

# 10 CENTS A MEAL PILOT: 2018–2019 EVALUATION RESULTS



## Regional Participation and Students Reached

In its third year, the state legislature made \$575,000 available for the 10 Cents pilot program. Grant awards totaled \$493,500 after funds for administration were set aside. The tables below show the breakdown of grant awards in the eligible regions and demographics of the student population reached by 10 Cents grants in the 2018-2019 year. Data for all of the following tables were provided by Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

### Regional Breakdown of Grant Awards

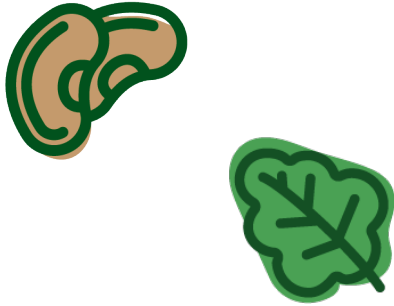
PROSPERITY REGION	GRANTEE SCHOOLS/DISTRICTS	TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT	SCHOOL LUNCH COUNT (2017-2018)
2	18	22,496	1,981,190
4	11	31,227	2,827,721
6	7	18,890	2,000,858
8	8	16,602	1,766,220
9	13	44,821	3,146,562
Total	57	134,036	11,722,551

### Demographics of Student Population Reached Through 10 Cents Grants

STUDENT DATA	REGION 2* GRANTEES	REGION 4 GRANTEES	REGION 6 GRANTEES	REGION 8 GRANTEES	REGION 9 GRANTEES	ALL ELIGIBLE REGIONS	STATE OF MICHIGAN
<b>Aggregate enrollment</b>	22,496	31,227	21,473	16,602	45,144	136,942	1,520,065
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native (percent)</b>	2.23	0.31	0.22	0.41	0.23	0.60	0.62
<b>Asian (percent)</b>	1.02	3.00	1.60	1.72	6.40	3.42	3.35
<b>African American (percent)</b>	0.76	2.49	28.80	10.99	11.28	10.26	17.97
<b>Hispanic/Latino (percent)</b>	4.06	23.13	3.86	9.99	6.42	9.87	7.85
<b>Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander (percent)</b>	0.10	0.07	1.09	0.07	0.11	0.25	0.09
<b>White (percent)</b>	83.29	67.45	60.56	69.73	64.02	68.21	66.20
<b>Two or more races (percent)</b>	3.34	3.55	4.89	6.11	6.69	5.07	3.92
<b>Free and reduced-price meal eligibility (percent)</b>	44.17	47.37	59.97	53.35	35.72	45.7	50.74

\*Note that student data for Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools are not publicly available, so they are not included as part of Region 2 in this chart.

Student population data were provided by MDE later in the 2018-2019 school year than enrollment information referenced in their initial press release about the grant awards for 2018-2019; it differs from their initial estimates of students served in each region at the start of the school year (and mentioned earlier in this report). Race and ethnicity categories provided here are as MDE tracks and supplied them.



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- The percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals in 10 Cents schools/districts was five percentage points lower than that of the students in the state overall (45.7% compared to 50.74%).
- Overall, 10 Cents grants reached a lower percentage of African American students than the total percentage of African American students in the state student population (10.26% and 17.97%, respectively) and a slightly higher percentage of white students than in the state (68.21% compared to 66.20%).
- Grantees served a higher percentage of Hispanic/Latino students (9.87%) and students of two or more races (5.07%) and a slightly higher percentage of Asian students (3.42%) than state-level percentages (7.85%, 3.92%, and 3.35%, respectively).

- Grantees in Region 2 in northwest Lower Michigan served the highest percentage of both white students (83%) and American Indian/Alaska Native students (2.23%).
- Grantees in Prosperity Region 4 in west Michigan reached the highest percentage of Hispanic/Latino students (23.13%).
- Covering a portion of eastern Michigan including Flint and the Thumb, Region 6 participating schools/districts served the highest percentage of African American students (28.80%) of all 10 Cents participating regions.
- Participating schools/districts in Region 9 in southeast Lower Michigan (stretching from Ann Arbor to the southeastern state border) served the highest percentage of Asian students (6.40%) and students of two or more races (6.69%).

Despite growing interest from local stakeholders in the program, Wayne County, which is home to the City of Detroit, has not yet been eligible to participate in 10 Cents in any of the three pilot years. Student population data for 10 Cents grantees may change significantly if and when Detroit Public Schools Community District is eligible and awarded a grant to participate, as it is one of the largest of school districts in the state and has the highest number of African American students enrolled of any school district in the state, according to the Center for Education Performance and Information (CEPI). (CEPI data indicates that Oak Park, Southfield, Harper Woods, and Benton Harbor school districts have the highest percentages of African American students of all school districts in the state.)

Across the state, students' eligibility for free and reduced-price meals is expected to sharply increase for the 2020-2021 school year due to decreased income and increased unemployment for many families as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.