

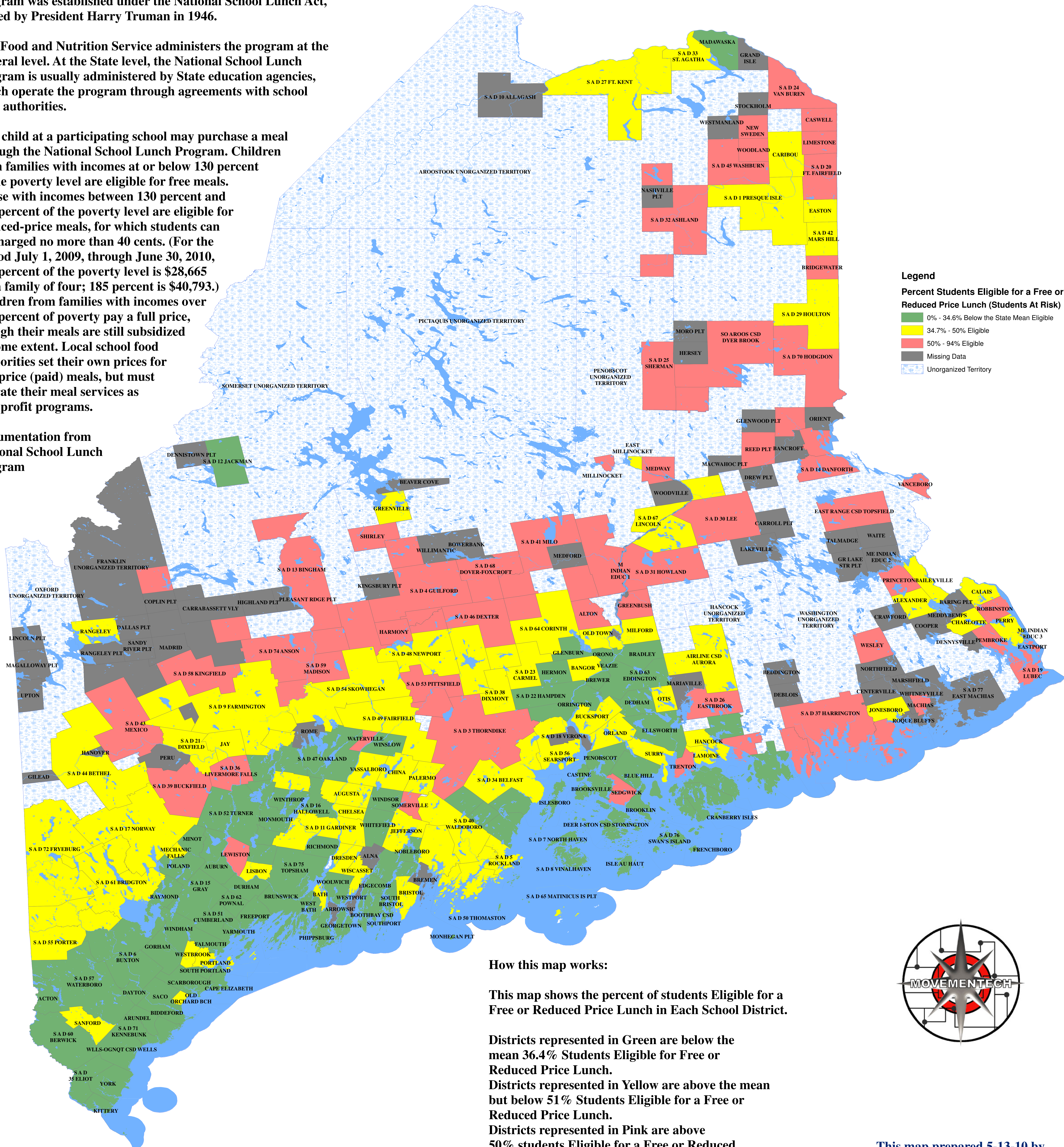
"Where in Maine" 2007 Maine School Districts and the Percent of Students Eligible for a Free or Reduced Price Lunch

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946.

The Food and Nutrition Service administers the program at the Federal level. At the State level, the National School Lunch Program is usually administered by State education agencies, which operate the program through agreements with school food authorities.

Any child at a participating school may purchase a meal through the National School Lunch Program. Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals, for which students can be charged no more than 40 cents. (For the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, 130 percent of the poverty level is \$28,665 for a family of four; 185 percent is \$40,793.) Children from families with incomes over 185 percent of poverty pay a full price, though their meals are still subsidized to some extent. Local school food authorities set their own prices for full-price (paid) meals, but must operate their meal services as non-profit programs.

Documentation from National School Lunch Program



How this map works:

This map shows the percent of students Eligible for a Free or Reduced Price Lunch in Each School District.

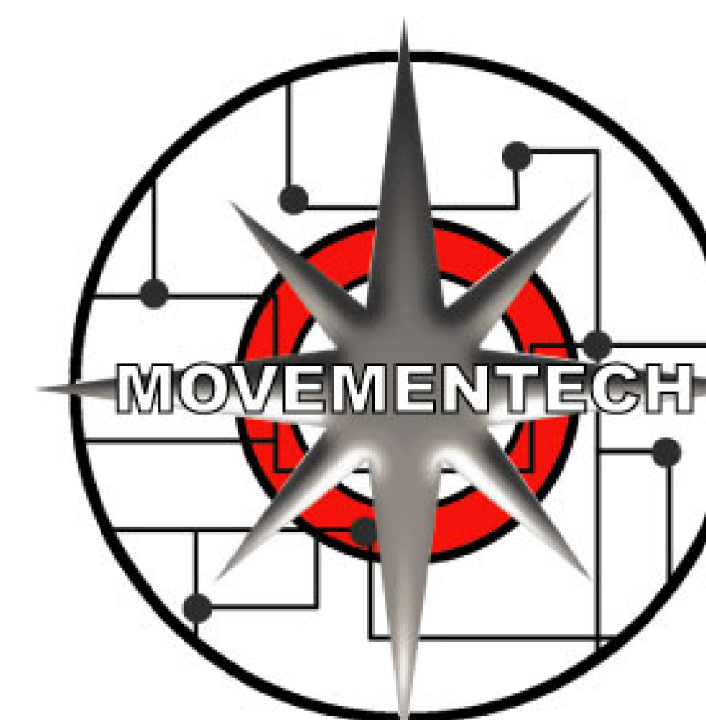
Districts represented in Green are below the mean 36.4% Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch.

Districts represented in Yellow are above the mean but below 51% Students Eligible for a Free or Reduced Price Lunch.

Districts represented in Pink are above 50% students Eligible for a Free or Reduced Price Lunch.

Districts Represented in Grey are Missing Data

Districts Represented in Mottled White and Green are unorganized areas of the state.



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