

# Average Daily Participation (ADP) Guidance

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## How should the Average Daily Participation (ADP) be calculated?

The ADP should be calculated as a percentage of enrollment. This has been the policy for HUSSC since the beginning of the initiative in 2004. Because some schools have difficulty reaching the ADP requirement, we encourage them to begin at the Bronze level (no ADP requirement) and apply for higher levels as their ADP increases. Resources to assist schools applying for HUSSC, as well as tips on increasing participation and calculating ADP, are available online (<http://www.teamnutrition.usda.gov/healthierus/application.html>).

## Calculating ADP

- October is the Typical Month Used (but you can use a different month)
  1. Divide the number of reimbursable meals served in the month by the number of days meals were served
  2. Divide this number by school enrollment
  3. Result is a decimal, so multiply by 100
- Example: 20,000 lunches, 20 days, 1200 students enrolled:
  1.  $20,000 \text{ meals} / 20 \text{ days meals served} = 1000 \text{ meals}$
  2.  $1000 \text{ meals/day} / 1200 \text{ enrollment} = 0.83$
  3.  $0.83 \times 100 = 83\%$