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ICE CREAM



**THE WHOLE SCOOP ON
AMERICA'S FAVORITE TREAT**

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nights, the tiny shop's counter packed three- and four-deep; but the shop's staff of cheerful students (who are required to be on the honor roll to get a job) scoop up the menu's 24 flavors quickly. While the ice cream is delicious on its own, order a sundae with one of Four Seas' homemade toppings. Hot fudge, butterscotch, blackberry brandy and crème de menthe are all made on-site.

GRAETER'S • CINCINNATI, OHIO

Founded in 1870, Graeter's is now so popular that it has 35 stores in Ohio and Kentucky. Part of Graeter's appeal is how the ice cream is manufactured. They use a labor-intensive French pot process, where custom-made freezers featuring large, deep pots spin to freeze the ice cream. To keep the mixture smooth and evenly frozen, a worker must manually scrape down the sides with a paddle. The result is velvety and super-dense. Their signature chocolate chip flavors are made when liquid chocolate is poured into the pots during the final stage of the freezing process; the chocolate freezes upon contact and shatters into giant, irregularly shaped chunks. You haven't had chocolate chip until you've tried Graeter's version; their black raspberry, mint or mocha chocolate chip flavors are to-die-for.



HANDEL'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM & YOGURT • YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Alice Handel started making ice cream out of her husband's gas station in 1945, using fruits from her backyard and old-fashioned recipes. Today, there

FUN Facts

Butch Baskin, who would go on to cofound the Baskin-Robbins chain, developed a reputation for making a mean ice cream at his base in the South Pacific during World War II. He bartered a company Jeep to procure an ice cream freezer and then sweetened the standard military mix with locally available exotic fruits and nuts.



National and Regional Ice Cream Brands, Chains and Franchises

Note: Ice cream stores with more than 20 outlets are listed in this section.

Ashby Sterling

888-4-ASHBYS
www.ashbyssterling.com
Headquarters: Oak Park, Michigan
Supplies innovative flavors, including banana pudding and English cinnamon crumb cake, to shops using the Ashby name or their own names.

Baskin-Robbins

800-859-5339
www.baskinrobbins.com
Headquarters: Randolph, Massachusetts
Known for 31 flavors, including Pralines 'n Cream and seasonal flavors.

Ben & Jerry's

802-846-1500
www.benjerry.com
Headquarters: Montpelier, Vermont
Mail-Order: Yes
Super-rich ice cream with super-chunky ingredients, such as Cherry Garcia, Phish Food and Core Sundaes.

Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy Stores

405-478-1656
www.braums.com
Headquarters: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Some 280 dairy stores featuring an extensive menu of treats. Also, they're the only major ice cream maker that still milks its own cows.

Bresler's

631-737-9700
www.coolbrandsinternational.com
Headquarters: Markham, Ontario
Started in Chicago after the Depression, the chain specializes

in premium hard ice cream in flavors geared to kids and teens.

Bridgeman's

763-971-2947
www.bridgemans.com
Headquarters: Brooklyn Center, Minnesota
Most of their shops are located within an existing business (called co-branding). Menu offers cones and some 24 treats.

Bruster's

724-774-4250
www.brustersicecream.com
Headquarters: Bridgewater, Pennsylvania
Walk-up stands known for its velvety ice cream in inventive flavors such as Purple Dinosaur.

Carvel

860-257-4448
www.carvel.com
Headquarters: Rocky Hill, Connecticut
An East Coast institution for soft-serve ice cream and ice cream cakes in shapes like Fudgie the Whale.

Ciao Bella

800-343-5286
www.ciaobellagelato.com
Headquarters: Irving, New Jersey
Mail-Order: Yes, via phone
They offer boutique gelati and sorbetti, such as chocolate jalapeño, blackberry Cabernet and five kinds of vanilla.

Cold Stone Creamery

480-348-1704
www.coldcreamcreamery.com
Headquarters: Scottsdale, Arizona

A wide array of mix-ins and toppings can be hand-folded into ice cream on top of a chilled granite stone.

CremaLita

212-645-2000
www.cremalita.com
Headquarters: New York City
Low- to no-fat soft-serve shops with a sleek design.

Culver's

608-643-7980
www.culvers.com
Headquarters: Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin
Casual fast food chain with freshly made frozen custard and ButterBurgers.

Dairy Queen

952-830-0200
www.dairyqueen.com
Headquarters: Edina, Minnesota
With more than 5,000 locations in the U.S., DQ is the nation's largest ice cream franchise, known for soft-serve ice cream cones with the signature curl on top and Blizzards.

Dippin' Dots

270-575-6990
www.dippindots.com
Headquarters: Paducah, Kentucky
Flash-frozen ice cream that forms into small "dots" is available in franchised stores, vending machines and at theme parks and fairs.

Double Rainbow

415-861-5858
www.doublerainbow.com
Headquarters: San Francisco

The super-premium ice cream called the "official ice cream of San Francisco," is available nationally at 19 shops bearing the Double Rainbow name and more than 300 other locations.

Emack & Bolio's

617-739-7995
www.emackandbolios.com
Headquarters: Brookline, Massachusetts
Since 1975, Emack & Bolio's has been known for over-the-top flavors, healthy smoothies and vibrant, funky shops.

Friendly's

413-543-2400
www.friendlys.com
Headquarters: Wilbraham, Massachusetts
Restaurant and ice cream parlor featuring light fare and lots of soda fountain treats.

Goodrich's

866-228-6258
www.goodrichicecream.com
Headquarters: Omaha, Nebraska
Parlors offering old-fashioned fountains treats, such as Orange Cassanovas, and flavors like Goo Goo Cluster and butter brickle.

Graeter's

800-727-7425
www.graeters.com
Headquarters: Cincinnati, Ohio
Mail-Order: Yes
Made using the French pot method, Graeter's ice cream is rich, creamy and especially good in the form of one of its signature "chip" flavors.