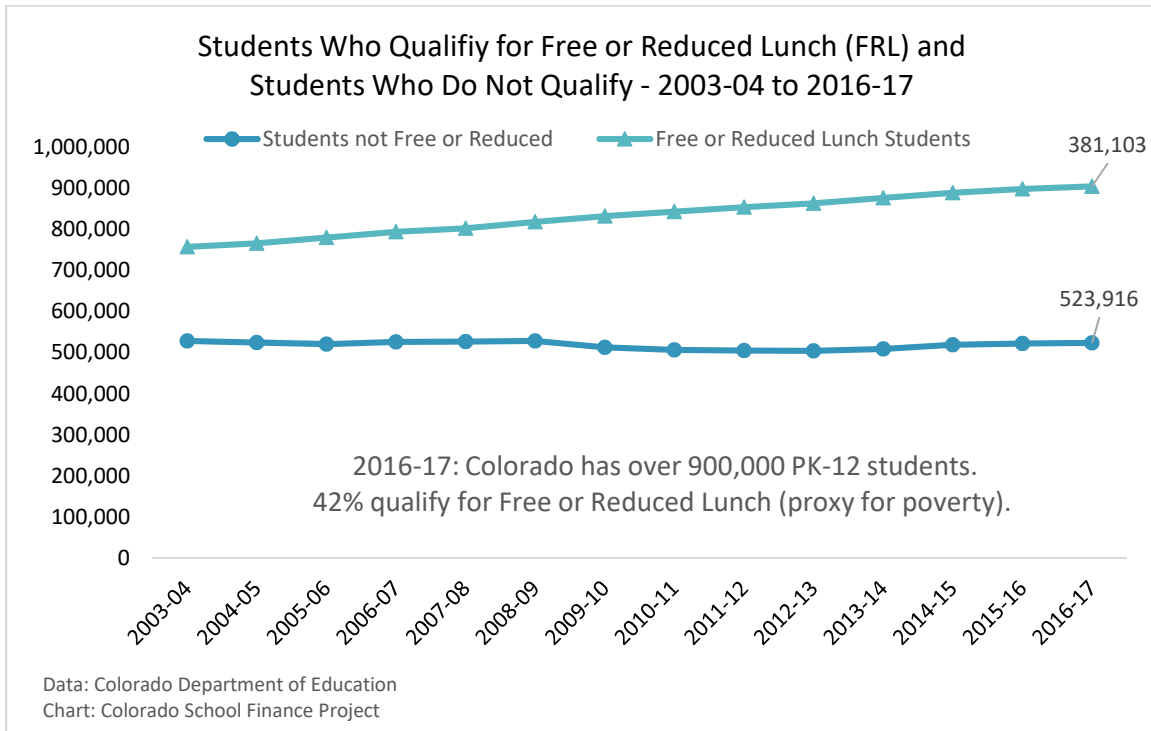


Since 2003-04 the number of PK-12 students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch (proxy for poverty) has increased steadily from 30% of students in 2003-04 to 42% of students in 2016-17. A 67% increase in 13 years.



Over the same time, students not qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch remained relatively constant – hovering around 525,000 students. In 2016-17 Colorado had over 900,000 Pre-K – 12 students.