

OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Omaha, Nebraska

EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY: 2023-24

Since 1994, the Nebraska Department of Education has required all Nebraska school districts to report the number of students in each school approved for free or reduced-price lunch as of October 1 each school year. Previously, families of students submitted applications indicating financial need for participation in the National School Lunch Program or they were directly certified by Nutrition Services through state databases. While not required, application for the federal meal program was strongly encouraged by schools. Nationally, participation in this program, although not the best indicator, is typically the only indicator of socioeconomics available to school districts.

Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, all students will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Community Eligibility Provision removes the need for families to fill out an application to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost. District eligibility for the CEP is based on the percentage of students in the district that are directly certified by Nutrition Services through state databases and has been approved through the 2024-25 school year for Omaha Public Schools.

A new Educational Benefits Form (EBF) is available beginning in the 2022-23 school year to collect financial information that allows eligible families to access benefits in our schools and community. These benefits include discounts on home internet service, discounted or waived fees for academic testing, access to college and postsecondary resources and school and community enrichment opportunities. In addition to access to benefits, student eligibility for educational benefits will be used as the new school socioeconomic indicator beginning in the 2022-23 school year replacing free or reduced lunch eligibility.

The district educational benefit eligibility rate of 72.7% is 5.6% higher than the 67.1% educational benefit eligibility rate counted in the 2022-23 school year. More than 38,500 (75%) students have EBF data on record for this school year while about 13,000 (25%) students did not have EBF information at the time this report was created. In the second year of collecting the EBF, rates appear comparable to pre-pandemic free and reduced-price lunch rates suggesting that this new metric is a viable alternative to measure district and school level socioeconomics.

Attached are various charts reflecting the number and percentage of students eligible for educational benefits. Data are masked in this report where groups of ten or less could allow for identification.

Chart I	Shows historical percentage by race/ethnicity.
Chart II	Show district educational benefit eligibility totals by grade and race/ethnicity.
Chart III	Show individual school educational benefit eligibility in 2023-24 compared to educational benefit eligibility in 2022-23.
Presentation	PowerPoint presentation depicting key points, educational benefit eligibility maps, and historical percentage by race/ethnicity.

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CHART I
2004-2005 - 2023-2024
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Year	Hispanic	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	White	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Total
2023-24**	78.3	82.9	85.8	45.3	81.9	73.3	70.6	72.7
2022-23**	72.3	79.4	81.5	41.4	71.3	65.6	66.4	67.1
2021-22	78.3	75.7	81.9	41.1	74.6	75.0	65.9	69.5
2020-21	87.9	82.3	89.1	47.4	86.1	81.3	74.2	77.4
2019-20	86.0	83.7	87.0	45.3	85.3	74.6	70.6	74.9
2018-19	87.3	85.8	87.3	45.9	84.8	74.7	71.3	75.3
2017-18	89.7	87.6	88.4	46.6	85.9	72.9	72.5	76.5
2016-17	88.2	83.1	85.7	44.1	83.7	75.3	69.8	74.0
2015-16	89.1	85.4	87.7	44.2	82.1	75.0	70.0	74.3
2014-15	88.5	85.1	86.9	43.2	81.8	83.1	71.1	73.2
2013-14	89.6	82.7	88.9	43.8	81.2	82.2	71.2	73.6
2012-13	89.6	84.8	88.6	43.8	78.5	82.9	73.0	73.1
2011-12	89.0	83.5	87.6	41.8	75.0	84.5	71.2	71.5
2010-11*	87.6	78.9	85.1	39.6	70.5	80.3	68.4	69.1
2009-10	87.4	78.8	82.9	40.8	58.3	-	-	67.2
2008-09	82.5	74.1	77.8	37.3	50.6	-	-	62.3
2007-08	82.3	73.5	78.7	37.6	43.1	-	-	62.0
2006-07	81.2	73.7	77.7	36.4	41.4	-	-	60.1
2005-06	70.6	66.6	69.1	33.6	36.3	-	-	53.2
2004-05	73.5	69.9	73.1	34.4	39.3	-	-	54.8

*New race/ethnicity collection guidelines begin

**Depicts educational benefits eligibility while all previous years are free or reduced lunch eligibility.

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CHART II
2023-2024 ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
BY GRADE & RACE/ETHNICITY**

Grade	Hispanic			American Indian or Alaska Native			Black or African American			White			Asian			Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			Two or More Races			Total		
	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits
EC#	621	885	70.2	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	429	549	78.1	157	440	35.7	114	178	64.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	96	139	69.1	1,431	2,208	64.8
Kindergarten	1,141	1,483	76.9	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	770	867	88.8	377	823	45.8	235	292	80.5	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	210	283	74.2	2,767	3,787	73.1
Grade 1	1,245	1,577	78.9	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	759	849	89.4	385	871	44.2	239	284	84.2	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	209	285	73.3	2,852	3,890	73.3
Grade 2	1,232	1,543	79.8	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	799	889	89.9	411	896	45.9	274	322	85.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	190	266	71.4	2,945	3,960	74.4
Grade 3	1,193	1,497	79.7	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	773	885	87.3	391	844	46.3	229	274	83.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	169	228	74.1	2,789	3,766	74.1
Grade 4	1,140	1,470	77.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	734	834	88.0	398	821	48.5	260	302	86.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	193	265	72.8	2,748	3,721	73.9
Grade 5	1,194	1,473	81.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	773	867	89.2	397	848	46.8	250	304	82.2	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	183	245	74.7	2,822	3,769	74.9
Grade 6	1,143	1,405	81.4	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	743	867	85.7	388	850	45.6	243	289	84.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	184	252	73.0	2,722	3,689	73.8
Total EC-6#	8,909	11,333	78.6	181	217	83.4	5,780	6,607	87.5	2,904	6,393	45.4	1,844	2,245	82.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	1,434	1,963	73.1	21,076	28,790	73.2
Grade 7	1,085	1,385	78.3	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	710	807	88.0	371	743	49.9	232	283	82.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	156	217	71.9	2,578	3,464	74.4
Grade 8	1,199	1,479	81.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	787	938	83.9	369	774	47.7	231	274	84.3	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	168	237	70.9	2,778	3,735	74.4
Grade 9	1,278	1,641	77.9	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	787	939	83.8	370	796	46.5	210	252	83.3	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	157	234	67.1	2,836	3,900	72.7
Grade 10	1,286	1,649	78.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	806	970	83.1	400	904	44.2	218	266	82.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	134	216	62.0	2,869	4,037	71.1
Grade 11	1,168	1,535	76.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	724	887	81.6	335	754	44.4	179	220	81.4	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	116	184	63.0	2,549	3,612	70.6
Grade 12	1,273	1,661	76.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	903	1,085	83.2	373	939	39.7	186	246	75.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	122	190	64.2	2,886	4,159	69.4
Total 7-12	7,289	9,350	78.0	143	174	82.2	4,717	5,626	83.8	2,218	4,910	45.2	1,256	1,541	81.5	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	853	1,278	66.7	16,496	22,907	72.0
GRAND TOTAL	16,198	20,683	78.3	324	391	82.9	10,497	12,233	85.8	5,122	11,303	45.3	3,100	3,786	81.9	44	60	73.3	2,287	3,241	70.6	37,572	51,697	72.7

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CHART III
2022-23 to 2023-24 ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS COMPARISON
BY SCHOOL

School	2023-24				Difference in Percentage 2022-23 to 2023-24	2022-23		
	# Eligible For Educational Benefits	% Eligible For Educational Benefits	# Total Enrollment	% EBF Completion		# Eligible For Educational Benefits	% Eligible For Educational Benefits	Total Enrollment
High School								
Benson*	1,068	81.5	1,311	79.9	7.1	1,067	74.4	1,434
Bryan*	1,158	78.7	1,471	82.5	9.7	1,043	69.0	1,512
Buena Vista*	892	79.8	1,118	83.5	8.2	505	71.6	705
Burke	894	56.2	1,591	58.0	11.1	798	45.1	1,769
Central*	1,576	63.5	2,483	62.4	6.0	1,446	57.5	2,514
North*	1,160	76.4	1,518	75.6	7.9	1,087	68.5	1,586
Northwest*	1,103	77.0	1,433	77.2	11.0	943	66.0	1,429
South*	1,831	79.0	2,317	77.9	6.9	1,798	72.2	2,492
Westview	549	47.2	1,164	55.3	2.8	324	44.3	731
Total	10,231	72.2	14,406	72.0	8.6	9,011	63.6	14,172
Middle School								
Beveridge*	471	64.1	735	66.5	2.4	497	61.7	806
Bluestem*	472	78.8	599	79.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bryan*	649	79.1	820	76.2	9.1	597	70.1	852
Buffett	436	48.4	901	49.6	7.6	454	40.8	1,114
Davis*	381	52.0	732	58.2	1.6	376	50.4	746
King Science*	499	82.8	603	81.8	4.3	513	78.4	654
Lewis & Clark*	575	71.0	810	71.4	5.5	548	65.5	837
Marrs*	902	83.2	1,084	83.1	6.1	820	77.1	1,063
McMillan*	526	81.9	642	81.5	3.2	581	78.7	738
Monroe*	633	85.7	739	86.9	6.9	591	78.8	750
Morton*	540	76.8	703	77.5	11.3	470	65.6	717
Nathan Hale*	521	84.4	617	82.5	3.9	488	80.5	606
Norris*	946	82.5	1,147	84.1	5.5	905	77.0	1,175
Total	7,551	74.5	10,132	75.2	6.5	6,840	68.0	10,058
Other Secondary								
Accelerate	95	82.6	115	78.3	12.2	131	70.4	186
Adult High School	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Blackburn Senior High Program	125	96.2	130	93.8	13.4	101	82.8	122
ESL Teen Literacy	46	42.6	108	65.7	10.9	32	31.7	101
Gateway to College	MASKED	MASKED	10	0.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	6
Homebound	MASKED	MASKED	8	12.5	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	9
Independent Study Program	277	85.5	324	81.5	8.7	195	76.8	254
Integrated Learning Program at Saratoga	70	86.4	81	85.2	9.8	59	76.6	77
Interim/Contracted	77	37.9	203	35.5	-0.8	67	38.7	173
Lord, J.P.	20	52.6	38	47.4	5.6	16	47.1	34
Omaha Virtual High School	48	42.1	114	53.5	-2.2	54	44.3	122
Omaha Virtual Middle School	36	65.5	55	70.9	23.1	25	42.4	59
Parrish	MASKED	MASKED	72	86.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	53
Secondary Success Program	MASKED	MASKED	20	89.5	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	27
Transition Program - North Omaha Site	61	75.3	81	77.8	13.1	51	62.2	82
Transition Program - South Omaha Site	43	82.7	52	88.5	21.2	32	61.5	52
Transition Program at UNMC	MASKED	MASKED	7	42.9	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	6
UNO/OPS Middle College Program	20	57.1	35	54.3	5.6	17	51.5	33
Total	1,016	69.2	1,468	69.7	7.7	858	61.5	1,396

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	# Eligible For Educational Benefits	% Eligible For Educational Benefits	# Total Enrollment	% EBF Completion		# Eligible For Educational Benefits	% Eligible For Educational Benefits	Total Enrollment
Total Secondary	18,798	72.3	26,006	73.1	7.1	16,709	65.2	25,626
Elementary School								
Adams*	191	71.3	268	75.0	3.5	177	67.8	261
Ashland Park/Robbins*	549	79.2	693	85.4	11.0	542	68.3	794
Bancroft*	373	77.5	481	86.1	5.8	350	71.7	488
Beals*	204	72.9	280	80.0	7.9	187	64.9	288
Belle Ryan*	206	73.3	281	77.9	2.5	211	70.8	298
Belvedere*	322	93.1	346	93.6	1.7	327	91.3	358
Benson West*	255	85.0	300	87.7	3.9	288	81.1	355
Boyd*	387	73.9	524	76.3	4.8	372	69.0	539
Castelar*	399	76.9	519	82.1	4.5	372	72.4	514
Catlin*	70	61.4	114	67.5	12.6	61	48.8	125
Central Park*	261	88.2	296	89.5	4.5	297	83.7	355
Chandler View*	310	80.1	387	80.6	5.8	327	74.3	440
Columbian #	70	26.4	265	43.4	-0.4	77	26.8	287
Conestoga*	268	91.2	294	94.9	-0.6	300	91.7	327
Crestridge*	186	50.1	371	62.5	0.1	189	50.0	378
Dodge*	311	74.9	415	79.8	7.8	263	67.1	392
Druid Hill*	239	91.6	261	93.9	3.7	240	87.9	273
Dundee	207	42.7	485	54.0	2.1	190	40.6	468
Edison*	277	79.4	349	81.9	7.5	255	71.8	355
Field Club*	480	76.9	624	82.2	3.9	419	73.0	574
Florence*	216	85.0	254	87.8	6.2	197	78.8	250
Fontenelle*	391	88.5	442	92.1	5.0	373	83.4	447
Forest Station*	291	84.1	346	86.7	9.3	273	74.8	365
Franklin*	217	94.3	230	93.9	6.5	238	87.8	271
Fullerton #	265	48.1	551	54.6	6.4	187	41.7	448
Gateway*	584	78.7	742	79.5	4.6	668	74.1	901
Gifford Park*	286	82.7	346	87.0	2.1	278	80.6	345
Gilder*	294	77.6	379	87.1	7.1	232	70.5	329
Gomez Heritage*	592	83.4	710	84.9	6.7	561	76.6	732
Harrison	107	41.3	259	48.6	4.3	94	37.0	254
Hartman*	419	89.3	469	88.5	9.3	349	80.0	436
Highland*	300	81.3	369	85.1	3.8	331	77.5	427
Indian Hill*	472	90.4	522	90.4	5.0	556	85.4	651
Jackson*	169	63.5	266	65.8	4.2	153	59.3	258
Jefferson*	363	80.8	449	85.3	8.1	304	72.7	418
Joslyn*	182	59.9	304	73.7	10.8	135	49.1	275
Kellom*	227	92.7	245	95.5	2.3	244	90.4	270
Kennedy*	207	95.4	217	94.5	6.5	201	88.9	226
King*	223	85.1	262	90.5	-1.9	281	87.0	323
Liberty*	511	81.0	631	84.9	0.3	506	80.7	627
Lothrop*	347	87.0	399	87.2	2.0	295	85.0	347
Masters*	199	74.3	268	77.2	7.5	177	66.8	265
Miller Park*	333	88.8	375	91.7	1.4	334	87.4	382
Minne Lusa*	295	88.3	334	90.1	4.0	274	84.3	325
Mount View*	271	85.2	318	91.5	4.3	241	80.9	298
Oak Valley*	159	67.4	236	74.6	4.3	159	63.1	252
Pawnee*	233	68.5	340	69.7	8.9	239	59.6	401
Picotte #	165	45.1	366	54.9	8.8	112	36.2	309
Pine*	249	77.6	321	84.4	3.9	213	73.7	289
Pinewood*	221	82.8	267	82.0	12.7	157	70.1	224
Ponca*	73	55.7	131	64.1	10.1	57	45.6	125

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Prairie Wind*	491	70.2	699	75.3	7.4	447	62.9	711
Rose Hill*	164	62.6	262	66.8	3.2	155	59.4	261
Saddlebrook #	106	24.1	439	36.4	6.8	80	17.4	461
Sherman*	200	84.7	236	85.2	3.9	181	80.8	224
Skinner*	352	87.3	403	90.1	1.4	368	86.0	428
Spring Lake*	545	82.2	663	84.8	3.8	538	78.4	686
Springville*	272	67.8	401	70.1	9.8	247	58.0	426
Standing Bear #	213	34.5	618	43.5	2.1	182	32.4	562
Sunny Slope*	291	71.0	410	77.1	8.1	268	62.9	426
Wakonda*	285	87.2	327	90.2	3.7	267	83.4	320
Walnut Hill*	310	86.1	360	90.6	-1.2	344	87.3	394
Washington*	176	55.3	318	63.8	0.3	168	55.1	305
Western Hills* #	261	71.1	367	77.4	2.2	228	68.9	331
Wilson Focus*	132	64.4	205	65.4	8.1	120	56.3	213
Total Elementary	18,224	74.1	24,609	78.6	4.5	17,456	69.6	25,087
Other Elementary School								
Early Childhood - Educare Indian Hill	MASKED	MASKED	181	0.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	193
Early Childhood - Educare Kellom	MASKED	MASKED	156	0.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	161
Early Learning Center 0-3 @ Gateway	MASKED	MASKED	40	0.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	41
Early Learning Center 0-3 @ Kennedy	MASKED	MASKED	5	0.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	6
Early Childhood Center PK @ Gateway	MASKED	MASKED	72	91.7	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	73
Early Childhood Center PK @ Kennedy	MASKED	MASKED	61	93.4	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	60
Homebased PK	MASKED	MASKED	411	1.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	378
Homebound	MASKED	MASKED	3	33.3	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	3
Integrated Learning Program @ Saratoga	MASKED	MASKED	6	100.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	14
Interim/Contracted Elementary	MASKED	MASKED	78	6.4	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	55
Lord JP	MASKED	MASKED	16	43.8	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	15
Omaha Virtual Elementary School	35	66.0	53	75.5	12.9	34	53.1	64
Other Elementary Totals	550	50.8	1,082	17.4	-4.4	587	55.2	1,063
Total Elementary	18,774	73.1	25,691	76.0	4.1	18,043	69.0	26,150
Grand Total	37,572	72.7	51,697	74.6	5.6	34,752	67.1	51,776

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December 13, 2023



KEY POINTS

- Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the use of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) district wide removed the need for families to fill out an application to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.
- A new Educational Benefits Form (EBF) has been available since the 2022-23 school year which collects financial information that allows eligible families to access benefits in our schools and community while providing a socioeconomic indicator for students and schools.
- In 2023-24, 37,572 (72.7%) early childhood through grade 12 students are eligible for educational benefits.
- The district educational benefit eligibility rate of 72.7% is 5.6% higher than the 67.1% educational benefit eligibility rate counted in the 2022-23 school year.
- The eligibility rates included in this report for 2023-24 are likely to be artificially low because the EBF is not required of families.



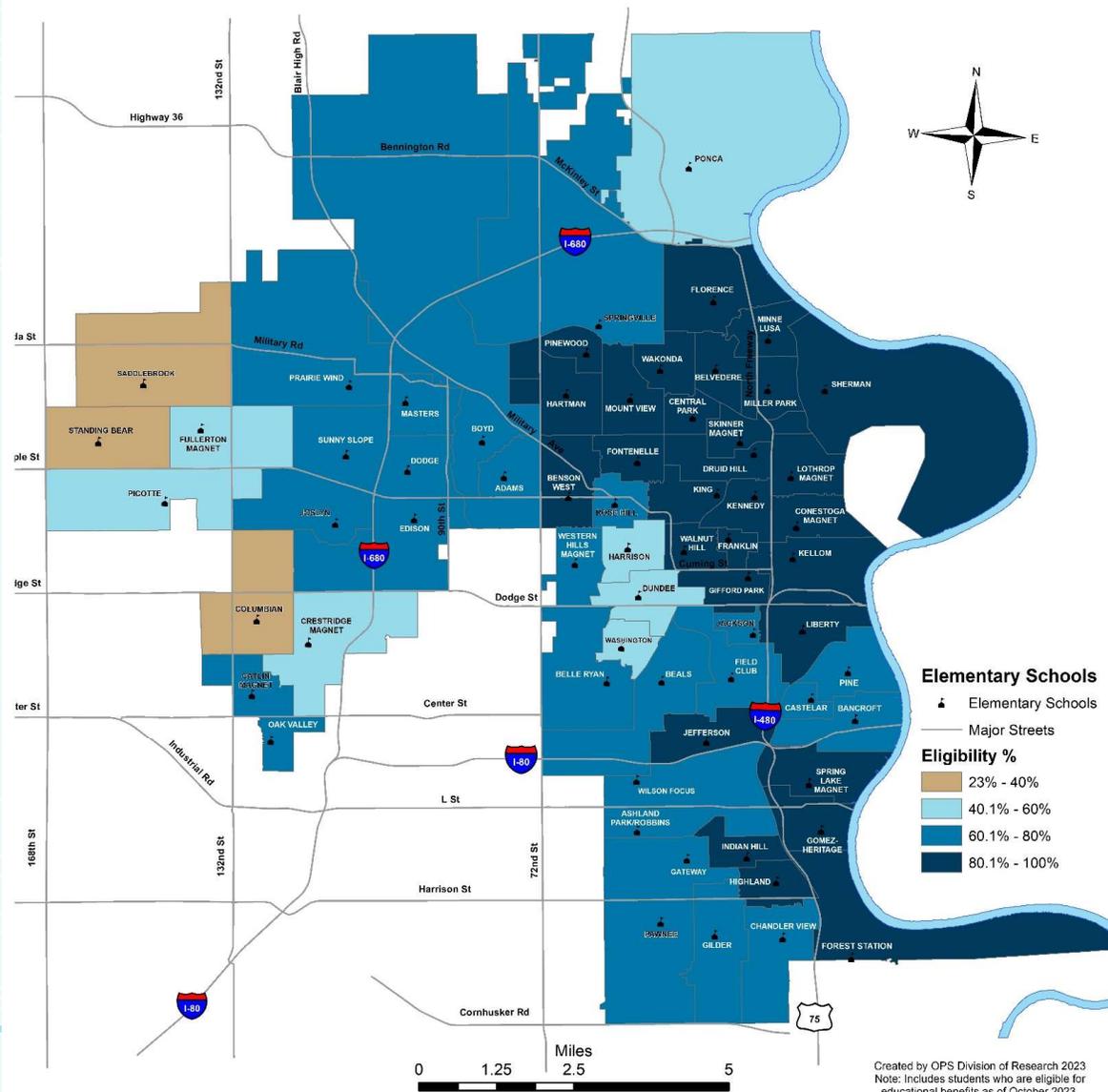
KEY POINTS

- More than 38,500 (74.5%) students have EBF data on record for this school year while about 13,000 (25.4%) students did not have EBF information at the time this report was created.
- In the second year of collecting the EBF, rates appear comparable to pre-pandemic free and reduced-price lunch rates suggesting that this new metric is a viable alternative to measure district and school level socioeconomics.
- Student and family socioeconomic status has been shown to be highly predictive of district and school level performance (status scores) on summative, national and state assessments.
- This report uses the EBF data as of 10/14/2023 for students enrolled on 10/1/2023.



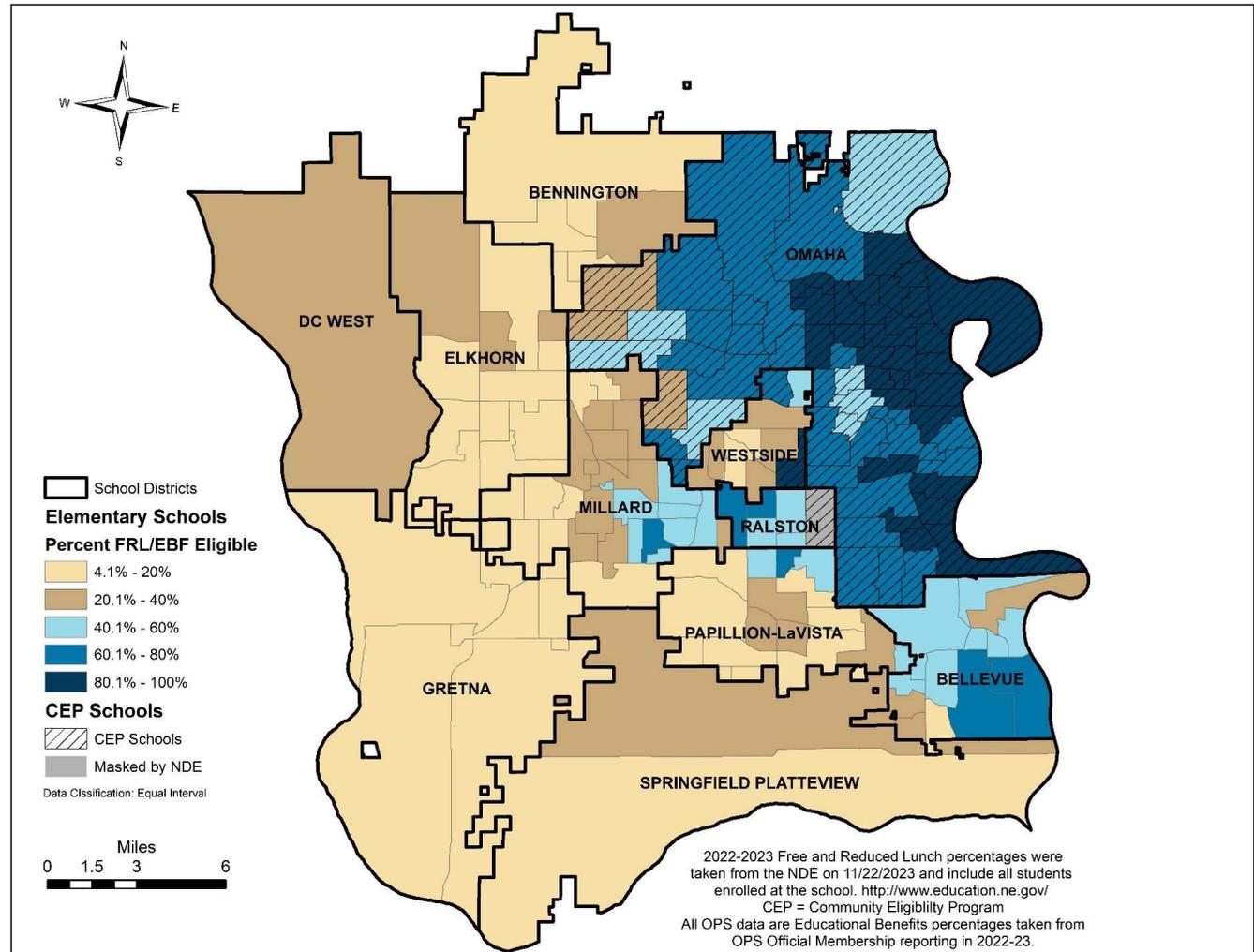
OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY PERCENT BY ENROLLMENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-6): 2023-24

- The highest populations are in the eastern portion of the district, generally east of 72nd Street.
- 21 of the 64 elementary schools have an eligibility percentage that is below the district eligibility percentage of 72.7%.

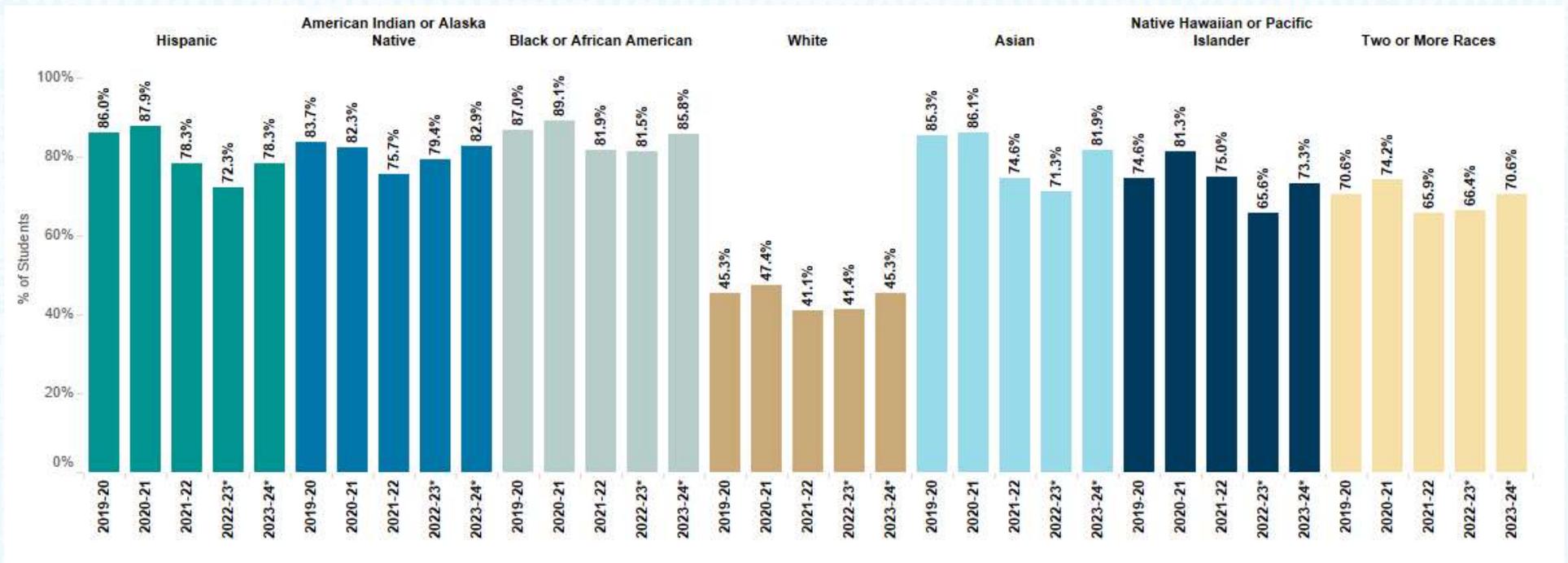


LEARNING COMMUNITY FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PERCENT BY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 2022-23

Based on the FRPL population enrolled across Douglas and Sarpy County elementary schools, poverty is generally concentrated in the urban core of the two-county area and less pronounced in outlying suburban areas. On average, 40.7% of all public school students across the two counties participated in the FRPL program in the 2021-22 school year.



FIVE YEAR EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT AND FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH HISTORY BY RACE/ETHNICITY 2019-20 to 2023-24



*2022-23 and 2023-24 depicts educational benefits eligibility while all previous years are free or reduced lunch eligibility.



Thank you.

