

FACT SHEET: CSNA FY25 PRESIDENT BIDEN'S BUDGET



President Biden’s FY2025 budget proposal, released in March, awarded children’s nutrition programs modest across-the-board increases. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) received full funding and funding for combined child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program, received a \$3 billion increase. Please see below for a detailed outline of the nutrition-related budget requests.

Program	Agency	FY2023 Request	FY2024 Request	FY2024 Request	Percent Increase FY24 to FY25 Request
WIC	USDA	\$6 B	\$7.03 B	\$7.73 B	9.90%
National School Lunch Program	USDA	\$16.48 B	\$16.63 B	\$17.19 B	3.37%
School Breakfast Program	USDA	\$5.0 B	\$6.14 B	\$6.41 B	4.36%
CACFP	USDA	\$3.71 B	\$4.24 B	\$4.43 B	4.45%
TOTAL: Child Nutrition Programs	USDA	\$28.5 B	\$32.0 B	\$34.70 B	8.46%

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

The President’s budget increases funding for the [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children](#) (WIC) to \$7.7 billion, providing enough support and modernization to reach 800,000 mothers and babies each month. This funding is sufficient to meet all of the program’s projected needs. The budget also supports WIC’s enhanced fruit and vegetable cash value benefit (CVB) levels, allowing mothers to purchase more produce for their babies and children. Finally, the budget offers a \$34 million contingency fund to finance any unexpected expenses like increased participation or soaring food costs.

Child Nutrition Programs

Children’s nutrition programs also received increases in President Biden’s FY25 budget. The budget includes increases for the [National School Lunch Program](#), [School Breakfast Program](#), and [Child and Adult Care Food Program](#), all of which are integral to providing children with free or reduced-price meals at school or in child care facilities. In all, the President’s budget requests an additional \$3 billion across all Child Nutrition Programs, offering much-needed support as childhood food insecurity continues to rise.

Waiving the Summer EBT Administrative Cost

President Biden’s FY25 budget request also includes \$101 million in new funding that would allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to waive the administrative cost match states must pay to participate in the [Summer EBT program](#), which allows children who receive free or reduced-price meals to receive additional nutrition support during their summer break. The waiver is designed to encourage elected officials from the 15 states who opted out of providing these benefits in 2024 to enroll in the program going forward.

Community Eligibility Program Expansion

Finally, the President’s budget provides \$187 million to continue a 10-year expansion of the [Community Eligibility Provision](#) (CEP). CEP provides free school meals to all students in high-poverty schools, and the \$15 billion 10-year expansion is expected to provide free meals to an additional 9 million children.