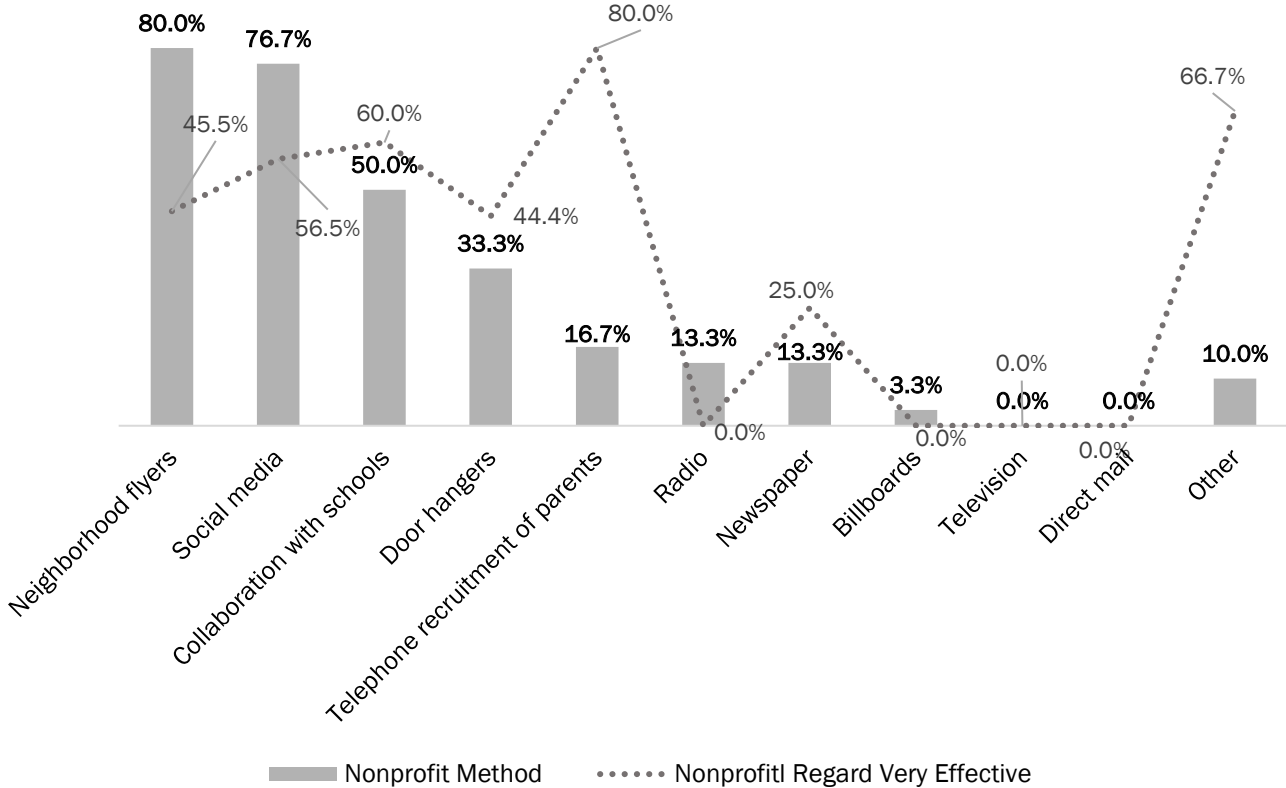
Figure 20. Methods of advertisement and effectiveness  
*Please respond to the following statements regarding your organization’s advertisement of the summer meals program in 2021. (School Sponsors)*



Note: Valid N=283

Nonprofit sponsors' most common methods of advertisement included neighborhood flyers and social media. A large percentage of nonprofits who used these methods also found them effective. While not as commonly used, telephone recruitment of parents and collaboration with schools were also found to be very effective by those who used them. Other responses for both school sponsors and nonprofit sponsors included yard signs and utilizing the school and district websites (see Appendix Two). For a complete table please refer to Appendix One, Table 15.

Figure 21. Methods of advertisement and effectiveness  
 Please respond to the following statements regarding your organization's advertisement of the Summer meals program in 2021. (Nonprofit Sponsors)



Note: Valid N=30

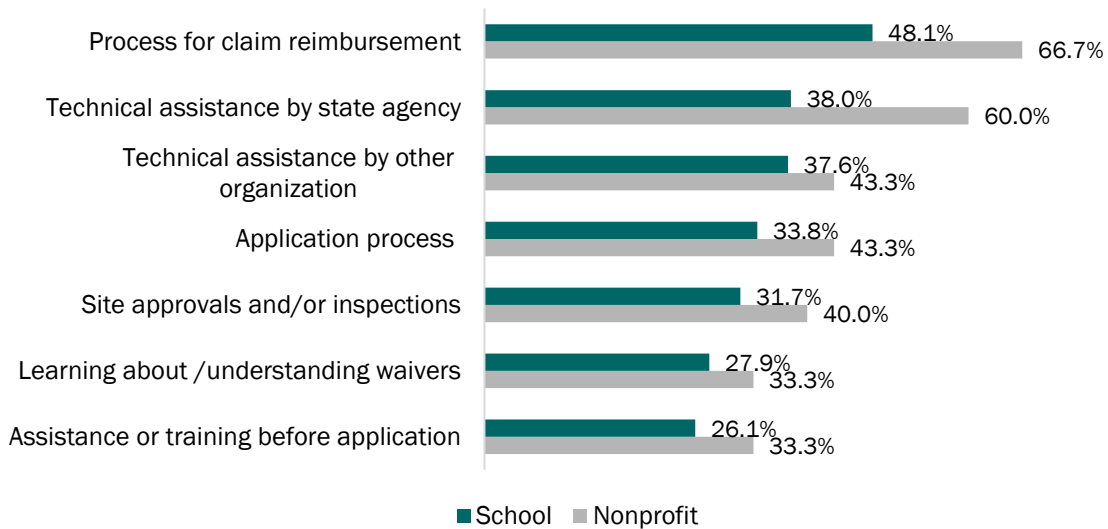
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*Satisfaction with Summer Meals Program*

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Sponsors were asked to indicate their experience with a number of different aspects of their 2021 summer meals program. Figure 22 represents the percent of sponsors who rated these aspects as ‘extremely positive.’ For the complete table, please refer to Appendix One, Table 13. Overall, 78.1 percent of schools and 93.3 percent of nonprofits indicated that they were ‘satisfied’ or ‘very satisfied’ with their 2021 summer meals program.

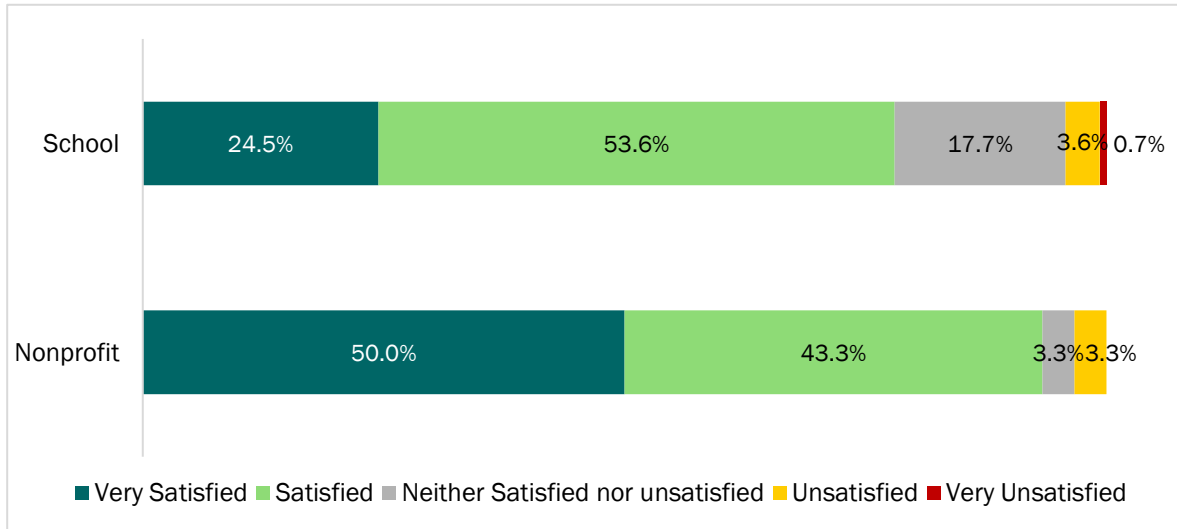
Figure 22. Aspects of your Summer Meals experience rated ‘extremely positive.’  
*Please rate the following aspects of your summer meals experience during summer 2021*



Note: Valid N=317

Figure 23. Satisfaction with the Summer Meals Program

Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction using the summer meals program during summer 2021?



Note: Valid N=312

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*Experience with assessment and partnership with the Texas Hunger Initiative*

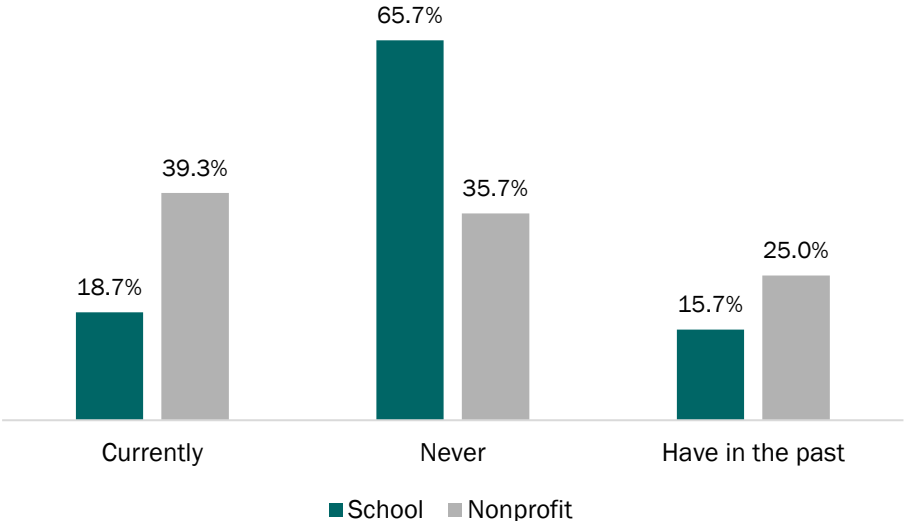
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Sponsors were asked to report their experience with the Summer Meals Project review process (see Table 11). About one in five sponsors surveyed reported being currently connected with the Texas Hunger Initiative (THI). Among the 41 sponsors who received some type of support for their summer meals program, most rated the support from the THI as extremely helpful (Figure 26).

Table 11. Frequency of reviews in 2021 compared to 2020  
*Compared to 2020, how did the frequency of the following items change in 2021?*

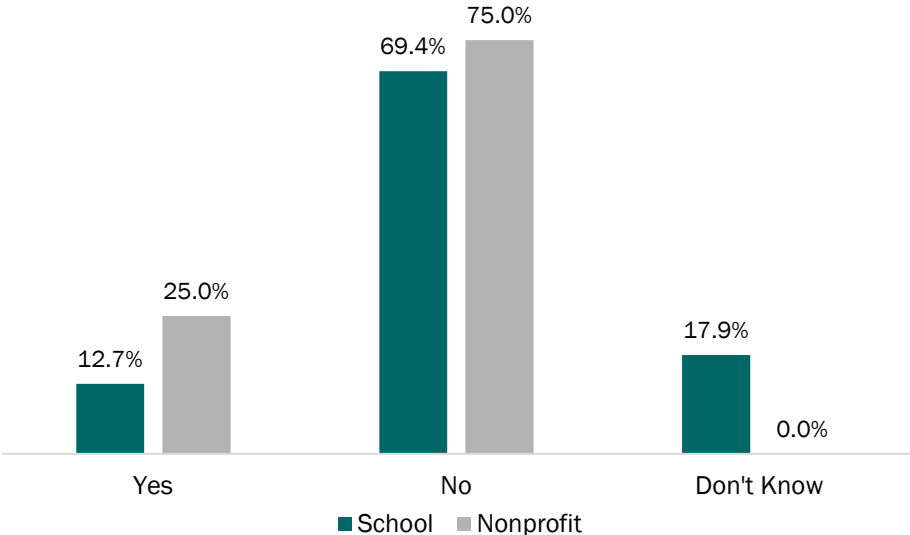
	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Number of administrative reviews						
Fewer	32	12.7%	4	14.3%	36	12.9%
Same	93	36.9%	15	53.6%	108	38.6%
More	37	14.7%	6	21.4%	43	15.4%
N/A	90	35.7%	3	10.7%	93	33.2%
Total	252	100.0%	28	100.0%	280	100.0%
Number of site visits						
Fewer	34	13.3%	5	18.5%	39	13.8%
Same	149	58.2%	14	51.9%	163	57.6%
More	20	7.8%	4	14.8%	24	8.5%
N/A	53	20.7%	4	14.8%	57	20.1%
Total	256	100.0%	27	100.0%	283	100.0%
Number of disallowed meals						
Fewer	26	11.2%	5	20.0%	31	12.1%
Same	54	23.3%	7	28.0%	61	23.7%
More	3	1.3%	4	16.0%	7	2.7%
N/A	149	64.2%	9	36.0%	158	61.5%
Total	232	100.0%	25	100.0%	257	100.0%

Figure 24. Texas Hunger Initiative connection  
*Are you currently connected with a Texas Hunger Initiative regional staff person?*



Note: Valid N=296

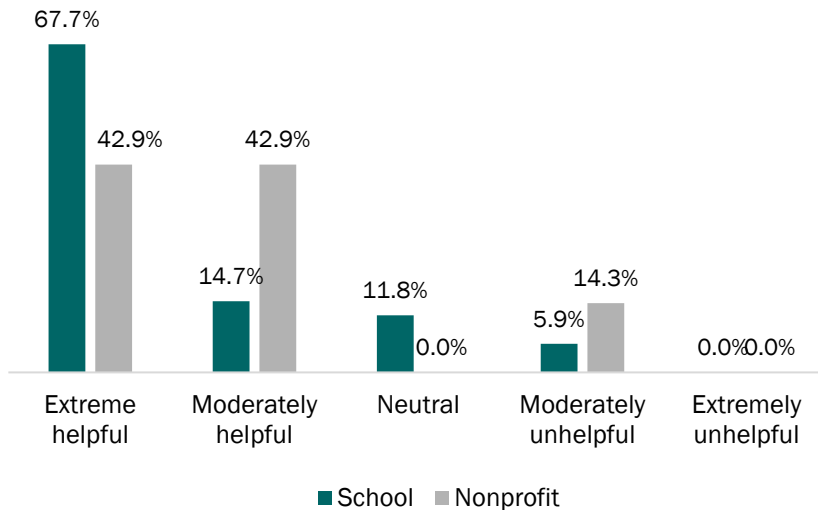
Figure 25. Texas Hunger Initiative support  
*Did you receive support of any kind from THI Regional staff regarding your summer meal efforts in 2021?*



Note: Valid N=296



Figure 26. Texas Hunger Initiative helpful  
 How helpful were THI staff regarding summer meals efforts in 2021?



Note: Valid N=41

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*Final short answer question*

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When asked to provide any additional comments, concerns, or suggestions concerning summer meal efforts in 2021, sponsors shared about the importance of summer meals and the people who help to support them (see Appendix Two).

*“I think it is a wonderful program, I have been working with it for about 20 years.”*

Sponsors also identified some concerns or suggested changes as well.

*“In high poverty areas I still do not believe we should have to witness a customer consuming the meal.”*

*“Staffing and supply shortages have created many challenges.”*

## APPENDIX ONE: MULTIPLE CHOICE BY ORGANIZATION

Table 12. Rank these in terms of how useful they were to you (1=most useful)

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
Non-congregate Feeding	111	2.1	16	1.4	127	2.0
SFSP/SSO extension	48	2.6	1	7.0	49	2.7
Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver	62	2.9	1	2.0	63	2.9
Nationwide Parent/Guardian meal Pickup Waiver	101	2.8	13	3.4	114	2.9
SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility Waiver	46	2.9	3	5.0	49	3.0
Meal Times	78	3.1	14	3.3	92	3.2
SFSP Offer Versus Serve (Regular Summer)	17	3.5	2	6.0	19	3.8
SFSP First Week Site Visits (Regular Summer)	14	4.0	12	3.6	26	3.8
SFSP/SSO Meal Service Times (Regular Summer)	63	3.7	6	5.2	69	3.9
SFSP/SSO Closed Enrolled Sites (Regular Summer)	38	3.7	3	6.3	41	3.9
Nationwide Waivers of child Nutrition Monitoring	21	4.7	8	3.6	29	4.4
Pre-approved Flexibility	9	4.6	3	5.3	12	4.8
60 Day reporting requirement Waiver	1	7.0	1	6.0	2	6.5

Table 13. Please rate the following aspects of your summer meals experience during summer 2021.

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Process for claims reimbursement						
Extremely negative	0	0.0%	1	3.3%	1	0.3%
Somewhat negative	5	1.9%	1	3.3%	6	2.0%
Neither negative nor positive	57	21.3%	3	10.0%	60	20.1%
Somewhat positive	68	25.4%	5	16.7%	73	24.5%
Extremely positive	138	51.5%	20	66.7%	158	53.0%
Total	268	100.0%	30	100.0%	298	100.0%
Technical assistance by state agency						
Extremely negative	4	1.5%	0	0.0%	4	1.4%
Somewhat negative	7	2.7%	4	13.8%	11	3.8%
Neither negative nor positive	53	20.3%	3	10.3%	56	19.3%
Somewhat positive	71	27.2%	4	13.8%	75	25.9%
Extremely positive	109	41.8%	18	62.1%	127	43.8%
Total	261	100.0%	29	100.0%	290	100.0%
Technical assistance by other organization						
Extremely negative	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Somewhat negative	2	0.9%	2	8.7%	4	1.6%
Neither negative nor positive	56	23.9%	9	39.1%	65	25.3%
Somewhat positive	52	22.2%	2	8.7%	54	21.0%
Extremely positive	75	32.1%	10	43.5%	85	33.1%
Total	234	100.0%	23	100.0%	257	100.0%
Assistance of training before application						
Extremely negative	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Somewhat negative	6	2.3%	2	7.1%	8	2.7%
Neither negative nor positive	61	23.2%	6	21.4%	67	23.0%
Somewhat positive	74	28.1%	7	25.0%	81	27.8%
Extremely positive	97	36.9%	13	46.4%	110	37.8%
Total	263	100.0%	28	100.0%	291	100.0%

(Table 13 Continued)

Application Process						
Extremely negative	2	0.8%	0	0.0%	2	0.7%
Somewhat negative	13	5.1%	3	10.0%	16	5.6%
Neither negative nor positive	60	23.6%	6	20.0%	66	23.2%
Somewhat positive	83	32.7%	9	30.0%	92	32.4%
Extremely positive	91	35.8%	12	40.0%	103	36.3%
Total	254	100.0%	30	100.0%	284	100.0%
Site approvals and/or inspections						
Extremely negative	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Somewhat negative	6	2.3%	3	10.3%	9	3.1%
Neither negative nor positive	68	25.7%	4	13.8%	72	24.5%
Somewhat positive	83	31.3%	9	31.0%	92	31.3%
Extremely positive	108	40.8%	13	44.8%	121	41.2%
Total	265	100.0%	29	100.0%	294	100.0%
Learning about/understanding waivers						
Extremely negative	4	1.4%	2	7.1%	6	1.9%
Somewhat negative	25	8.9%	3	10.7%	28	9.1%
Neither negative nor positive	62	22.1%	4	14.3%	66	21.4%
Somewhat positive	96	34.3%	9	32.1%	105	34.1%
Extremely positive	80	28.6%	10	35.7%	90	29.2%
Total	280	100.0%	28	100.0%	308	100.0%

Table 14. How many of your sites provide the following services?

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Activities for children						
None	112	39.4%	2	6.7%	114	36.3%
Some	45	15.8%	6	20.0%	51	16.2%
Most	17	6.0%	4	13.3%	21	6.7%
All	87	30.6%	18	60.0%	105	33.4%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%

(Table 14 Continued)

Transportation						
None	138	48.6%	20	66.7%	158	50.3%
Some	32	11.3%	4	13.3%	36	11.5%
Most	16	5.6%	1	3.3%	17	5.4%
All	81	28.5%	3	10.0%	84	26.8%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%
Incentives for participation						
None	181	63.7%	14	46.7%	195	62.1%
Some	25	8.8%	5	16.7%	30	9.6%
Most	8	2.8%	2	6.7%	10	3.2%
All	27	9.5%	4	13.3%	31	9.9%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%
Outreach for services (e.g. SNAP)						
None	129	45.4%	10	33.3%	139	44.3%
Some	31	10.9%	8	26.7%	39	12.4%
Most	12	4.2%	1	3.3%	13	4.1%
All	61	21.5%	5	16.7%	66	21.0%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%
Grab and go pick-up options						
None	90	31.7%	6	20.0%	96	30.6%
Some	32	11.3%	8	26.7%	40	12.7%
Most	26	9.2%	4	13.3%	30	9.6%
All	130	45.8%	12	40.0%	142	45.2%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%
Additional food sent home						
None	206	72.5%	15	50.0%	221	70.4%
Some	17	6.0%	6	20.0%	23	7.3%
Most	5	1.8%	1	3.3%	6	1.9%
All	42	14.8%	6	20.0%	48	15.3%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%
Meals offered to parents for a fee						
None	233	82.0%	27	90.0%	260	82.8%
Some	5	1.8%	1	3.3%	6	1.9%
Most	2	0.7%	0	0.0%	2	0.6%
All	34	12.0%	2	6.7%	36	11.5%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%

(Table 14 Continued)

Meals offered to parents at a paid rate						
None	179	63.0%	28	93.3%	207	65.9%
Some	19	6.7%	0	0.0%	19	6.1%
Most	5	1.8%	0	0.0%	5	1.6%
All	67	23.6%	1	3.3%	68	21.7%
Total	284	100.0%	30	100.0%	314	100.0%

Table 15. Please respond to the following statements regarding your organization's advertisement of the summer meals program in 2021. (select all that apply)

	Type of Organization					
	School		Nonprofit		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Television</b>						
Select method(s) you utilized	15	5.3%	0	0.0%	15	4.8%
Not effective	0	0.0%	-	-	0	0.0%
Somewhat effective	6	42.9%	-	-	6	42.9%
Very effective	8	57.1%	-	-	8	57.1%
<b>Radio</b>						
Select method(s) you utilized	44	15.6%	4	13.3%	48	15.3%
Not effective	2	5.0%	0	0.0%	2	4.5%
Somewhat effective	25	62.5%	4	100.0%	29	65.9%
Very effective	13	32.5%	0	0.0%	13	29.5%
<b>Newspaper</b>						
Select method(s) you utilized	146	51.6%	4	13.3%	150	47.9%
Not effective	16	11.5%	0	0.0%	16	11.2%
Somewhat effective	75	54.0%	3	75.0%	78	54.5%
Very effective	48	34.5%	1	25.0%	49	34.3%
<b>Social media</b>						
Select method(s) you utilized	262	92.6%	23	76.7%	285	91.1%
Not effective	4	1.6%	0	0.0%	4	1.5%
Somewhat effective	103	41.4%	10	43.5%	113	41.5%
Very effective	142	57.0%	13	56.5%	155	57.0%
<b>Neighborhood flyers</b>						
Select method(s) you utilized	118	41.7%	24	80.0%	142	45.4%
Not effective	6	5.4%	1	4.5%	7	5.2%
Somewhat effective	63	56.3%	11	50.0%	74	55.2%
Very effective	43	38.4%	10	45.5%	53	39.6%

(Table 15 Continued)

Door hangers						
Select method(s) you utilized	47	16.6%	10	33.3%	57	18.2%
Not effective	3	7.0%	0	0.0%	3	5.8%
Somewhat effective	30	69.8%	5	55.6%	35	67.3%
Very effective	10	23.3%	4	44.4%	14	26.9%
Direct mail						
Select method(s) you utilized	27	9.5%	0	0.0%	27	8.6%
Not effective	1	3.8%	-	-	1	3.8%
Somewhat effective	15	57.7%	-	-	15	57.7%
Very effective	10	38.5%	-	-	10	38.5%
Billboards						
Select method(s) you utilized	15	5.3%	1	3.3%	16	5.1%
Not effective	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%
Somewhat effective	8	57.1%	1	100.0%	9	60.0%
Very effective	5	35.7%	0	0.0%	5	33.3%
Collaboration with schools (e.g. robo calls)						
Select method(s) you utilized	198	70.0%	15	50.0%	213	68.1%
Not effective	2	1.1%	1	6.7%	3	1.5%
Somewhat effective	79	44.1%	5	33.3%	84	43.3%
Very effective	98	54.7%	9	60.0%	107	55.2%
Telephone recruitment of par- ents						
Select method(s) you utilized	34	12.0%	5	16.7%	39	12.5%
Not effective	2	6.1%	0	0.0%	2	5.3%
Somewhat effective	15	45.5%	1	20.0%	16	42.1%
Very effective	16	48.5%	4	80.0%	20	52.6%
Other						
Select method(s) you utilized	34	12.0%	3	10.0%	37	11.8%
Not effective	3	15.8%	0	0.0%	3	13.6%
Somewhat effective	11	57.9%	1	33.3%	12	54.5%
Very effective	5	26.3%	2	66.7%	7	31.8%

## APPENDIX TWO: OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Table 2.1 Why didn't your organization serve as a summer Meals sponsor this summer (2021)

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Others nearby served</i>	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rural area, other schools nearby provide</i></li> <li>• <i>We partner with another school district.</i></li> <li>• <i>Our local Churches feed the kids during the summer</i></li> </ul>
<i>Low participation</i>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No students would come to eat</i></li> <li>• <i>Not enough students to feed in the summer. Spend more money on labor and products then what we have attend.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Dangerous for kids to get there</i>	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>We have a hwy runs through the middle of our town. It is a safety concern for our students to attend.</i></li> <li>• <i>We are in a rural community were the kids either live to far away or it is not safe for the kids to walk to the school since we are on a main highway with no side-walks.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Location</i>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>It's to hard for kids to get to our location.</i></li> <li>• <i>Rural area, most of our students are transfers</i></li> </ul>
<i>Don't qualify</i>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Our district does not qualify. We are less than 50% Free and Reduce</i></li> <li>• <i>The district is only 4% free/reduced so we do not qualify for SSO/SFSP.</i></li> </ul>

Table 2.2. For what reason(s) did your organization decide not to serve as a sponsor in 2022?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Low participation</i>	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>It is not financially viable. Our district is very rural and very spread out. Only a handful of students would be able to utilize summer meals. The last time we attempted summer feeding very few students took advantage of it.</i></li> <li>• <i>Our school has tried the summer meal program in the past and we've never had anyone show up to get meals</i></li> <li>• <i>We do not have a big enough turn out to operate in the summer.</i></li> <li>• <i>There wasn't enough participation during 2019, 2020 and 2021 serving curbside and grab and go.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Rural Location</i>	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rural delivery problems</i></li> <li>• <i>We never have, not geographically feasible.</i></li> <li>• <i>We live in a rural area and bussing would be costly</i></li> </ul>



<i>Other organizations are planning on feeding kids</i>	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The organization next door serves USDA summer meals</i></li> <li>• <i>We partner with another school district.</i></li> <li>• <i>We are a small school and would not have but a few students participate. There's a bigger school nearby that does participate and our students can go there.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Lack of transportation</i>	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Accessibility to school is not convenient for students and parents</i></li> <li>• <i>Would have to bus the kids. Not enough kids in the community most are bused.</i></li> <li>• <i>we are very small there is no type of transportation or even side walks. A majority of students are bus riders 1% are car riders.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Cost/staffing prevented them from participating.</i>	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lack of participation in the summer. Not cost effective to the district</i></li> <li>• <i>We have never served summer meals and our budget and staffing calendar was not figured in for that decision.</i></li> <li>• <i>Staff unavailability</i></li> </ul>
<i>Don't qualify to participate</i>	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Our district does not qualify for summer reimbursement.</i></li> <li>• <i>We do not qualify to serve summer feeding programs. We are a rural community. Not CEP eligible.</i></li> </ul>

Table 2.3. What changes, if any, would persuade you to return to the program as a sponsor?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>If more participation</i>	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If we had more kids that would eat and lower food costs to justify operation in the summer months</i></li> <li>• <i>We would need more kids on free/reduced lunches to qualify to serve summer meals.</i></li> <li>• <i>Students who are willing to participate in the program.</i></li> </ul>
<i>If had more funding/cost worked out</i>	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Providing more resources as we are a private school.</i></li> <li>• <i>Budget, open campus to feed all our students would be two of the main things that would make us consider it.</i></li> <li>• <i>More summer funding and access to better packaging supplies.</i></li> </ul>

Table 3.1. Select the SFSP and SSO waivers (Federal) which your organization used in adapting your feeding programs this year (2021) (select all that apply)

<i>Themes</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Other waivers listed</i>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cant remember under which program operated I do know it was SSO and applied to the waivers that the NSLP let us get through the ESC Region 2 Service Center</i></li> <li>• <i>Milk</i></li> <li>• <i>OVS</i></li> <li>• <i>Sodium waiver</i></li> <li>• <i>Summer Feeding Waiver</i></li> <li>• <i>Age group waiver</i></li> <li>• <i>Meals-to-You</i></li> </ul>

Table 4.1. In your opinion, what contributed to the decline in number of sites?

<i>Themes</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Less need due to other funding/food sources</i>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In 2020 many families members were unemployed. In 2021 these family members were working and receiving food via P-EBT and other programs that there was very little demand for non-congregate meals in 2021. With the low demand we had to stop 2021 summer feeding at the end of June versus running</i></li> <li>• <i>P-EBT Benefits</i></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<i>Not as much flexibility in programs</i>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Due to staffing we closed it to where we were not doing a to go line and required parents/student to eat in the cafeteria.</i></li> <li>• <i>Parents had to come inside to get meals to go</i></li> <li>• <i>School did not deliver to houses</i></li> </ul>
<i>COVID</i>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>COVID</i></li> </ul>

Table 5.1. In your opinion, what contributed to the decrease in ADP (average daily participation)?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Not as much flexibility in programs</i>	<i>6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In 2020 we did Curbside feeding because we were out of school since Mid March. So, everyone was used to drive through to pick up meals. Summer of 2021 kids had been back in school since Nov. and were being fed at school. We typically don't have a big turnout during the Summer School and Feeding program</i></li> <li>• <i>Parents had to come inside to take meals to go as opposed to driving by and taking meals</i></li> <li>• <i>We went back to our normal SSO program</i></li> </ul>
<i>Fewer students/less need.</i>	<i>5</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>95% of my students live outside city limits</i></li> <li>• <i>People are out of town.</i></li> <li>• <i>P-ebt cards</i></li> </ul>
<i>Students found other options</i>	<i>2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>more schools were offering summer meals</i></li> <li>• <i>Restaurants had opened back up after being shut-down</i></li> </ul>

Table 6.1. In your opinion, what contributed to the increase in participation?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Changed way meals were served/how many meals served</i>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Served Weekend Meal Packs where on Thursdays we distributed food to the community to have food on the weekend</i></li> <li>• <i>parent pick up without children</i></li> <li>• <i>we offered both lunch and breakfast instead of breakfast only</i></li> </ul>
<i>Weren't operating in 2020</i>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Had a partnership agreement for summer meal program, so did not offer SSO prior year.</i></li> <li>• <i>We didn't operate in 2020</i></li> </ul>

Table 7.1. Were any of the following challenges for your program during summer 2021?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Staffing challenges</i>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Low staff at participating site contributing to a higher workload and increased stressed</i></li> <li>• <i>Hiring to expand # of sites</i></li> <li>• <i>Main challenge was staffing and staff fear of Covid</i></li> </ul>
<i>COVID/COVID precautions</i>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Planning for meals with covid safety procedures was a challenge in that if a site had to close last minute do to a covid-19 exposure of positive case (either by a child or adult staff), the meals prepared the day before for delivery to the site would not be able to be served and we were not able to claim for reimbursement.</i></li> <li>• <i>Covid related</i></li> <li>• <i>constant changing of protocols for COVID (local)</i></li> </ul>
<i>Reduced need</i>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>all that PEBT \$ allowed parents to buy them fast food!!</i></li> <li>• <i>P-ebt</i></li> </ul>

Table 8.1. What was the source of the additional funds?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Additional funding sources</i>	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Excess funds in SFSP from prior year</i></li> <li>• <i>utilized fund balance from previous year to subsidize (with TDA's approval)</i></li> <li>• <i>Business</i></li> <li>• <i>DEE, Inc</i></li> <li>• <i>Fundraisers</i></li> <li>• <i>Loans</i></li> </ul>

Figure 15. Where do you obtain food?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Commodities</i>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brown Box Commodities</i></li> <li>• <i>commodity products</i></li> </ul>
<i>Local Food Producers</i>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local produce vendors</i></li> <li>• <i>local farmers</i></li> </ul>

Figure 18. What transportation is necessary within your organization to obtain the meals?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Delivery</i>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>coordinate services with the Rotary bus to deliver to 3 area apartments; meals served at schools otherwise</i></li> <li>• <i>We home delivered.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Parents pick up</i>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meals prepared and parents and students pick up</i></li> <li>• <i>none- only children or parents to come pick it up</i></li> </ul>

Table 10.1. What specific types of support might help your program?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Additional support mentioned</i>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Activity and Program Materials</i></li> <li>• <i>Subsidizing summer program.</i></li> <li>• <i>Summer meal service sites are successful if there is a captive audience going on. The other option of non-congregate meals also helps since it tends to serve the ones who really need it. The pandemic cause many school staff to be burned out at the end of the school year and they did not want to work during the summer. The district then cut back on summer programs for students and only focused on transition students (5th &amp; 8th graders) as well as the bilingual students. If school received greater fund that school year to have summer educational catchup or enrichment for students, they might get more teacher to work (higher than \$25 an hour current pay) and students to participate.</i></li> <li>• <i>lessened administrative burden for school districts</i></li> <li>• <i>Meals-to-You</i></li> <li>• <i>partner with South Plains Food Bank</i></li> <li>• <i>Greater Selection of local vendors</i></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>help understanding State rules and waivers, without using the ESC because they are NEVER on the same page as the state. I always get different answers.</i></li> </ul>
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Figure 19 - What types of transportation options do families use to get to your sites?

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>Home delivery</i>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>We had a mobile route that delivered to local apartments, churches, and along a bus route for easier delivery options for families</i></li> <li>• <i>We home delivered</i></li> </ul>
<i>Vehicle provided by sponsor</i>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CN department van</i></li> <li>• <i>we provide transportation</i></li> <li>• <i>school vehicle</i></li> </ul>

Figures 20 & 21.- Please respond to the following statements regarding your organization's advertisement of the summer meals program in 2021.

<i>Theme</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Selected Short Answers</i>
<i>School /District Website</i>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>School Website</i></li> <li>• <i>District Website</i></li> </ul>
<i>Signs/Posters</i>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Yard signs</i></li> <li>• <i>Signage</i></li> <li>• <i>Posters</i></li> </ul>

Table 16. Many new measures were implemented in 2020 and 2021 to allow summer meals to be served during a pandemic. Are there any of these measures you find beneficial to keep after the pandemic?

Theme	N	Selected Short Answers
Noncongregate feeding/Grab-and-go options	64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Grab and Go. Allows flexibility for working parents with young kids</i></li> <li>• <i>We were able to go to more non-congregate locations - 3 apartment complexes in a grab and go fashion. The grab and go style garnered more children coming to get the meals and taking it back to their home vs sitting in a congregate setting/activity room eating it all together. This helped decreased the stigma, especially among the older children. We had a great increase in meal distribution at these apartment with a grab and go fashion. This visit is coupled with access to choosing a book from the Rotary bus along with pencils, erasers, little gimmies like that more interesting to the littles. We hope we can continue the grab and go at these non-congregate sites as it allowed us to feed and reach more of the higher needs children in the community. These were lower SES apartment areas and served a real need. The kids appreciated it and looked forward to it.</i></li> <li>• <i>I found that alot more students came to the grab and go meals than staying and sitting in the cafeteria to eat. So maybe that is some thing we can look at</i></li> <li>• <i>Drive-thru and "non-congregate" meals in the summer should always be allowed. Drastically improved access and participation. I think we will see participation crash and burn in the coming years if we go back to traditional.</i></li> <li>• <i>Non-congregate has been great! The kids love it!</i></li> <li>• <i>Letting parents pick meals up without students with them. Some parents come during their lunch break and pick up meals for their children who are at home and they deliver the food to their own children.</i></li> <li>• <i>non congregate is the key measure to keep in place although it was helpful to be able to distribute multiple meals at once. For our sites that are not located in a structure summer program - it is key to allow children to walk their meals home so they can eat inside instead of outside in the heat. That is the stigma part. Even is USDA allowed children the ability to</i></li> </ul>



		<i>transport their food home if they live within a quarter mile of the distribution site - we could make that work to reduce stigma.</i>
<i>Parent pick up</i>	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Parent Pick up and Grab and Go Meals. We have been trying to get some normality at our sites and we did a small questionnaire on weather the parents would let the kids back at our sites, and about 95% said no, they would rather do grab and go.</i></li> <li>• <i>allowing parent/guardian pickup, curbside meal service and bundled meals</i></li> <li>• <i>No Child Present for Meal Pickup--Easier for Working Parents, Non Congregate Sites--Children enjoyed being able to pick meals up and return home.</i></li> <li>• <i>Parent pick waiver</i></li> </ul>
<i>Meal bundling</i>	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>It was very beneficial to be able to bundle meals and have parent pick-up. Transportation is a big issue and being able to pick up once for the week was wonderful.</i></li> <li>• <i>When children were allowed to take meals home the participation increased and it increased even more when multiple days were sent home. It was less stressful on staff and didn't require staff for extended periods of time. That way there was more money for food cost.</i></li> </ul>
<i>More inclusive eligibility waivers</i>	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>WAIVERS were very helpful during the pandemic and right now we are having issues with to many food shortages that it's hard to keep in target with our menus.</i></li> <li>• <i>Meal pattern flexibility and OVS waived for high school grades would help make operations more efficient.</i></li> <li>• <i>Area eligibility waiver. This waiver provided us to offer free student meals at our middle school which was offering summer school, but is not, under normal circumstances, considered to be in an area eligible location.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Home delivery</i>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Delivery of summer meals to homes were very beneficial during the pandemic....</i></li> <li>• <i>We did regular SSO at school and used Meals to You for home delivery</i></li> <li>• <i>Home Deliveries</i></li> </ul>

Table 17. Final short answer question. - Any additional comments, concerns, or suggestions concerning summer meal efforts in 2021.

Theme	N	
Thank you /appreciation	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I think it is a wonderful program, I have been working with it for about 20 years.</i></li> <li>• <i>JUNCTION ISD is very grateful to the MTY Program, it has brought relief to many of our families.</i></li> <li>• <i>Our participation in summer meals would not exist if not for the help and support from Texas Hunger Initiative!</i></li> <li>• <i>The pandemic started in March of 2020. The Child Nutrition staff continued working by providing meals. Many were afraid of the virus but needed to work and although the district would pay staff to stay home, most all of the staff showed up to work because the need for food was there. By 2021, most of the Child Nutrition staff were burnt out and needed a break to rest and recharge. In March 2020, we opened up curbside feeding in extreme heat, extreme cold temperatures, and uncomfortable working conditions outside having to roll out equipment to the curbside. Please continue doing what you all do to help fight hunger insecurity. Summer meals are important to many children who do not have access to healthy nutritious meals.</i></li> </ul>
Concerns & Suggestions	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In 15 years we have never had good participation even though we average 63% Economically Disadvantaged. Enrollment 1300. Summer meal participation avg. 100.</i></li> <li>• <i>In high poverty areas I still do not believe we should have to witness a customer consuming the meal.</i></li> <li>• <i>Concerns of product being available.</i></li> <li>• <i>Our region should reach out to us at faster time</i></li> <li>• <i>Too much paperwork. people not participating in the program because they get too much money from P-EBT</i></li> <li>• <i>Staffing and supply shortages have created many challenges.</i></li> <li>• <i>Please change the menu annually or bi-annually to keep children excited about the food.</i></li> <li>• <i>Activities have to be provided and funded by another sponsor not the food sponsor. Funds are stretched with food and nonfood supplies.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The pandemic has allowed USDA to offer different options (flexibilities) to CE's and that's a good thing. This notion the kids are starving during the summer is BS. There is plenty of food options out there. What was sad was that students who may have need additional summer school help were not offered it because the adults did not want to work. I suggest that TEA have some sort of summer program that gives districts extra funds so that they can bring in education college students or uncertified teachers who are trying to get certified to work in the summer and give the regular teachers a break, while giving students additional educational options.</i></li></ul>
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## APPENDIX THREE: MULTIPLE CHOICE BY TDA REGION

Appendix Three includes the survey questions broken out by TDA Regions. Region 1 is West Texas Region; Region 2 is North Texas Region; Region 3 is Gulf Coast Region; Region 4 is South Central Region; Region 5 is Valley Region.

Table A. Did your organization serve as a summer meals sponsor in summer 2021?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Yes	52	118	77	51	39	337
	51.00%	58.40%	64.70%	65.40%	88.60%	61.80%
No	48	83	40	27	5	203
	47.10%	41.10%	33.60%	34.60%	11.40%	37.30%
I don't know	2	1	2	0	0	5
	2.00%	0.50%	1.70%	0.00%	0.00%	0.90%
Count	102	202	119	78	44	545
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table B. Which best describes your organization?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
School	94	183	114	72	39	502
	92.20%	90.60%	95.80%	92.30%	88.60%	92.10%
Nonprofit	5	16	4	4	4	33
	4.90%	7.90%	3.40%	5.10%	9.10%	6.10%
Local government	1	0	1	1	0	3
	1.00%	0.00%	0.80%	1.30%	0.00%	0.60%
Camp	1	2	0	1	0	4
	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	1.30%	0.00%	0.70%
Other	1	1	0	0	1	3
	1.00%	0.50%	0.00%	0.00%	2.30%	0.60%
Count	102	202	119	78	44	545
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table C. Which federal program do you utilize to administer the summer meals program?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	23	33	16	16	7	95
	46.0%	28.4%	21.3%	34.0%	18.4%	29.1%
Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	25	82	56	28	31	222
	50.0%	70.7%	74.7%	59.6%	81.6%	68.1%
I don't know	2	1	3	3	0	9
	4.0%	0.9%	4.0%	6.4%	0.0%	2.8%
Count	50	116	75	47	38	326
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table D Please select the Summer Food Service Program and Summer Option Waivers (Federal) which your organization used in your feeding programs this year (2021). (select all that apply)

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Meal Times	13	25	32	12	20	102
	26.0%	21.6%	42.7%	25.5%	52.6%	31.3%
Non-congregate Feeding	18	42	41	26	25	152
	36.0%	36.2%	54.7%	55.3%	65.8%	46.6%
Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver	6	16	21	13	13	69
	12.0%	13.8%	28.0%	27.7%	34.2%	21.2%
Nationwide Parent/Guardian meal Pickup Waiver	18	31	33	23	24	129
	36.0%	26.7%	44.0%	48.9%	63.2%	39.6%
Nationwide Waivers of child Nutrition Monitoring	5	8	8	4	8	33
	10.0%	6.9%	10.7%	8.5%	21.1%	10.1%
SFSP/SSO Area Eligibility Waiver	5	24	16	11	8	64
	10.0%	20.7%	21.3%	23.4%	21.1%	19.6%
SFSP/SSO Extension	5	22	16	8	6	57
	10.0%	19.0%	21.3%	17.0%	15.8%	17.5%
60 Day Reporting requirement Waiver	0	0	1	1	1	3
	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	2.1%	2.6%	0.9%
SFSP/SSO Meal Service Times (Regular Summer)	11	32	21	21	16	101
	22.0%	27.6%	28.0%	44.7%	42.1%	31.0%
SFSP/SSO Closed Enrolled Sites (Regular Summer)	9	25	12	7	9	62
	18.0%	21.6%	16.0%	14.9%	23.7%	19.0%
SFSP Offer Versus Service (Regular Summer)	5	9	5	5	4	28
	10.0%	7.8%	6.7%	10.6%	10.5%	8.6%
SFSP First Week Site Visits (Regular Summer)	6	16	8	4	4	38

	12.0%	13.8%	10.7%	8.5%	10.5%	11.7%
Pre-approval Flexibility	3	4	4	1	3	15
	6.0%	3.5%	5.3%	2.1%	7.9%	4.6%
Other	3	1	3	0	2	9
	6.0%	0.9%	4.0%	0.0%	5.3%	2.8%
I don't know	6	7	7	4	2	26
	12.0%	6.0%	9.3%	8.5%	5.3%	8.0%
None	6	17	6	2	3	34
	12.0%	14.7%	8.0%	4.3%	7.9%	10.4%
Count	50	116	75	47	38	326

Table E. Are most of your sites located in rural or urban areas?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Most sites located in rural areas	37	59	44	23	18	181
	74.0%	51.3%	58.7%	48.9%	47.4%	55.7%
Most sites located in urban areas	9	40	26	17	9	101
	18.0%	34.8%	34.7%	36.2%	23.7%	31.1%
An even mix of sites in both rural and urban areas	2	13	3	5	9	32
	4.0%	11.3%	4.0%	10.6%	23.7%	9.8%
Don't Know	2	3	2	2	2	11
	4.0%	2.6%	2.7%	4.3%	5.3%	3.4%
Count	50	115	75	47	38	325
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table F. How long has your organization served as a summer meals sponsor?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 year	2	7	3	3	3	18
	4.0%	6.1%	4.0%	6.4%	7.9%	5.5%
2-3 years	7	12	7	4	3	33
	14.0%	10.4%	9.3%	8.5%	7.9%	10.2%
4-5 years	0	9	7	3	5	24
	0.0%	7.8%	9.3%	6.4%	13.2%	7.4%
6-10 years	7	30	9	11	7	64
	14.0%	26.1%	12.0%	23.4%	18.4%	19.7%
11-15 years	3	14	10	5	2	34
	6.0%	12.2%	13.3%	10.6%	5.3%	10.5%
16-20 years	8	11	6	1	4	30
	16.0%	9.6%	8.0%	2.1%	10.5%	9.2%

More than 20 years	14	17	19	11	14	75
	28.0%	14.8%	25.3%	23.4%	36.8%	23.1%
I don't know	9	15	14	9	0	47
	18.0%	13.0%	18.7%	19.1%	0.0%	14.5%
Count	50	115	75	47	38	325
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table G. Do you also sponsor an afterschool meal program offered through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) at some point during the year?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Yes	10	37	27	18	25	117
	20.0%	32.2%	36.0%	38.3%	65.8%	36.0%
No, but we would like to in the future	7	12	10	8	6	43
	14.0%	10.4%	13.3%	17.0%	15.8%	13.2%
No, we are not interested in offering this	33	65	36	20	7	161
	66.0%	56.5%	48.0%	42.6%	18.4%	49.5%
I don't know	0	1	2	1	0	4
	0.0%	0.9%	2.7%	2.1%	0.0%	65.90%
Count	50	115	75	47	38	325
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	164.7%

Table H. How many Summer Meals sites did you operate during the summer 2021?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 to 6	42	98	58	38	27	263
	87.5%	86.7%	80.6%	86.4%	71.1%	83.5%
7 to 12	1	7	7	2	3	20
	2.1%	6.2%	9.7%	4.5%	7.9%	6.3%
13 to 20	2	3	3	0	1	9
	4.2%	2.7%	4.2%	0.0%	2.6%	2.9%
More than 20	3	5	4	4	7	23
	6.3%	4.4%	5.6%	9.1%	18.4%	7.3%
Count	48	113	72	44	38	315
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table I How did the number of summer meals sites in 2021 compare to 2020?

TDA Region						
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	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Increased	7	34	28	10	13	92
	14.3%	29.6%	37.8%	21.3%	34.2%	28.5%
Stayed the same	23	39	20	15	12	109
	46.9%	33.9%	27.0%	31.9%	31.6%	33.7%
Decreased	17	32	23	19	10	101
	34.7%	27.8%	31.1%	40.4%	26.3%	31.3%
I don't know	2	10	3	3	3	21
	4.1%	8.7%	4.1%	6.4%	7.9%	6.5%
Count	49	115	74	47	38	323
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table J. In your opinion, what contributed to the decline in number of sites? (Select all that apply.)

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Lack of participations at sites	8	19	14	10	3	54
	47.10%	59.40%	60.90%	52.60%	30.00%	53.50%
Lack of adequate funding	0	2	0	1	1	4
	0.00%	6.30%	0.00%	5.30%	10.00%	4.00%
Lack of staff	3	7	8	2	3	23
	17.70%	21.90%	34.80%	10.50%	30.00%	22.80%
Transportation issues	2	8	3	3	2	18
	11.80%	25.00%	13.00%	15.80%	20.00%	17.80%
Construction/facility issues	1	1	0	2	1	5
	5.90%	3.10%	0.00%	10.50%	10.00%	5.00%
Local/state COVID restrictions	1	9	6	3	6	25
	5.90%	28.10%	26.10%	15.80%	60.00%	24.80%
Other	2	7	4	4	2	19
	11.80%	21.90%	17.40%	21.10%	20.00%	18.80%
I don't know	2	1	2	0	1	6
	11.80%	3.10%	8.70%	0.00%	10.00%	5.90%
Count	17	32	23	19	10	101

Table K Overall how did your organization's ADP (average daily participation) in 2021 compare to 2020?

TDA Region
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	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Increased	8	31	25	15	16	95
	16.3%	27.0%	33.8%	31.9%	42.1%	29.4%
Stayed about the same	14	29	16	10	12	81
	28.6%	25.2%	21.6%	21.3%	31.6%	25.1%
Decreased	26	43	29	20	6	124
	53.1%	37.4%	39.2%	42.6%	15.8%	38.4%
I don't know	1	12	4	2	4	23
	2.0%	10.4%	5.4%	4.3%	10.5%	7.1%
Count	49	115	74	47	38	323
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table L. In your opinion, what contributed to the decrease in ADP (average daily participation)? (Select all that apply)?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Weather (e.g. flooding or heat)	0	1	0	0	0	1
	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%
Food quality	0	1	0	1	0	2
	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	1.6%
Timing of meal service	0	1	1	2	0	4
	0.0%	2.3%	3.5%	10.0%	0.0%	3.2%
Change in type of meals served at site	3	3	2	0	1	9
	11.5%	7.0%	6.9%	0.0%	16.7%	7.3%
limited or lack of activities offered at site	0	0	4	2	0	6
	0.0%	0.0%	13.8%	10.0%	0.0%	4.8%
Lack of awareness	0	2	0	0	1	3
	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	2.4%
Children/families are aware of program, but choose not to participate (e.g. fear of deportation, aren't familiar with org/staff, parents want children to stay home, etc.)	2	6	5	3	2	18
	7.7%	14.0%	17.2%	15.0%	33.3%	14.5%
Drop in summer school enrollment	2	8	6	5	2	23
	7.7%	18.6%	20.7%	25.0%	33.3%	18.6%
Fewer sites are operating	1	4	5	4	0	14
	3.9%	9.3%	17.2%	20.0%	0.0%	11.3%
Operating fewer days during the summer	1	5	3	4	0	13
	3.9%	11.6%	10.3%	20.0%	0.0%	10.5%

Transportation/accessibility of site	4	10	4	6	1	25
	15.4%	23.3%	13.8%	30.0%	16.7%	20.2%
Reduced need due to other funding (P-EBT, Child Tax Credit, unemployment benefits, etc)	8	18	16	8	5	55
	30.8%	41.9%	55.2%	40.0%	83.3%	44.4%
Local/state COVID restrictions	2	8	6	5	0	21
	7.7%	18.6%	20.7%	25.0%	0.0%	16.9%
Other	3	8	3	3	1	18
	11.5%	18.6%	10.3%	15.0%	16.7%	14.5%
I don't know	7	3	1	2	0	13
	26.9%	7.0%	3.5%	10.0%	0.0%	10.5%
Count	26	43	29	20	6	124

Table M. In your opinion, what contributed to the increase in ADP (average daily participation)? (Select all that apply)

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
More operating sites	1	5	4	2	3	15
	12.5%	16.1%	16.0%	13.3%	18.8%	15.8%
Introduction of different delivery methods (e.g. mobile meals)	0	5	2	2	6	15
	0.0%	16.1%	8.0%	13.3%	37.5%	15.8%
Bundled meals option	2	9	10	6	8	35
	25.0%	29.0%	40.0%	40.0%	50.0%	36.8%
Increased days of service	1	6	5	3	2	17
	12.5%	19.4%	20.0%	20.0%	12.5%	17.9%
Increased summer school enrollment	4	10	12	7	3	36
	50.0%	32.3%	48.0%	46.7%	18.8%	37.9%
Effective marketing	0	3	3	1	3	10
	0.0%	9.7%	12.0%	6.7%	18.8%	10.5%
Improved food quality	0	4	3	0	3	10
	0.0%	12.9%	12.0%	0.0%	18.8%	10.5%
Improved programming	0	1	2	2	5	10
	0.0%	3.2%	8.0%	13.3%	31.3%	10.5%
Additional waivers not used last year	1	6	4	5	4	20
	12.5%	19.4%	16.0%	33.3%	25.0%	21.1%

Accommodating service times	2	6	4	1	9	22
	25.0%	19.4%	16.0%	6.7%	56.3%	23.2%

Increased economies of scale (i.e. sponsor fiscally able to provide more meals)	0	1	2	0	1	4
	0.0%	3.2%	8.0%	0.0%	6.3%	4.2%
Increased need due to COVID	3	15	11	6	13	48
	37.5%	48.4%	44.0%	40.0%	81.3%	50.5%
Other	0	5	1	1	0	7
	0.0%	16.1%	4.0%	6.7%	0.0%	7.4%
I don't know	0	0	0	1	0	1
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	1.1%
Count	8	31	25	15	16	95

Table N. Overall, how did your organization's total number of meals reimbursed in 2021 compare to 2020?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Increased	10	39	31	16	15	111
	20.4%	34.2%	41.9%	34.0%	39.5%	34.5%
Stayed about the same	16	20	15	8	7	66
	32.7%	17.5%	20.3%	17.0%	18.4%	20.5%
Decreased	22	42	24	18	11	117
	44.9%	36.8%	32.4%	38.3%	29.0%	36.3%
I don't know	1	13	4	5	5	28
	2.0%	11.4%	5.4%	10.6%	13.2%	8.7%
Count	49	114	74	47	38	322
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table O. Were any of the following challenges for your program during summer 2021? (Select all that apply.)

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Amount of reimbursement	5	4	1	4	5	19
	10.20%	3.60%	1.40%	8.70%	13.50%	6.00%
Filing paperwork	4	5	4	2	2	17
	8.20%	4.50%	5.60%	4.40%	5.40%	5.40%
Marketing/community awareness	2	7	4	4	2	19
	4.10%	6.30%	5.60%	8.70%	5.40%	6.00%
Drop in participation after summer school ends	13	30	21	15	17	96
	26.50%	26.80%	29.20%	32.60%	46.00%	30.40%
Low participation by children	22	43	29	18	15	127
	44.90%	38.40%	40.30%	39.10%	40.50%	40.20%

Transportation	5	12	9	6	7	39
	10.20%	10.70%	12.50%	13.00%	18.90%	12.30%
Insufficient funds to cover costs of meals	0	6	2	6	5	19
	0.00%	5.40%	2.80%	13.00%	13.50%	6.00%
Insufficient staff capacity to serve meals	6	26	8	9	9	58
	12.20%	23.20%	11.10%	19.60%	24.30%	18.40%
Unable to successfully transport meals to sites	0	4	2	1	2	9
	0.00%	3.60%	2.80%	2.20%	5.40%	2.90%
Unable to provide quality meals	1	0	1	1	3	6
	2.00%	0.00%	1.40%	2.20%	8.10%	1.90%
Unable to get enough sites to serve meals	0	0	3	2	1	6
(Table O Continued)						
	0.00%	0.00%	4.20%	4.40%	2.70%	1.90%
Health Department policies	0	2	0	0	0	2
	0.00%	1.80%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.60%
Precuring menu items (to comply with meal patterns)	7	15	9	6	12	49
	14.30%	13.40%	12.50%	13.00%	32.40%	15.50%
Covering expenses related to new methods of meal distribution	3	10	11	6	11	41
	6.10%	8.90%	15.30%	13.00%	29.70%	13.00%
Aquiring PPE (e.g. masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.) for meal service	1	7	2	2	3	15
	2.00%	6.30%	2.80%	4.40%	8.10%	4.80%
Lack of information about safety protocols related to COVID	0	0	3	2	1	6
	0.00%	0.00%	4.20%	4.40%	2.70%	1.90%
Other	1	6	3	5	1	16
	2.00%	5.40%	4.20%	10.90%	2.70%	5.10%
We did not experience any challenges	13	26	22	12	5	78
	26.50%	23.20%	30.60%	26.10%	13.50%	24.70%
Count	49	112	72	46	37	316

Table P. In summer 2021, did your program pay for itself or did it require additional funds outside of Texas Department of Agriculture's meal reimbursements to operate?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total

Paid for itself	17	61	41	21	19	159
	34.7%	54.5%	56.9%	45.7%	51.4%	50.3%
Required additional funds	18	33	22	17	13	103
	36.7%	29.5%	30.6%	37.0%	35.1%	32.6%
I don't know	14	18	9	8	5	54
	28.6%	16.1%	12.5%	17.4%	13.5%	17.1%
Count	49	112	72	46	37	316
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table Q. What was the source of the additional funds? (Select all that apply.)

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Individual donors	2	3	1	2	1	9
	11.1%	9.1%	4.6%	11.8%	7.7%	8.7%
School General Fund	13	19	10	9	6	57
	72.2%	57.6%	45.5%	52.9%	46.2%	55.3%
Nutrition Department Funds	3	5	9	3	3	23
	16.7%	15.2%	40.9%	17.7%	23.1%	22.3%
Funding from other programs within your organization	0	4	2	1	1	8
	0.0%	12.1%	9.1%	5.9%	7.7%	7.8%
Grants	0	3	0	2	0	5
	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	11.8%	0.0%	4.9%
Other	1	2	1	0	2	6
	5.6%	6.1%	4.6%	0.0%	15.4%	5.8%
I don't know	1	2	1	1	1	6
	5.6%	6.1%	4.6%	5.9%	7.7%	5.8%
Count	18	33	22	17	13	103

Table R. Please rate the following aspects of your summer meals experience during summer 2021.

TDA Region						
Process for claim reimbursement	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Extremely negative	0	1	0	0	0	1
	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%

Somewhat negative	1	1	4	1	0	7
	2.3%	1.0%	5.9%	2.6%	0.0%	2.4%
Neither positive nor negative	7	20	14	9	8	58
	15.9%	19.6%	20.6%	23.1%	22.9%	20.1%
Somewhat positive	15	15	17	13	10	70
	34.1%	14.7%	25.0%	33.3%	28.6%	24.3%
Extremely positive	21	65	33	16	17	152
	47.7%	63.7%	48.5%	41.0%	48.6%	52.8%
Count	44	102	68	39	35	288
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Technical assistance by state agency	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Extremely negative	1	0	1	2	1	5
	2.5%	0.0%	1.6%	5.6%	2.9%	1.9%
Somewhat negative	3	3	1	1	2	10
	7.5%	3.2%	1.6%	2.8%	5.9%	3.8%
Neither positive nor negative	8	23	12	8	4	55
	20.0%	24.5%	19.7%	22.2%	11.8%	20.8%
Somewhat positive	7	25	16	15	9	72
	17.5%	26.6%	26.2%	41.7%	26.5%	27.2%
Extremely positive	21	43	31	10	18	123
	52.5%	45.7%	50.8%	27.8%	52.9%	46.4%
Count	40	94	61	36	34	265
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Assistance or training before application	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Extremely negative	0	0	0	0	1	1
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.5%
Somewhat negative	2	0	0	0	1	3
	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	1.5%
Neither positive nor negative	9	26	16	7	6	64
	30.0%	38.2%	33.3%	24.1%	20.0%	31.2%
Somewhat positive	5	13	13	11	12	54
	16.7%	19.1%	27.1%	37.9%	40.0%	26.3%
Extremely positive	14	29	19	11	10	83
	46.7%	42.6%	39.6%	37.9%	33.3%	40.5%
Count	30	68	48	29	30	205
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Application process	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Extremely negative	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%

Somewhat negative	1	5	1	1	1	9
	2.5%	5.5%	1.7%	2.7%	3.1%	3.5%
Neither positive nor negative	9	23	18	8	5	63
	22.5%	25.3%	30.0%	21.6%	15.6%	24.2%
Somewhat positive	9	25	18	16	12	80
	22.5%	27.5%	30.0%	43.2%	37.5%	30.8%
Extremely positive	20	38	23	12	14	107
	50.0%	41.8%	38.3%	32.4%	43.8%	41.2%
Count	40	91	60	37	32	260
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table S. Approximately how many days did you serve meals in summer 2021?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
10 or fewer	0	0	0	0	1	1
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	0.3%
11–25	12	26	25	13	3	79
	25.0%	23.9%	35.2%	28.9%	8.3%	25.6%
26–39	24	45	27	16	14	126
	50.0%	41.3%	38.0%	35.6%	38.9%	40.8%
40–55	6	16	7	7	1	37
	12.5%	18.4%	11.3%	22.2%	27.8%	17.5%
56–69	1	10	3	3	4	21
	2.1%	9.2%	4.2%	6.7%	11.1%	6.8%
70 or more	4	6	4	2	4	20
	8.3%	5.5%	5.6%	4.4%	11.1%	6.5%
I don't know	1	2	4	1	0	8
	2.1%	1.8%	5.6%	2.2%	0.0%	2.6%
Count	48	109	71	45	36	309
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table T. What type of meals did you serve in summer 2021? (Select all that apply.)

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Breakfast	34	100	69	41	34	278
	70.8%	91.7%	97.2%	91.1%	94.4%	90.0%
AM Snack	2	1	0	1	1	5
	4.2%	0.9%	0.0%	2.2%	2.8%	1.6%

Lunch	47	105	71	45	36	304
	97.9%	96.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.4%
PM Snack	4	11	4	4	5	28
	8.3%	10.1%	5.6%	8.9%	13.9%	9.1%
Dinner	1	9	2	5	8	25
	2.1%	8.3%	2.8%	11.1%	22.2%	8.1%
Count	48	109	71	45	36	309

Table U. What is your meal preparation method?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Vended	1	6	7	5	0	19
	2.1%	5.5%	9.9%	11.1%	0.0%	6.2%
Self Prep	43	97	62	37	32	271
	89.6%	89.0%	87.3%	82.2%	88.9%	87.7%
Combination of vended and self prep	1	4	2	3	4	14
	2.1%	3.7%	2.8%	6.7%	11.1%	4.5%
I don't know	3	2	0	0	0	5
	6.3%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
Count	48	109	71	45	36	309
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



Table V. Overall, how satisfied were you with your vendor?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Extremely satisfied	0	7	4	2	2	15
	0.0%	70.0%	44.4%	25.0%	50.0%	45.5%
Somewhat satisfied	0	2	4	4	1	11
	0.0%	20.0%	44.4%	50.0%	25.0%	33.3%
Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	2	0	1	1	1	5
	100.0%	0.0%	11.1%	12.5%	25.0%	15.2%
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	1	0	1	0	2
	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	6.1%
Count	2	10	9	8	4	33
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table W. Where do you obtain the food? (Select all that apply.)

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Co-op	17	29	32	13	18	109
	38.6%	29.0%	50.0%	32.5%	50.0%	38.4%
School leftovers	9	20	16	8	5	58
	20.5%	20.0%	25.0%	20.0%	13.9%	20.4%
Approved vendors (Labatt, Sysco, etc.)	38	87	50	35	32	242
	86.4%	87.0%	78.1%	87.5%	88.9%	85.2%
Warehouse markets (Sam's, COSTCO..)	3	13	1	0	5	22
	6.8%	13.0%	1.6%	0.0%	13.9%	7.7%
Other grocery retailers	6	7	3	0	5	21
	13.6%	7.0%	4.7%	0.0%	13.9%	7.4%
Other	3	4	1	1	1	10
	6.8%	4.0%	1.6%	2.5%	2.8%	3.5%
Count	44	100	64	40	36	284

Table X. Approximately how many staff or volunteers do you require for the following?

TDA Region						
Delivering food	1	2	3	4	5	Total
0-5	36	83	56	34	23	232
	83.7%	85.6%	87.5%	77.3%	65.7%	82.0%
6-10	5	9	4	7	5	30
	11.6%	9.3%	6.3%	15.9%	14.3%	10.6%
More than 10	2	5	4	3	7	21
	4.7%	5.2%	6.3%	6.8%	20.0%	7.4%
Count	43	97	64	44	35	283
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table Y. Approximately how many staff or volunteers do you require for the following?

TDA Region						
Monitoring Sites	1	2	3	4	5	Total
0-5	40	92	63	38	29	262
	85.1%	87.6%	91.3%	86.4%	80.6%	87.0%
6-10	5	9	3	4	5	26
	10.6%	8.6%	4.3%	9.1%	13.9%	8.6%
More than 10	2	4	3	2	2	13
	4.3%	3.8%	4.3%	4.5%	5.6%	4.3%
Count	47	105	69	44	36	301
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table Z. What transportation is necessary within your organization to obtain the meals? (Select all that apply.)

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Vendor delivery to a central kitchen then distribution by sponsor	3	6	4	1	6	20
	6.3%	5.6%	5.6%	2.2%	16.7%	6.5%
Vendor delivery to a central kitchen then pick up by sites	1	2	2	0	2	7
	2.1%	1.9%	2.8%	0.0%	5.6%	2.3%
Vendor delivers directly to site	12	40	31	20	11	114
	25.0%	37.0%	43.7%	44.4%	30.6%	37.0%
Sponsor prepares and delivers to sites	5	16	10	7	12	50
	10.4%	14.8%	14.1%	15.6%	33.3%	16.2%
Sponsor prepares meals and sites pick up	2	3	2	3	4	14
	4.2%	2.8%	2.8%	6.7%	11.1%	4.6%
No transportation needed (prep on site)	27	52	30	19	12	140
	56.3%	48.2%	42.3%	42.2%	33.3%	45.5%
Other	3	1	1	0	1	6
	6.3%	0.9%	1.4%	0.0%	2.8%	2.0%
I don't know	3	4	1	0	1	9
	6.3%	3.7%	1.4%	0.0%	2.8%	2.9%
Count	48	108	71	45	36	308

Table A.A.1. How many of your sites provide the following services?

TDA Region						
Activities for Children	1	2	3	4	5	Total
None	22	35	27	15	8	107
	45.80%	32.40%	39.10%	33.30%	22.20%	35.00%
Some	7	17	15	9	3	51
	14.60%	15.70%	21.70%	20.00%	8.30%	16.70%
Most	0	6	5	1	7	19
	0.00%	5.60%	7.30%	2.20%	19.40%	6.20%
All	14	42	21	17	14	108
	29.20%	38.90%	30.40%	37.80%	38.90%	35.30%
I don't Know	5	8	1	3	4	21
	10.40%	7.40%	1.50%	6.70%	11.10%	6.90%
Count	48	108	69	45	36	306
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Transportation	1	2	3	4	5	Total
None	29	58	34	22	11	154
	60.40%	53.70%	49.30%	48.90%	30.60%	50.30%
Some	5	10	8	8	7	38
	10.40%	9.30%	11.60%	17.80%	19.40%	12.40%
Most	1	0	7	4	3	15
	2.10%	0.00%	10.10%	8.90%	8.30%	4.90%
All	9	33	18	10	13	83
	18.80%	30.60%	26.10%	22.20%	36.10%	27.10%
I don't Know	4	7	2	1	2	16
	8.30%	6.50%	2.90%	2.20%	5.60%	5.20%
Count	48	108	69	45	36	306
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Incentives for Participa- tion	1	2	3	4	5	Total
None	32	64	49	29	15	189
	66.70%	59.30%	71.00%	64.40%	41.70%	61.80%
Some	5	10	7	1	7	30
	10.40%	9.30%	10.10%	2.20%	19.40%	9.80%
Most	1	2	2	2	3	10
	2.10%	1.90%	2.90%	4.40%	8.30%	3.30%
All	3	15	2	3	7	30
	6.30%	13.90%	2.90%	6.70%	19.40%	9.80%
I don't Know	7	17	9	10	4	47
	14.60%	15.70%	13.00%	22.20%	11.10%	15.40%
Count	48	108	69	45	36	306
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Table A.A.2. How many of your sites provide the following services?

TDA Region						
Outreach for Serv-ices (e.g. SNAP)	1	2	3	4	5	Total
None	24	48	34	22	10	138
	50.00%	44.40%	49.30%	48.90%	27.80%	45.10%
Some	5	11	12	6	4	38
	10.40%	10.20%	17.40%	13.30%	11.10%	12.40%
Most	0	3	3	3	2	11

	0.00%	2.80%	4.40%	6.70%	5.60%	3.60%
All	11	25	12	3	13	64
	22.90%	23.20%	17.40%	6.70%	36.10%	20.90%
I don't know	8	21	8	11	7	55
	16.70%	19.40%	11.60%	24.40%	19.40%	18.00%
Count	48	108	69	45	36	306
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Grab and Go Pick-up Options	1	2	3	4	5	Total
None	24	38	21	15	3	101
	50.00%	35.20%	30.40%	33.30%	8.30%	33.00%
Some	2	16	10	8	2	38
	4.20%	14.80%	14.50%	17.80%	5.60%	12.40%
Most	4	7	8	5	4	28
	8.30%	6.50%	11.60%	11.10%	11.10%	9.20%
All	15	46	28	17	26	132
	31.30%	42.60%	40.60%	37.80%	72.20%	43.10%
I don't know	3	1	2	0	1	7
	6.30%	0.90%	2.90%	0.00%	2.80%	2.30%
Count	48	108	69	45	36	306
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Additional Food Sent Home	1	2	3	4	5	Total
None	35	81	48	35	22	221
	72.90%	75.00%	69.60%	77.80%	61.10%	72.20%
Some	2	6	3	4	3	18
	4.20%	5.60%	4.40%	8.90%	8.30%	5.90%
Most	2	1	2	1	0	6
	4.20%	0.90%	2.90%	2.20%	0.00%	2.00%
All	6	17	11	3	10	47
	12.50%	15.70%	15.90%	6.70%	27.80%	15.40%
I don't know	3	3	5	2	1	14
	6.30%	2.80%	7.30%	4.40%	2.80%	4.60%
Count	48	108	69	45	36	306
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Meals Offered to Parents for a Fee	1	2	3	4	5	Total

None	36	94	55	39	31	255
	75.00%	87.00%	79.70%	86.70%	86.10%	83.30%
Some	1	1	4	0	0	6
	2.10%	0.90%	5.80%	0.00%	0.00%	2.00%
Most	0	1	0	0	0	1
	0.00%	0.90%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.30%
All	10	10	5	5	4	34
	20.80%	9.30%	7.30%	11.10%	11.10%	11.10%
I don't know	1	2	5	1	1	10
	2.10%	1.90%	7.30%	2.20%	2.80%	3.30%
Count	48	108	69	45	36	306
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Meals Offered to Parents at a Paid Rate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
None	32	72	46	28	24	202
	66.70%	66.70%	66.70%	62.20%	66.70%	66.00%
Some	2	8	3	4	2	19
	4.20%	7.40%	4.40%	8.90%	5.60%	6.20%
Most	0	2	0	1	1	4
	0.00%	1.90%	0.00%	2.20%	2.80%	1.30%
All	10	23	16	10	8	67
	20.80%	21.30%	23.20%	22.20%	22.20%	21.90%
I don't know	4	3	4	2	1	14
	8.30%	2.80%	5.80%	4.40%	2.80%	4.60%
Count	48	108	69	45	36	306
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Table A.B. What specific types of support might help your program? (Select all that apply.)

TDA Region						
Funding for activities	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	12	40	26	18	20	116
Transportation for children	25.5%	37.0%	37.7%	40.0%	55.6%	38.0%
	12	33	18	10	12	85
Transportation for meals	25.5%	30.6%	26.1%	22.2%	33.3%	27.9%
	11	15	21	10	15	72
Increased # of volunteers	23.4%	13.9%	30.4%	22.2%	41.7%	23.6%
	9	24	8	12	7	60
Access to facilities	19.2%	22.2%	11.6%	26.7%	19.4%	19.7%
	1	5	3	1	6	16
New equipment for meal service	2.1%	4.6%	4.4%	2.2%	16.7%	5.3%
	14	32	28	14	21	109
Greater selection of vendors	29.8%	29.6%	40.6%	31.1%	58.3%	35.7%
	4	9	9	7	7	36
Promotional materials/marketing/out-reach	8.5%	8.3%	13.0%	15.6%	19.4%	11.8%
	8	32	15	10	17	82
Other	17.0%	29.6%	21.7%	22.2%	47.2%	26.9%
	3	0	3	1	1	8
None	6.4%	0.0%	4.4%	2.2%	2.8%	2.6%
	14	23	11	12	3	63
Count	29.8%	21.3%	15.9%	26.7%	8.3%	20.7%
	47	108	69	45	36	305

Table A.C. Which of the following forms of advertisement did your organization use in 2021?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Television	3	0	4	2	4	13
	6.4%	0.0%	5.8%	4.4%	11.1%	4.3%
Radio	18	9	9	6	3	45
	38.3%	8.3%	13.0%	13.3%	8.3%	14.8%
Newspaper	31	37	34	27	16	145
	66.0%	34.3%	49.3%	60.0%	44.4%	47.5%
Social Media	40	95	62	43	35	275
	85.1%	88.0%	89.9%	95.6%	97.2%	90.2%
Neighborhood Flyers	18	49	28	20	20	135
	38.3%	45.4%	40.6%	44.4%	55.6%	44.3%
Door Hangers	8	19	8	7	11	53

	17.0%	17.6%	11.6%	15.6%	30.6%	17.4%
Direct Mails	5	6	6	5	5	27
	10.6%	5.6%	8.7%	11.1%	13.9%	8.9%
Billboards	4	5	2	3	2	16
	8.5%	4.6%	2.9%	6.7%	5.6%	5.3%
Collaboration with schools	26	69	53	29	23	200
	55.3%	63.9%	76.8%	64.4%	63.9%	65.6%
Telephone recruitments of parents	6	5	9	5	10	35
	12.8%	4.6%	13.0%	11.1%	27.8%	11.5%
Other	4	11	12	8	2	37
	8.5%	10.2%	17.4%	17.8%	5.6%	12.1%
None	1	2	0	1	0	4
	2.1%	1.9%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	1.3%
Count	47	108	69	45	36	305
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table A.D. Compared to 2020, how did the frequency of the following items change in 2021?

TDA Region						
Number of administrative reviews	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Fewer	7	11	8	4	4	34
	14.9%	10.2%	11.6%	8.9%	11.1%	11.2%
Same	17	33	28	14	16	108
	36.2%	30.6%	40.6%	31.1%	44.4%	35.4%
More	5	16	9	10	5	45
	10.6%	14.8%	13.0%	22.2%	13.9%	14.8%
N/A	16	34	19	11	6	86
	34.0%	31.5%	27.5%	24.4%	16.7%	28.2%
I don't know	2	14	5	6	5	32
	4.3%	13.0%	7.3%	13.3%	13.9%	10.5%
Count	47	108	69	45	36	305
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Number of site visits	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Fewer	9	12	8	7	3	39
	19.2%	11.1%	11.6%	15.6%	8.3%	12.8%
Same	25	52	40	24	20	161
	53.2%	48.2%	58.0%	53.3%	55.6%	52.8%



More	2	6	6	4	4	22
	4.3%	5.6%	8.7%	8.9%	11.1%	7.2%
N/A	9	25	10	7	3	54
	19.2%	23.2%	14.5%	15.6%	8.3%	17.7%
I don't know	2	13	5	3	6	29
	4.3%	12.0%	7.3%	6.7%	16.7%	9.5%
Count	47	108	69	45	36	305
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Number of disallowed meals	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Fewer	5	8	5	7	5	30
	10.6%	7.4%	7.3%	15.6%	13.9%	9.8%
Same	13	21	19	3	4	60
	27.7%	19.4%	27.5%	6.7%	11.1%	19.7%
More	1	2	3	2	1	9
	2.1%	1.9%	4.4%	4.4%	2.8%	3.0%
N/A	19	55	33	24	19	150
	40.4%	50.9%	47.8%	53.3%	52.8%	49.2%
I don't know	9	22	9	9	7	56
	19.2%	20.4%	13.0%	20.0%	19.4%	18.4%
Count	47	108	69	45	36	305
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table A.E. Overall how would you rate your satisfaction using the summer meals program during summer 2021?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Very satisfied	14	26	14	11	16	81
	30.4%	24.1%	20.3%	24.4%	44.4%	26.6%
Satisfied	22	56	41	25	16	160
	47.8%	51.9%	59.4%	55.6%	44.4%	52.6%
Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	6	21	11	8	4	50
	13.0%	19.4%	15.9%	17.8%	11.1%	16.4%
Unsatisfied	3	5	3	1	0	12
	6.5%	4.6%	4.3%	2.2%	0.0%	3.9%
Very Unsatisfied	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Count	46	108	69	45	36	304
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table A.F This year some families received both P-EBT and the child tax credit. Do you believe these programs decreased summer food insecurity in your area?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Yes, P-EBT has	4	6	4	3	5	22
	8.5%	5.6%	5.8%	6.8%	13.9%	7.3%
Yes, child tax has	0	2	2	0	0	4
	0.0%	1.9%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
Yes both have	13	32	31	23	21	120
	27.7%	29.9%	44.9%	52.3%	58.3%	39.6%
No, We saw the same amount of need in our area	17	33	23	7	8	88
	36.2%	30.8%	33.3%	15.9%	22.2%	29.0%
I don't know	13	34	9	11	2	69
	27.7%	31.8%	13.0%	25.0%	5.6%	22.8%
Count	47	107	69	44	36	303
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table A.G.1 Are you currently connected with a Texas Hunger Initiative regional staff person?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Yes	13	16	22	8	3	62
	27.7%	14.8%	31.9%	17.8%	8.3%	20.3%
No	28	78	39	26	22	193
	59.6%	72.2%	56.5%	57.8%	61.1%	63.3%
We are not currently, but have communicated with THI staff in the past	6	14	8	11	11	50
	12.8%	13.0%	11.6%	24.4%	30.6%	16.4%
Count	47	108	69	45	36	305
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table A.G.2 Did you receive support of any kind from THI Regional staff regarding your summer meal efforts in 2021?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Yes	8	10	19	3	3	43
	17.0%	9.3%	27.5%	6.7%	8.3%	14.1%
No	31	82	41	33	25	212
	66.0%	75.9%	59.4%	73.3%	69.4%	69.5%
I don't know	8	16	9	9	8	50
	17.0%	14.8%	13.0%	20.0%	22.2%	16.4%
Count	47	108	69	45	36	305
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table A.H. How helpful were THI staff regarding summer meals efforts in 2021?

TDA Region						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Extremely helpful	5	7	12	2	1	27
	62.5%	70.0%	63.2%	66.7%	33.3%	62.8%
Moderately helpful	2	3	3	1	0	9
	25.0%	30.0%	15.8%	33.3%	0.0%	20.9%
Neutral	1	0	2	0	1	4
	12.5%	0.0%	10.5%	0.0%	33.3%	9.3%
Extremely unhelpful	0	0	2	0	1	3
	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%	0.0%	33.3%	7.0%
Count	8	10	19	3	3	43
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%