MASSACHUSETTS
Department of
Early Education and Care

Fiscal Year 2026 Child Care Financial Assistance Daily Reimbursement Rates

STANDARD DAILY BASE RATES

EEC will reimburse providers up to the base daily reimbursement rate shown on the rate charts below depending on the region and type of care provided, unless the provider is also eligible for an add-on rate detailed below. All Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Family Child Care, and Full Day Rates for School Age, Head Start, and Kindergarten assume full time reimbursement for up to 10 hours of care per day. Care for 5 or fewer hours is considered part time. Reimbursement for part-time care is 60% of the full-time rate.

CENTER-BASED RATES

	Center-Based Care						
	Early Education			School Age			
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Before Only	After Only	Before & After	Full Day
Western, Central & Southeast (Regions 1, 2, 5)	$ 105.53	$ 82.91	$ 58.78	$ 11.80	$ 24.80	$ 36.60	$ 49.94
Northeast (Region 3)	$ 110.80	$ 86.96	$ 62.38	$ 12.80	$ 27.72	$ 40.52	$ 51.64
Metro & Boston Metro (Regions 4, 6)	$ 121.92	$ 110.64	$ 81.74	$ 12.87	$ 28.45	$ 41.32	$ 53.07

Effective Date 7-1-2025

HEAD START PARTNER AND KINDERGARTEN RATES

For Head Start, before is up to 2 hours, after is a minimum of 4 hours, and full day is when head start is not in session.

	Head Start Partner and Kindergarten			
	Before	**After**	**Before & After**	**Full Day**
Western, Central & Southeast (Regions 1, 2, 5)	$ 11.10	$ 32.99	$ 44.09	$ 58.78
Northeast (Region 3)	$ 12.10	$ 34.78	$ 46.88	$ 62.38
Metro & Metro Boston (Regions 4, 6)	$ 15.91	$ 47.77	$ 63.68	$ 81.74

INFORMAL CHILD CARE RATES

5 or fewer hours per day is considered part-time child care; more than 5 hours per day is considered full-time child care.

	Informal Child Care	
	Relative / Relative's Home	**Relative or Non-Relative / Child's Home**
Part Time Rate	$ 14.74	$ 10.40
Full Time Rate	$ 24.57	$ 17.33

TRANSPORTATION RATES

EEC will reimburse providers up to the base transportation daily reimbursement rate shown on the rate charts below depending on the type of transportation services being provided. Reimbursement applies to all program types, Income Eligible and Priority Populations.

Transportation	
One Way	**Two Way**
$ 12.00	$ 18.00

FAMILY CHILD CARE RATES

Fiscal year 2026 rates for family child care providers have been finalized and ratified by the SEIU Local 509.

	Family Child Care Provider *(Contract Reimbursement Rates*)*	
	Providers: Under 2 Years of Age	**Providers: 2 Years of Age and Over**
Western, Central & Southeast (Regions 1, 2, 5)	$59.33	$49.64
Northeast (Region 3)	$59.94	$50.01
Metro & Boston Metro (Regions 4, 6)	$88.98	$57.43

* FCC System Admin rates were separated from the daily reimbursement rate and incorporated into the Family Child Care System Administrative Management Cost Reimbursement contracts that EEC implemented on October 1, 2024.

	Family Child Care *(Voucher Reimbursement Rates)*			
	Providers: Under 2 Years of Age	**Providers: 2 Years of Age and Over**	**Systems: Under 2 Years of Age**	**Systems: 2 Years of Age and Over**
Western, Central & Southeast (Regions 1, 2, 5)	$59.33	$49.64	$76.13	$66.36
Northeast (Region 3)	$59.94	$50.01	$76.61	$66.68
Metro & Boston Metro (Regions 4, 6)	$88.98	$57.43	$106.33	$74.66