

# Montana

## HUNGER AT A GLANCE

**22%** of kids in Montana struggle with hunger

**49,000**

low-income children in Montana receive free or reduced-price school lunch.

## The Problem

All of these kids are eligible for other critical meals, but too many are missing out.

**Only 45%**

of children eating free or reduced-price school lunch are getting school breakfast.

**Only 12%**

of children eating free or reduced-price school lunch are getting summer meals.



## No Kid Hungry Campaign

No child should grow up hungry in America, but one in five children struggles with hunger. Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign is ending childhood hunger in Montana and all across America by ensuring all children get the healthy food they need, every day. The No Kid Hungry campaign connects kids in need to effective nutrition programs like school breakfast and summer meals and teaches low-income families to cook healthy, affordable meals through its Cooking Matters program. This work is accomplished through the No Kid Hungry network, made up of private citizens, public officials, nonprofits, business leaders and others providing innovative hunger solutions in their communities. Montana No Kid Hungry is a partnership between Share Our Strength and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. The partnership has been working with local leaders since February 2012 to end childhood hunger in Montana.

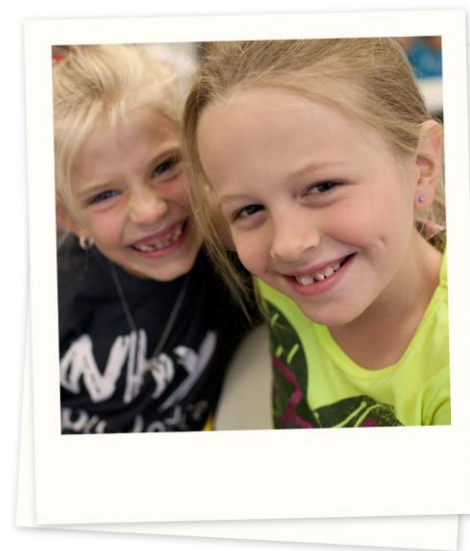
## Our Impact in Montana

Since 2011, the No Kid Hungry network has helped bring more than 34 million additional meals to kids who need them and created ways to replicate that success throughout the country. In Montana, the No Kid Hungry campaign is focused on expanding access to free meals in the summer and afterschool meals. The campaign is empowering families with the skills, knowledge and confidence to shop for and prepare healthy, affordable meals through Cooking Matters, and also enrolling families facing hunger in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC.

## Stories of No Kid Hungry in Montana

Summer presents a time of uncertainty for kids without consistent access to food. With school out of session, kids who rely on free or reduced-price school meals find themselves without the safety net of those meals, and families who are struggling financially face an added strain of providing more meals.

Montana No Kid Hungry is connecting kids to food in the summer. Support from the No Kid Hungry campaign is allowing the state to recruit new summer meals sites and help community groups pay for transportation and staffing needs, ensuring that Montana kids have access to free meals in the summer.



## Our Partners in Montana

The No Kid Hungry network includes a number of partners in Montana, including:

- Montana Department Of Public Health And Human Services
- Montana Office of Public Instruction
- Montana Food Bank Network
- Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger

## Take Action

Learn more about how you can help end childhood hunger. **Take the No Kid Hungry pledge at [NoKidHungry.org/Pledge](http://NoKidHungry.org/Pledge)**