



CACFP National Average Payment Rates

2025–26 vs. 2026–27 Rate Comparison

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The tables below compare the prior-year (2025–26) and current-year (2026–27) national average payment rates for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), covering Centers, Day Care Homes, and Administrative Reimbursement rates for sponsoring organizations. Centers rates reflect a 3.54% CPI (Food Away From Home) increase; Day Care Home meal rates reflect a 2.74% CPI (Food At Home) increase; Administrative reimbursement rates reflect a 4.25% CPI (All Items) increase. Rates exclude the value of USDA Foods or cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods.

Centers — Breakfast

Region	Category	2025–26	2026–27	Difference
Contiguous States	Paid	\$0.40	\$0.42	+\$0.02
Contiguous States	Reduced Price	\$2.16	\$2.24	+\$0.08
Contiguous States	Free	\$2.46	\$2.54	+\$0.08
Alaska	Paid	\$0.62	\$0.64	+\$0.02
Alaska	Reduced Price	\$3.65	\$3.79	+\$0.14
Alaska	Free	\$3.95	\$4.09	+\$0.14
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Paid	\$0.51	\$0.52	+\$0.01
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Reduced Price	\$2.88	\$2.99	+\$0.11
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Free	\$3.18	\$3.29	+\$0.11

Centers — Lunch and Supper

Region	Category	2025–26	2026–27	Difference
Contiguous States	Paid	\$0.44	\$0.45	+\$0.01
Contiguous States	Reduced Price	\$4.20	\$4.36	+\$0.16
Contiguous States	Free	\$4.60	\$4.76	+\$0.16
Alaska	Paid	\$0.71	\$0.74	+\$0.03

Region	Category	2025-26	2026-27	Difference
Alaska	Reduced Price	\$7.05	\$7.32	+\$0.27
Alaska	Free	\$7.45	\$7.72	+\$0.27
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Paid	\$0.57	\$0.59	+\$0.02
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Reduced Price	\$5.58	\$5.79	+\$0.21
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Free	\$5.98	\$6.19	+\$0.21

Centers — Snack				
Region	Category	2025-26	2026-27	Difference
Contiguous States	Paid	\$0.11	\$0.12	+\$0.01
Contiguous States	Reduced Price	\$0.63	\$0.65	+\$0.02
Contiguous States	Free	\$1.26	\$1.30	+\$0.04
Alaska	Paid	\$0.18	\$0.19	+\$0.01
Alaska	Reduced Price	\$1.02	\$1.06	+\$0.04
Alaska	Free	\$2.04	\$2.12	+\$0.08
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Paid	\$0.15	\$0.15	No change
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Reduced Price	\$0.82	\$0.85	+\$0.03
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Free	\$1.64	\$1.70	+\$0.06

Day Care Homes — Breakfast

Region	Tier	2025-26	2026-27	Difference
Contiguous States	Tier I	\$1.70	\$1.74	+\$0.04
Contiguous States	Tier II	\$0.61	\$0.62	+\$0.01
Alaska	Tier I	\$2.72	\$2.79	+\$0.07
Alaska	Tier II	\$0.95	\$0.98	+\$0.03
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Tier I	\$2.19	\$2.25	+\$0.06
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Tier II	\$0.77	\$0.79	+\$0.02

Day Care Homes — Lunch and Supper

Region	Tier	2025-26	2026-27	Difference
Contiguous States	Tier I	\$3.22	\$3.31	+\$0.09
Contiguous States	Tier II	\$1.94	\$1.99	+\$0.05
Alaska	Tier I	\$5.22	\$5.36	+\$0.14
Alaska	Tier II	\$3.15	\$3.23	+\$0.08
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Tier I	\$4.18	\$4.30	+\$0.12
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Tier II	\$2.52	\$2.59	+\$0.07

Day Care Homes — Snack

Region	Tier	2025-26	2026-27	Difference
Contiguous States	Tier I	\$0.96	\$0.98	+\$0.02
Contiguous States	Tier II	\$0.26	\$0.27	+\$0.01
Alaska	Tier I	\$1.55	\$1.59	+\$0.04
Alaska	Tier II	\$0.43	\$0.44	+\$0.01
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Tier I	\$1.24	\$1.28	+\$0.04
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Tier II	\$0.34	\$0.35	+\$0.01

Administrative Reimbursement for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes (Per Home / Per Month)

Region	Tier	2025-26	2026-27	Difference
Contiguous States	Initial 50 Homes	\$150	\$157	+\$7
Contiguous States	Next 150 Homes	\$115	\$119	+\$4
Contiguous States	Next 800 Homes	\$89	\$93	+\$4
Contiguous States	Each Additional Home	\$79	\$82	+\$3
Alaska	Initial 50 Homes	\$244	\$254	+\$10
Alaska	Next 150 Homes	\$186	\$193	+\$7
Alaska	Next 800 Homes	\$145	\$151	+\$6
Alaska	Each Additional Home	\$128	\$133	+\$5
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Initial 50 Homes	\$195	\$204	+\$9
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Next 150 Homes	\$149	\$155	+\$6
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Next 800 Homes	\$116	\$121	+\$5
Guam, HI, PR, VI	Each Additional Home	\$102	\$107	+\$5

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