

Tennessee Department of Human Services

Child Care Certificate Program Provider Weekly Reimbursement Rates Including QRIS Scorecard Bonus Payments

Effective January 1, 2026

Child Care Centers	State Rate		*QRIS Score 80-89		**QRIS Score 90-100	
	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos	\$260.00	\$170.00	\$273.00	\$179.00	\$286.00	\$187.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos	\$240.00	\$160.00	\$252.00	\$168.00	\$264.00	\$176.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten	\$208.00	\$148.00	\$218.00	\$155.00	\$229.00	\$163.00
School In	\$79.00	\$75.00	\$83.00	\$79.00	\$87.00	\$83.00
School Out	\$143.00	\$110.00	\$150.00	\$116.00	\$157.00	\$121.00

Group Homes	State Rate		*QRIS Score 80-89		**QRIS Score 90-100	
	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos	\$215.00	\$143.00	\$226.00	\$150.00	\$237.00	\$157.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos	\$200.00	\$140.00	\$210.00	\$147.00	\$220.00	\$154.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten	\$184.00	\$133.00	\$193.00	\$140.00	\$202.00	\$146.00
School In	\$101.00	\$75.00	\$106.00	\$79.00	\$111.00	\$83.00
School Out	\$135.00	\$100.00	\$142.00	\$105.00	\$149.00	\$110.00

Family Homes	State Rate		*QRIS Score 80-89		**QRIS Score 90-100	
	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos	\$200.00	\$133.00	\$210.00	\$140.00	\$220.00	\$146.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos	\$180.00	\$126.00	\$189.00	\$132.00	\$198.00	\$139.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten	\$163.00	\$125.00	\$171.00	\$131.00	\$179.00	\$138.00
School In	\$119.00	\$79.00	\$125.00	\$83.00	\$131.00	\$87.00
School Out	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$131.00	\$126.00	\$138.00	\$132.00

Authorized	State Rate	
	Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos	\$126.00	\$95.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos	\$119.00	\$88.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten	\$95.00	\$78.00
School In	\$55.00	\$55.00
School Out	\$84.00	\$73.00

(a) Part-time for Infant, Toddler, and Preschool is one-half the full-time rate (rounded up)

* = QRIS Scorecard 80-89 equal state rate plus a 5% quality bonus payment for TDHS Licensed Providers

** = QRIS Scorecard 90-100 equal state rate plus a 10% quality bonus for TDHS Licensed Providers

Note: "Top Tier Counties" are those with the 20 highest average populations in 2023 and/or 20 highest per capita incomes 2023. The following counties meet one of those criteria:

Anderson, Blount, Bradley, Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Fayette, Gibson, Greene, Hamilton, Henry, Knox, Loudon, Madison, Maury, Montgomery, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Sevier, Shelby, Sullivan, Sumner, Washington, Williamson, Wilson

Note: Beginning October 1, 2021 a 15% differential above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for children receiving care and have been identified with disabilities and special needs.

Note: Beginning October 1, 2023 a 15% differential above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for infants.