

**Illinois State Board of Education
Special Education Child Count
Taken December 1**

School Year	Count Total	Private & Orphan	
		Subtracted	Change
1977-1978	233,128		
1978-1979	238,968		2.51%
1979-1980	237,468		-0.63%
1980-1981	242,212		2.00%
1981-1982	246,641		1.83%
1982-1983	250,193		1.44%
1983-1984	243,855		-2.53%
1984-1985	242,671		-0.49%
1985-1986	240,854		-0.75%
1986-1987	243,730		1.19%
1987-1988	239,926		-1.56%
1988-1989	235,788		-1.72%
1989-1990	235,251		-0.23%
1990-1991	239,185		1.67%
1991-1992	243,541		1.82%
1992-1993	247,900		1.79%
1993-1994	250,929		1.22%
1994-1995	250,524		-0.16%
1995-1996	257,423		2.75%
1996-1997	264,507		2.75%
1997-1998	272,764		3.12%
1998-1999	281,137	268,498	3.07%
1999-2000	287,475	275,766	2.25%
2000-2001	297,316	287,565	3.42%
2001-2002	305,997	296,292	2.92%
2002-2003	310,260	300,964	1.39%
2003-2004	317,153	307,928	2.22%
2004-2005	321,501	312,433	1.37%
2005-2006	322,541	313,525	0.32%
2006-2007	326,539	317,456	1.24%

NOTE: From 1977 through 1993 children were counted either on the Chapter I, 89-313 count, or the P.L. 94-142 count. In some of these years, birth through three year olds were required by the federal government to be counted. These counts are totaled together on the chart.

NOTE: Starting school year 1994-95 students were counted under IDEA. Students must be in a special education program on December 1, be at least age 3 and not more than 22, and have an individualized education program (IEP) in place to be eligible for the IDEA child count.