

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM			
Data as of January 23, 2026			
Fiscal Year	Number of Outlets 1] (thousands)	Number of Half-Pints Served (millions)	Federal Expenditures (millions \$)
1969	98.4	2,944.4	101.3
1970	97.2	2,901.9	101.2
1971	97.6	2,570.0	91.1
1972	97.2	2,498.2	90.3
1973	98.8	2,560.7	90.8
1974	90.8	1,425.9	49.2
1975	88.8	2,139.0	122.9
1976	87.3	2,206.8	138.5
1977	87.2	2,204.4	150.0
1978	89.5	1,990.8	135.3
1979	88.5	1,821.1	133.6
1980	90.3	1,794.8	145.2
1981	87.9	1,533.1	100.8
1982 2]	9.2	201.9	18.3
1983	8.6	189.0	17.4
1984	8.4	174.4	16.0
1985	8.5	166.9	15.8
1986	8.2	161.8	15.5
1987	8.4	162.3	15.5
1988 3]	12.2	193.6	18.7
1989	11.5	188.7	18.5
1990	12.0	181.3	19.2
1991	12.5	177.0	19.8
1992	12.3	174.4	19.5
1993	11.1	167.3	18.7
1994	10.4	158.9	17.8
1995	10.6	151.3	17.0
1996	10.1	144.3	16.8
1997	10.0	140.6	17.4
1998	9.5	132.7	16.8
1999	9.1	126.9	16.5
2000	8.6	120.1	15.4
2001	8.8	116.4	15.6
2002	8.3	112.6	16.1
2003	7.9	106.5	14.3
2004	7.3	102.1	14.2
2005	6.9	98.6	16.4
2006	6.4	95.3	14.6
2007	6.4	90.2	13.6
2008	6.0	85.8	14.9
2009	5.6	79.1	14.1
2010	5.7	72.4	11.9
2011	5.2	66.6	12.3
2012	4.7	60.5	12.3
2013	4.7	54.8	10.7
2014	3.9	50.0	10.5
2015	4.1	47.0	10.5
2016	3.7	45.2	9.1
2017	3.5	41.7	8.4
2018	3.3	37.9	7.9
2019	3.0	35.1	7.3
2020	3.6	17.3	3.7
2021	1.5	14.3	3.0
2022	1.7	18.9	4.4
2023	1.9	18.9	5.1
2024	1.6	17.6	4.7
2025	1.5	15.6	4.2

** In SY 2020-2021, many schools served meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) due to the COVID-19 waivers.

FY 2025 data are preliminary; all data are subject to revision.

1] Data through FY-1980 are for the peak month of activity. Data for FY 1981 onward are October for schools/child care institutions and July for summer camps.

2] The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 limited program participation to schools and institutions which do not participate in other Child Nutrition programs, effective in FY 1982.

3] P.L. 99-500 (1987, effective October 1988) permitted NSLP or SBP schools to offer milk to pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children attending half-day sessions who have no access to meal service programs.