

## SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021

- School Scheme
- School Meals Program

Lead Agency: No response

## NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

- National school feeding policy
- Nutrition
- Food safety
- Health
- Agriculture
- Private sector involvement
- No response

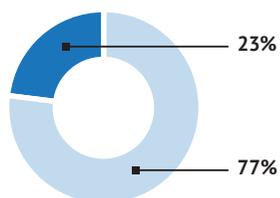
Line item in the national budget...

- Yes
- No
- No response

## BUDGET

Total: USD 1,352,243\*

- Government: USD 314,367
- International donors\*\*: USD 1,037,876
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0



Includes funding from the United States Department of Agriculture  Yes  No  No response

\* External funding for the School Scheme is provided by the European Union.  
\*\* International donations by United Nations agencies or non-governmental organizations often represent funding from multiple donors.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

No information

## SPECIAL NOTES

This report reflects only the School Scheme and is not inclusive of the School Meals Program, which also operates in Slovenia but for which information is not available.

## MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Snacks
- Take-home rations
- Other

- Grains, cereals
- Roots, tubers
- Legumes, pulses, nuts
- Dairy products
- Eggs
- Meat
- Poultry
- Fish
- Green, leafy vegetables
- Other vegetables
- Fruits
- Oil
- Salt
- Sugar

- Dairy milk
- Yogurt drink
- Fruit juice
- Tea
- Water
- Other

Prohibited food items: No response

## FOOD SOURCES

- Purchased (domestic)
- Purchased (foreign)
- In-kind (domestic)
- In-kind (foreign)

## COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

- Handwashing with soap
- Height measurement
- Weight measurement
- Testing for anemia
- Deworming treatment
- Eye testing/eyeglasses
- Hearing testing/treatment
- Dental cleaning/testing
- Menstrual hygiene
- Drinking water
- Water purification

## COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Food and nutrition
- Agriculture
- School gardens
- Hygiene
- Health
- Reproductive health
- HIV prevention
- Physical education

The checked items were provided in most or all participating schools.



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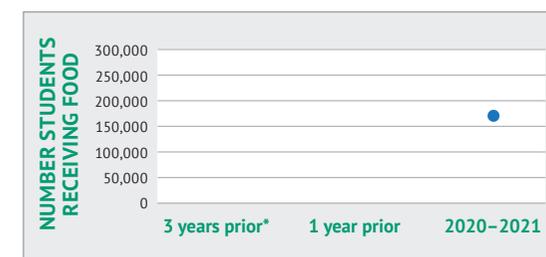
Slovenia



## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021

School level	Total	# Enrolled	# Receiving food
Pre-school	62,230	57,432	0
Primary school	133,641	128,737	167,228
Secondary school	138,931	73,842	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>334,802</b>	<b>260,011</b>	<b>167,228</b>

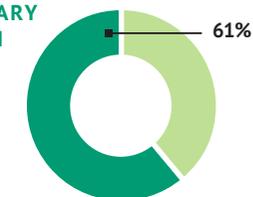


\*No historical data

### COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 272,572

Receiving school food: ■ 167,228



Food was also provided to some students in...  Pre-schools  Vocational/trade schools  Other

## NUTRITION

School feeding program(s) included/involved the following:

- Fortified foods
- Bio-fortified foods
- Micronutrient supplements
- Nutritionists involved
- Special training for cooks/caterers in nutrition
- Objective to meet nutritional goals
- Objective to reduce obesity

### Food items fortified/biofortified:

Not applicable

### Micronutrients:

Not applicable

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Foods grown in school gardens are consumed by students and are also used in school lessons. Nutritional requirements for food baskets, along with food and nutrition education and physical education, are intended to prevent or mitigate overweight/obesity.

## STUDIES CONDUCTED

None reported

## RESEARCH NEEDED

None reported

## AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

### Jobs created by school feeding programs\*

- Cooks and food preparers
- Transporters
- Off-site processors
- Food packagers and handlers
- Monitoring
- Food service management
- Safety and quality inspectors
- Other

*\*If blank, no response was provided.*

### Farmers were involved with the school feeding program(s)...

- Yes  No  No response

### Other private sector (for profit) actors were involved...

- Yes  No  No response

### There was a focus on creating jobs or leadership or income-generating opportunities for...

- Women  Other groups  
 Youth  No response

### There was community engagement (by parents or others) in the school feeding program(s)...

- Yes  No  No response

### Were there links between food banks and the school feeding program(s)?

- Yes  No  No response

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Open-bid, competitive procedures are followed to secure contracts for the School Scheme, and small-scale farmers/small farmer organizations/small companies are able to successfully compete. Farms of all sizes provides the milk, fruits, and vegetables for the program.

## CONTACTS: SLOVENIA

**Agency:** Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

**Website:** <https://www.gov.si/en/policies/education-science-and-sport/>

## SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

None reported

## EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, schools in Slovenia were closed for at least two months. When the children returned to schools, foods in the School Scheme were distributed more frequently (2–3 times per week rather than once per week). In response to the pandemic, snacks are served at school in a very different way than before (e.g., fewer children eating together at the same time).

## SCHOOL SCHEME

**Lead implementer(s):** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food

### OBJECTIVES:

- To meet educational goals
- To provide a social safety net
- To meet nutritional and/or health goals
- To prevent or mitigate obesity
- To meet agricultural goals

### MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school snacks

### FREQUENCY AND DURATION:

- 1 time per week (2–3 times per week after schools reopened in 2020)
- During the school year

### TARGETING:

It is at the discretion of schools to apply for participation in the School Scheme.

### HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	0	–	–
Primary school	167,228	–	–
Secondary school	0	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,228</b>	–	–

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

Dairy products	Fruits	Water
Green, leafy vegetables	Dairy milk	
Other vegetables	Yogurt drink	

\* *fortified*

### FOOD SOURCES:

**100% Purchased (domestic)** 0% In-kind (domestic)  
 0% Purchased (foreign) 0% In-kind (foreign)

*If blank, no response was provided.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

School feeding started in Slovenia in 1953. The School Scheme, which operates in both public and private schools and provides milk, fruits, and vegetables as an in-school snack, began in 2017. Slovenian schools have reduced food waste by 42% as part of the “Food is Not for Waste” project by the Eco-School program.

