



# The Truth About the BBCE Loophole and School Lunches

## THE IMPACT: BBCE WOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON SCHOOL LUNCHES

Eliminating the BBCE loophole would have little impact on the number of kids who qualify for the school lunch program.



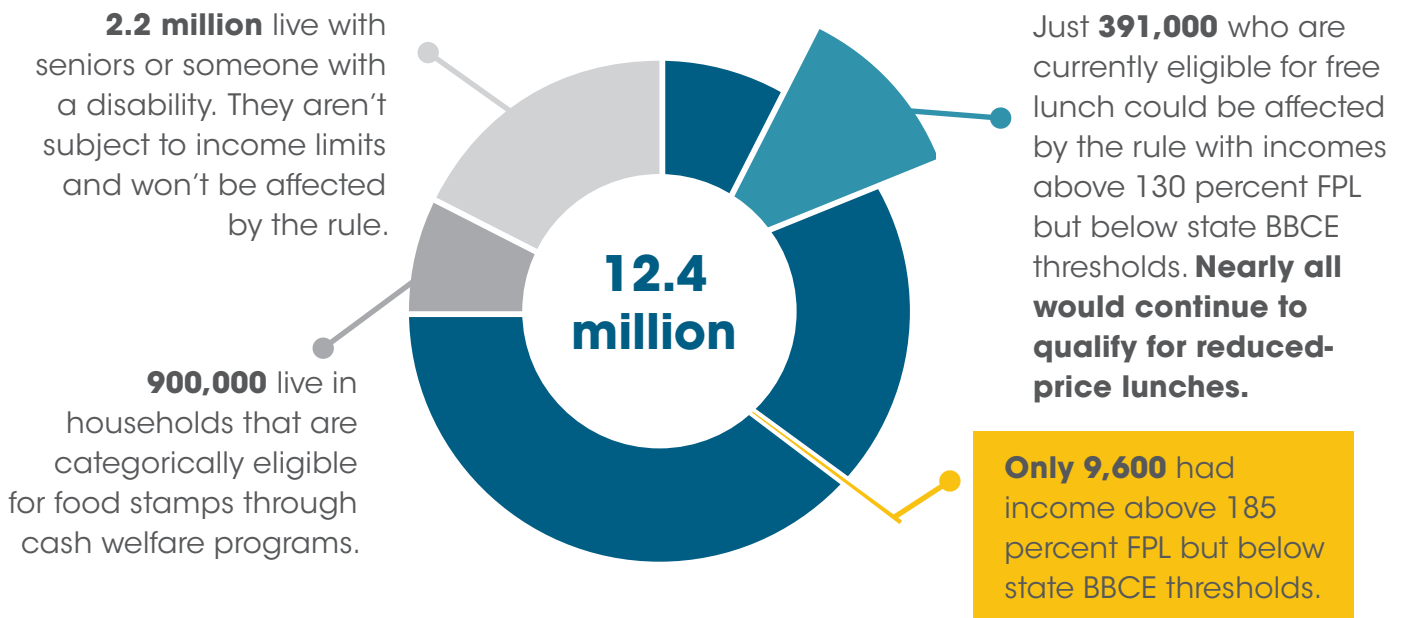
More than **99.9 percent** of school-aged kids on food stamps would still qualify for the school lunch program.



In 34 states, **no child would lose access** to the school lunch program.

## THE BREAKDOWN: ALMOST ALL WILL STILL QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

12.4 million school-aged children receive food stamps.





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**THE TRUTH: NOTHING IN THE BBCE RULE CHANGES ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

**Nothing in the proposed rule changes the school lunch eligibility standards set by Congress.** Only those who never met program eligibility rules in the first place would be affected.

More than **96.9 percent** of school-aged kids on food stamps **would still qualify for "free" lunches.**



Another **3.1 percent** would qualify for **reduced-price lunches,** where costs are capped at 40 cents per meal.

**BOTTOM LINE: CLOSING THE BBCE LOOPHOLE WILL PRESERVE RESOURCES FOR THE TRULY NEEDY**

**The proposed rule will:**



Bring the school lunch and food stamp programs back into alignment with their statutory foundations



Preserve resources for the truly needy

Every dollar spent on individuals with significant financial resources or whose incomes are above the federal eligibility threshold is a dollar that cannot be preserved for those who actually meet eligibility requirements.