

Historical Summary of Refuge Revenue Sharing Payments

The Refuge Revenue Sharing Act, 16 USC715s, as amended, authorizes revenues and direct appropriations to be deposited into a special fund, the National Wildlife Refuge Fund, and used for payments to units of local governments where the Service administers lands that the Service has acquired in fee or that have been reserved from the public domain. In Fiscal Year 1976, the amount of receipts was not sufficient to make the maximum payments allowed by the legislative formula, and the payments were reduced accordingly. In 1978, the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act was amended to allow Congress to appropriate funds to make up any shortfall. If the amount Congress appropriates is insufficient to meet the maximum allowed by legislative formula, the units of local government receive a pro-rata share.

Congressional appropriations are added to the previous year's net receipts to determine the amount of Refuge Revenue Sharing payments to be paid for the previous Fiscal Year (FY). For example, FY 2026 appropriations + FY 2025 net receipts = the Fiscal Year 2026 payments to units of local governments.

FY Paid	Prior FY Gross Receipts	Prior FY Net Receipts	Footnotes	Maximum Allowed by Legislative Formula	Congressional Appropriation	Footnotes	Total Paid To Units of Local Govt	Percentage of Maximum Allowed by Legislative Formula Paid
1972	\$4,803,049	\$4,311,874		\$2,815,694	—		\$2,815,694	100.0%
1973	\$4,012,474	\$3,512,474		\$2,714,824	—		\$2,714,824	100.0%
1974	\$4,038,502	\$3,358,502		\$2,816,394	—		\$2,816,394	100.0%
1975	\$4,205,375	\$3,410,597		\$3,034,229	—		\$3,034,229	100.0%
1976	\$6,053,827	\$4,915,579		\$6,666,613	—		\$4,915,579	73.7%
1977	\$6,053,827	\$4,915,579	1	\$6,666,613	—		\$4,915,579	73.7%
1978	\$5,098,917	\$4,098,271		\$5,547,598	—		\$4,098,271	73.9%
1979	\$4,083,186	\$3,030,105		\$5,789,102			\$3,030,105	52.3%
1980	\$4,924,015	\$3,608,716		\$7,320,593	\$1,950,000	2	\$5,558,716	75.9%
1981	\$4,624,277	\$3,158,924		\$9,875,576	\$6,716,652		\$9,875,576	100.0%
1982	\$5,891,990	\$4,180,468		\$11,341,796	\$5,760,000		\$9,940,468	87.6%
1983	\$7,049,422	\$5,140,308		\$12,025,066	\$5,760,000		\$10,900,308	90.6%
1984	\$5,791,736	\$4,035,001		\$12,712,094	\$5,760,000		\$9,795,001	77.1%
1985	\$6,714,689	\$4,406,342		\$13,555,562	\$5,644,800		\$10,051,142	74.1%
1986	\$6,627,631	\$4,081,956		\$14,684,417	\$5,370,130		\$9,452,086	64.4%
1987	\$5,360,200	\$3,282,893		\$14,879,916	\$5,645,000		\$8,927,893	60.0%
1988	\$5,447,915	\$3,113,383		\$14,854,630	\$5,645,000		\$8,758,383	59.0%
1989	\$6,782,346	\$4,254,652		\$15,332,356	\$6,645,000		\$10,899,652	71.1%
1990	\$5,935,083	\$3,725,962		\$16,211,621	\$8,904,000		\$12,629,962	77.9%
1991	\$7,090,000	\$4,844,511		\$16,875,902	\$10,942,800		\$15,787,311	93.5%
1992	\$6,746,380	\$4,299,835		\$18,030,646	\$11,848,800		\$16,148,635	89.6%
1993	\$6,452,514	\$4,018,102		\$19,309,148	\$11,748,283		\$15,766,385	81.7%
1994	\$5,920,317	\$3,736,610		\$20,208,042	\$12,000,000		\$15,736,610	77.9%
1995	\$7,062,504	\$4,670,740		\$21,588,652	\$11,977,000		\$16,647,740	77.1%
1996	\$6,681,411	\$4,234,642		\$22,846,549	\$10,779,000		\$15,013,642	65.7%
1997	\$8,995,000	\$6,647,301		\$24,048,949	\$10,779,000		\$17,426,301	72.5%
1998	\$9,361,738	\$6,807,128		\$26,201,802	\$10,525,873	3	\$17,333,001	66.2%

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1999	\$8,502,532	\$5,827,174		\$26,674,150	\$10,779,000		\$16,606,174	62.3%
2000	\$8,341,989	\$5,697,163		\$28,356,914	\$10,739,000		\$16,436,163	58.0%
2001	\$6,691,797	\$4,281,386	C	\$30,868,690	\$11,414,000	R	\$15,695,386	50.8%
2002	\$5,694,737	\$2,975,948		\$33,508,013	\$14,414,000		\$17,389,948	51.9%
2003	\$6,149,954	\$2,968,816		\$35,676,910	\$14,320,000	R	\$17,288,816	48.5%
2004	\$6,985,265	\$3,730,478		\$38,558,625	\$14,236,000	R	\$17,966,478	46.6%
2005	\$6,551,956	\$3,315,168		\$43,015,776	\$14,414,000		\$17,729,168	41.2%
2006	\$11,653,118	\$8,555,734		\$48,561,404	\$14,202,000		\$22,757,734	46.9%
2007	\$12,376,554	\$8,506,719		\$52,711,676	\$14,201,935	R	\$22,708,654	43.1%
2008	\$11,094,214	\$9,333,188		\$54,819,166	\$13,980,449		\$23,313,637	42.5%
2009	\$11,102,324	\$6,188,573		\$62,006,218	\$14,100,000		\$20,288,573	32.7%
2010	\$6,746,359	\$4,902,850		\$63,164,900	\$14,500,000		\$19,402,850	30.7%
2011	\$4,717,692	\$1,727,114		\$73,833,832	\$14,471,000	R	\$16,198,114	21.9%
2012	\$7,281,360	\$4,187,519		\$77,728,728	\$13,957,632	R	\$18,145,151	23.3%
2013	\$7,595,568	\$3,646,641	S	\$78,035,210	\$13,227,564	R, S	\$16,874,205	21.6%
2014	\$8,377,696	\$6,335,345	S	\$76,353,446	\$13,228,000		\$19,563,345	25.6%
2015	\$7,045,768	\$5,029,185	S, SR	\$75,860,611	\$13,228,000		\$18,257,185	24.1%
2016	\$8,576,855	\$6,238,052	S, SR, C	\$77,153,861	\$13,228,000		\$19,462,733	25.2%
2017	\$11,528,582	\$9,203,908	S, SR	\$78,157,984	\$13,228,000		\$22,243,193	28.5%
2018	\$7,195,642	\$4,903,069	S, SR, C	\$77,581,376	\$13,228,000		\$18,131,248	23.4%
2019	\$9,787,878	\$7,642,554	S, SR	\$78,470,388	\$13,228,000		\$20,870,553	26.6%
2020	\$7,733,310	\$5,242,767	S, SR, C	\$79,548,478	\$13,228,000		\$18,470,767	23.2%
2021	\$6,860,134	\$4,328,104	S, SR, C	\$80,181,537	\$13,228,000		\$17,556,104	21.9%
2022	\$6,725,605	\$4,286,176	S, SR	\$80,626,910	\$13,228,000		\$17,514,176	21.7%
2023	\$9,023,710	\$6,623,768	S, SR	\$82,258,196	\$13,228,000		\$19,851,768	24.1%
2024	\$7,918,252	\$5,546,992	S, SR	\$83,170,235	\$13,228,000		\$18,774,992	22.5%
2025	\$7,564,091	\$4,950,294	S, SR, C	\$83,544,000	\$13,228,000		\$18,178,294	21.8%
2026	\$8,620,533	\$6,118,130	S, SR	\$84,105,601	\$13,228,000		\$19,346,130	23.0%

Footnotes:

1/ FY 1977 figures are for 15 months -- when the fiscal year was extended from June 30 to September 30.

2/ FY 1980 is the first year appropriations were authorized to offset the difference between the receipts available for payment and the amount due local governments (Pub. L. 106-113). The numbers reflect Graham-Rudman -- Pub. L. 106-113 and Pub. L. 106-554 -- reductions.

3/ The 1998 number does not include an amount paid to Kodiak Island Borough as required by Public Law 105-83, Sec. 122.

C = Correction payments. Correction payments were made from current fiscal year receipts.

R = Rescission. This amount reflects the appropriation minus the rescission.

S = Sequestration included. The amount includes sequestration in accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C. 901a.

SR = Sequestration returned. The amount includes previously sequestered amounts made available for obligation in accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C. 901a.