

**FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PARTICIPATION IN THE
WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
1993-2003**

The percentage of all students who participate in the free or reduced-price lunch (FRL) program varies for elementary, middle, and high schools. Despite the differences across school levels, the percentage of students within each grade receiving FRL has remained fairly constant during a decade of steady enrollment growth: around 25% for elementary, 20% for middle, and 11% for high (with a slight increase in the past two years). It is important to note that the data for this report came from the information available in October of each year, while other reports may use data from other times in the year.

**Figure 1
Percentage of Students Receiving FRL over 10 Years**

	Elementary	Middle	High
1993-94	25%	20%	12%
1994-95	25%	21%	13%
1995-96	24%	19%	11%
1996-97	25%	19%	11%
1997-98	25%	21%	12%
1998-99	24%	20%	11%
1999-00	23%	19%	10%
2000-01	25%	21%	11%
2001-02	27%	22%	12%
2002-03	27%	23%	13%

As illustrated by Figure 2, elementary schools consistently have a higher percentage of students on FRL than middle schools, which consistently have a higher percentage than high schools. Due to these differences in participation at each of the three school levels, a district-wide participation rate is not reported. The elementary school rate is probably the best estimate of the extent to which low family income impacts the school system.

Year-to-year fluctuations in participation, as shown in Figure 2, has occurred simultaneously at all three levels and is probably due to annual changes in eligibility standards and countywide economic conditions.

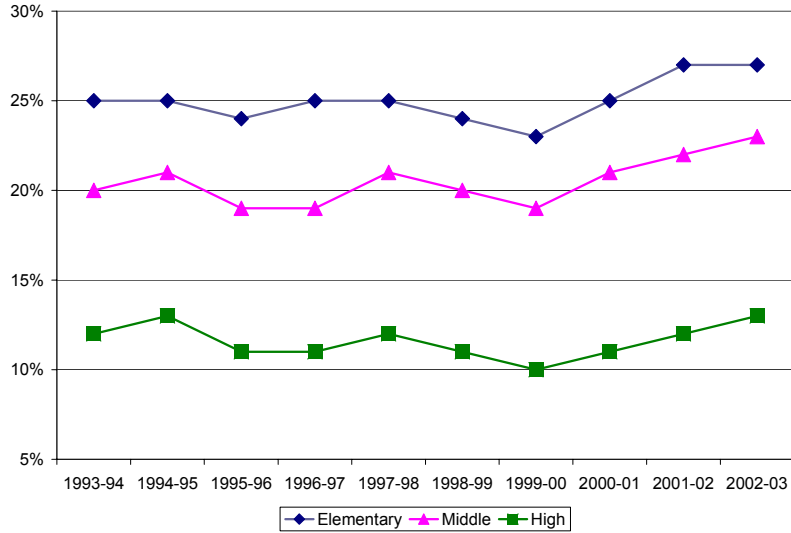
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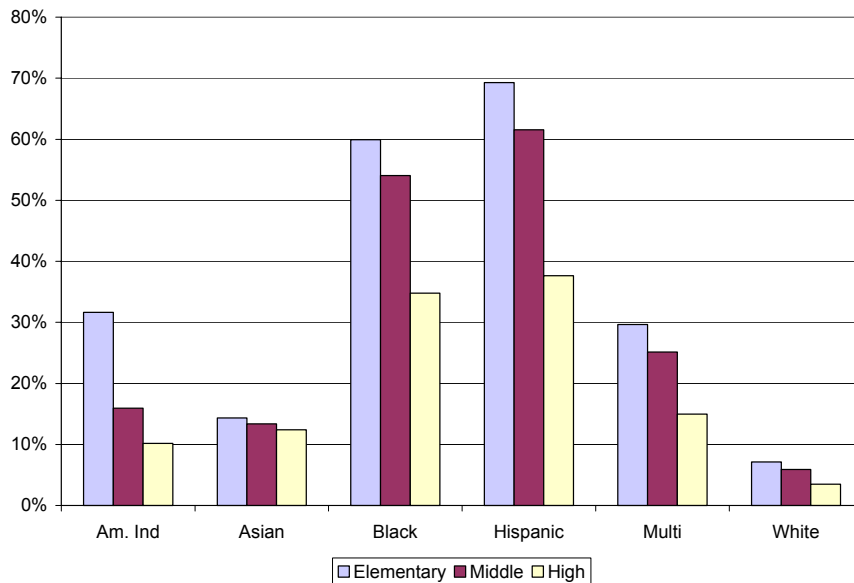
Figure 2
Percent of Student Receiving FRL over 10 years.



As illustrated by Figure 3, there is great disparity in participation rates when data is disaggregated by ethnicity. Hispanic/Latino students had the highest participation rates in October 2002, with 69% participation in elementary, 62% in middle, and 38% in high school. Black students had slightly lower participation rates: 60% in elementary, 54% in middle, and 35% in high school. White students had the lowest participation rates, with 7% participation in elementary, 6% in middle, and 3% in high school. The differences across ethnic groups are most extreme in elementary schools, ranging from 69% for Hispanic/Latino students to 7% for White students.

The attached tables show four years of free/reduced lunch participation for each WCPSS school, measured in October of each school year.

Figure 3
Percentage of Students Receiving FRL in 2002-03, by Race



Free and Reduced Lunch Participation

1999-2003

School Name	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Elementary Schools				
Adams Elementary	10%	9%	12%	14%
Apex Elementary @ Holly Ridge Elementary	11%	10%	14%	21%
Aversboro Elementary	37%	39%	39%	42%
Baileywick Elementary	19%	21%	24%	19%
Ballentine Elementary				23%
Baucom Elementary	5%	8%	10%	11%
Brassfield Elementary	9%	2%	3%	14%
Brentwood Elementary	36%	42%	52%	55%
Briarcliff Elementary	25%	28%	30%	37%
Brooks Elementary	37%	34%	41%	38%
Bugg Elementary	24%	25%	24%	26%
Carver Elementary	40%	46%	50%	52%
Cary Elementary @ Reedy Creek Middle	33%	34%	34%	31%
Combs Elementary	22%	26%	26%	31%
Conn Elementary	33%	38%	36%	38%
Creech Road Elementary	42%	42%	47%	48%
Davis Drive Elementary	4%	4%	7%	7%
Dillard Drive Elementary	28%	35%	37%	37%
Douglas Elementary	44%	36%	36%	36%
Durant Road Elementary	6%	6%	11%	12%
Farmington Woods Elementary	31%	28%	24%	19%
Fox Road Elementary	30%	31%	35%	37%
Fuller Elementary	21%	25%	29%	36%
Fuquay-Varina Elementary	27%	27%	33%	33%
Green Elementary	8%	11%	16%	15%
Green Hope Elementary		3%	3%	3%
Hilburn Drive Elementary	16%	16%	14%	14%
Hodge Road Elementary	35%	41%	48%	47%
Holly Springs Elementary	21%	21%	24%	25%
Hunter Elementary	22%	27%	25%	24%
Jeffreys Grove Elementary	26%	34%	32%	36%
Jones Dairy Elementary	6%	7%	10%	10%
Joyner Elementary	22%	35%	44%	41%
Kingswood Elementary	17%	20%	26%	27%
Knightdale Elementary	35%	38%	45%	47%
Lacy Elementary	33%	33%	30%	25%
Lead Mine Elementary	26%	30%	37%	37%
Leesville Road Elementary	18%	8%	14%	13%
Lincoln Heights Elementary	23%	26%	25%	26%
Lockhart Elementary	37%	39%	46%	43%
Lynn Road Elementary	25%	31%	35%	36%
Middle Creek Elementary		32%	33%	24%
Millbrook Elementary	32%	38%	40%	41%

School Name	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Morrisville Elementary	3%	3%	7%	9%
North Ridge Elementary	26%	30%	31%	36%
Northwoods Elementary	9%	17%	16%	18%
Oak Grove Elementary	4%	4%	4%	11%
Olds Elementary	19%	17%	15%	18%
Olive Chapel Elementary	7%	8%	9%	8%
Partnership Elementary	6%	11%	13%	17%
Penny Road Elementary	20%	25%	26%	23%
Pleasant Union Elementary	8%	9%	12%	11%
Poe Elementary	30%	26%	28%	31%
Powell Elementary	30%	35%	39%	38%
Rand Road Elementary	41%	43%	34%	32%
Reedy Creek Elementary	23%	26%	27%	29%
Rolesville Elementary	31%	34%	36%	35%
Root Elementary	26%	27%	23%	20%
Salem Elementary		15%	14%	16%
Smith Elementary	46%	56%	53%	55%
Stough Elementary	19%	26%	29%	32%
Swift Creek Elementary	21%	28%	35%	38%
Timber Drive Elementary	9%	10%	17%	24%
Underwood Elementary @ Cardinal Gibbons	26%	32%	35%	37%
Vance Elementary	35%	43%	44%	37%
Vandora Springs Elementary	39%	41%	45%	41%
Wake Forest Elementary	30%	34%	33%	33%
Wakefield Elementary	17%	22%	21%	17%
Washington Elementary	29%	27%	29%	28%
Weatherstone Elementary	13%	23%	20%	20%
Wendell Elementary	41%	41%	46%	42%
West Lake Elementary	7%	5%	13%	15%
Wilburn Elementary	29%	37%	39%	45%
Wildwood Forest Elementary	25%	24%	22%	26%
Wiley Elementary	31%	37%	32%	32%
Willow Springs Elementary	24%	30%	29%	30%
Yates Mill Elementary		29%	29%	31%
York Elementary	23%	26%	30%	30%
Zebulon Elementary	48%	49%	52%	51%

Middle Schools

Apex Middle	16%	17%	16%	15%
Carnage Middle	25%	23%	28%	27%
Carroll Middle	24%	29%	35%	37%
Centennial Middle		28%	31%	28%
Daniels Middle	25%	26%	27%	28%
Davis Drive Middle	8%	9%	10%	8%
Dillard Drive Middle	15%	21%	21%	23%
Durant Road Middle	8%	10%	13%	16%
East Cary Middle	16%	20%	21%	26%
East Garner Middle	23%	28%	32%	37%
East Millbrook Middle	22%	26%	28%	32%
East Wake Middle	32%	38%	40%	40%
Fuquay-Varina Middle @ Holly Ridge Middle	23%	25%	24%	25%
Leesville Road Middle	13%	14%	15%	18%
Ligon Middle	17%	19%	19%	16%
Lufkin Road Middle	2%	3%	7%	8%
Martin Middle	16%	17%	21%	21%
Moore Square Middle				32%
North Garner Middle	35%	43%	43%	42%
Wake Forest-Rolesville Middle	22%	27%	29%	28%
Wakefield Middle		11%	11%	12%
West Cary Middle	13%	14%	14%	13%
West Lake Middle	5%	5%	9%	11%
West Millbrook Middle	22%	23%	26%	29%
Zebulon Middle	33%	34%	36%	39%

High Schools

Apex High	5%	6%	6%	7%
Athens Drive High	11%	12%	10%	12%
Broughton High	14%	11%	12%	13%
Cary High	10%	11%	13%	13%
East Wake High	18%	21%	25%	25%
Enloe High	11%	12%	13%	14%
Fuquay-Varina High	10%	12%	12%	12%
Garner High	12%	16%	18%	19%
Green Hope High	5%	4%	4%	5%
Leesville Road High	5%	7%	7%	8%
Middle Creek High				17%
Millbrook High	9%	13%	15%	16%
Sanderson High	12%	15%	16%	20%
Southeast Raleigh High	9%	8%	9%	13%
Wake Forest-Rolesville High	11%	13%	12%	13%
Wakefield High		9%	8%	9%

Special and Optional Schools

Longview School	74%	69%	61%	61%
Mary E. Phillips High	40%	25%	17%	32%
Mt. Vernon School	74%	67%	53%	74%