

TO: House Committee on Appropriations  
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RE: Trends in Student Free (and Reduced) Lunch Eligibility

**Kansas Headcount Enrollments**  
 (Source: Kansas Department of Education)

	Total State Enrollment	Free Lunch Enrollment	% Free Lunch
2003-04	465,397	130,315	<b>28.0%</b>
2004-05	464,102	134,901	<b>29.1%</b>
2005-06	463,840	134,371	<b>29.0%</b>
2006-07	465,230	136,892	<b>29.4%</b>
2007-08	471,564	140,791	<b>29.9%</b>
2008-09	472,981	152,522	<b>32.2%</b>
2009-10	478,757	171,256	<b>35.8%</b>
2010-11	481,539	179,645	<b>37.3%</b>

**National Comparison – Free and Reduced Meals Eligibility)**

(Source: Digest of Education Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics. Most recent data located. Free lunch only not available)

	2001	2006	2008	7-Year Change	Per 10 people in State
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>42.0%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>33.4%</b>	<b>38.8%</b>	<b>39.9%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>0.479 (#19)</b>
Iowa	26.7%	32.1%	33.5%	6.8%	0.362 (#38)
Nebraska	30.4%	37.4%	34.7%	4.3%	0.404 (#30)
Colorado	26.9%	33.1%	34.8%	7.9%	0.387 (#31)
Oklahoma	48.2%	54.7%	55.3%	7.1%	0.75 (#4)
Missouri	34.6%	39.1%	39.5%	4.9%	0.482 (#18)
Texas	44.9%	48.2%	47.7%	2.8%	0.746 (#5)
Minnesota	25.6%	30.3%	31.7%	6.1%	0.341 (#41)
N. Dakota	29.2%	29.6%	31.2%	2.0%	0.328 (#42)
S. Dakota	29.4%	32.0%	29.9%	0.5%	0.37 (#35)

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