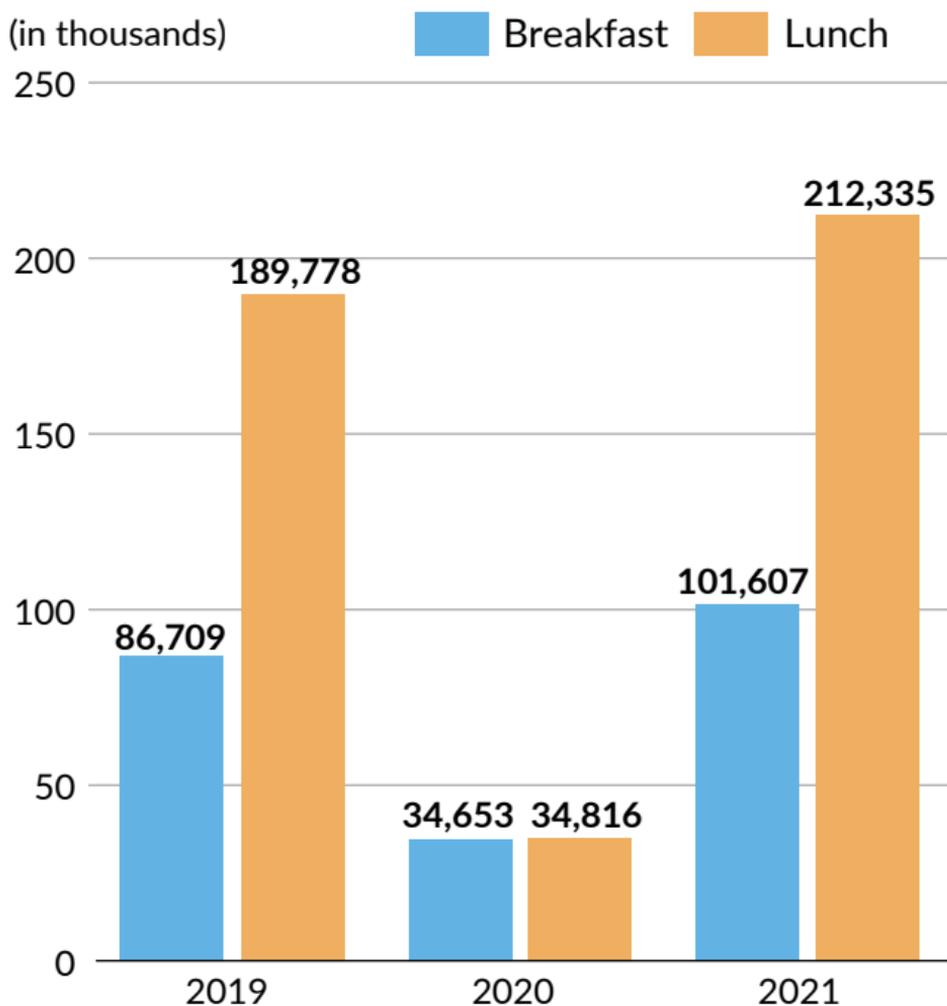


Columbia students are taking advantage of school meals

In part of a COVID-19 relief effort, school-offered meals will be free until June 2022. In September 2021, the number of breakfasts served increased by **17.2%** and lunches by **11.9%** from 2019.

(in thousands)



Source: Columbia Public Schools
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