

How does child care assistance support my community?

AITKIN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Aitkin County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$11 a week for family child care and \$16 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

70 children from **37** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

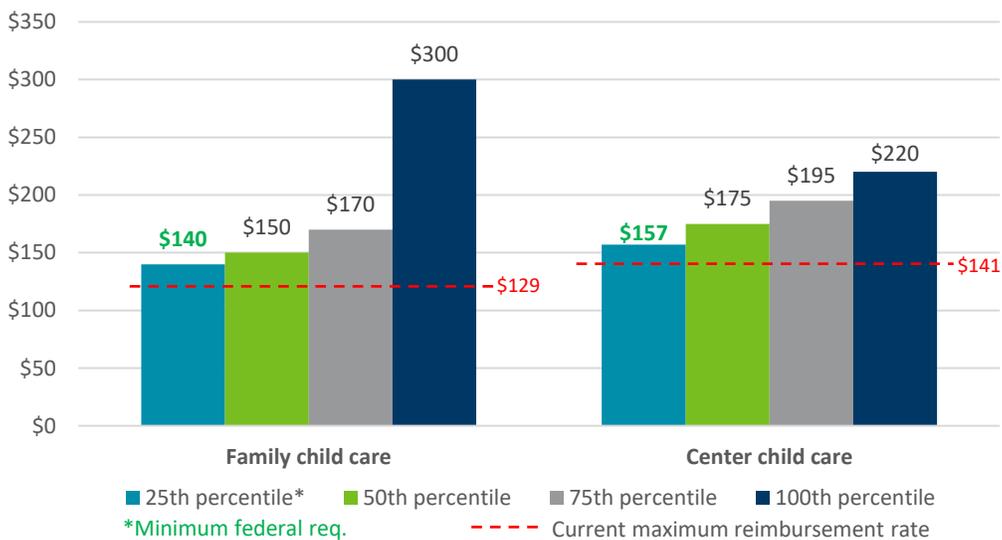
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Aitkin County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

BECKER COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Becker County, **school age maximum rates would go up \$31 per week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

266 children from
149 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

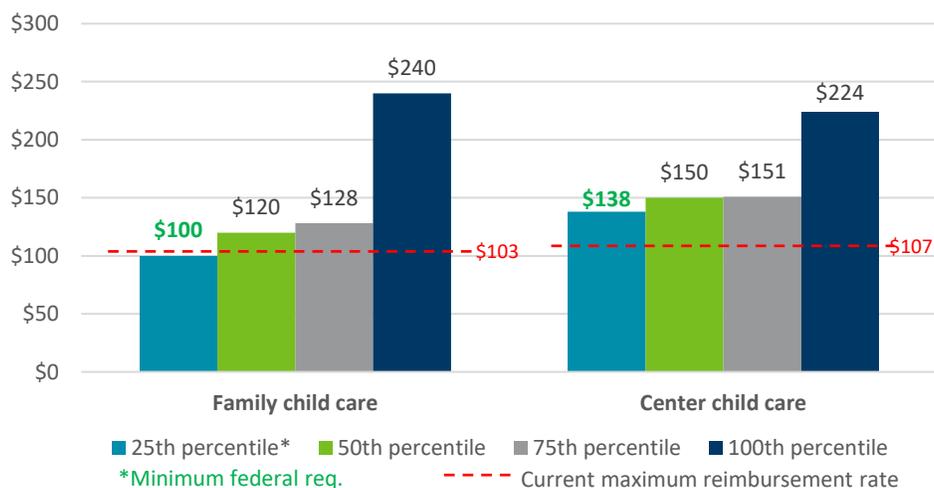
38
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

16
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Becker County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

BELTRAMI COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Beltrami County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

440 children from **227** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

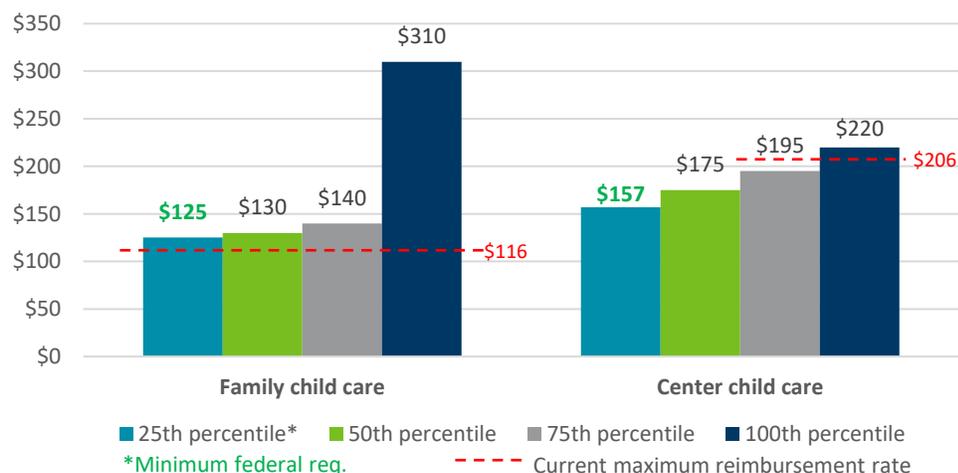
63 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

16 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Beltrami County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

BENTON COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Benton County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$12 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

443 children from **247** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

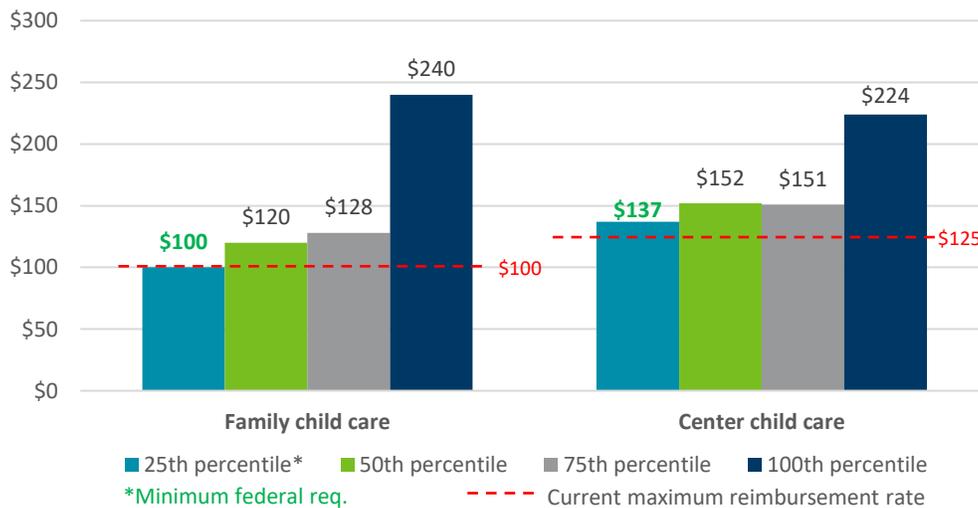
44 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

11 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Benton County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

BIG STONE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Big Stone County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$25 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

21 children from **11** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

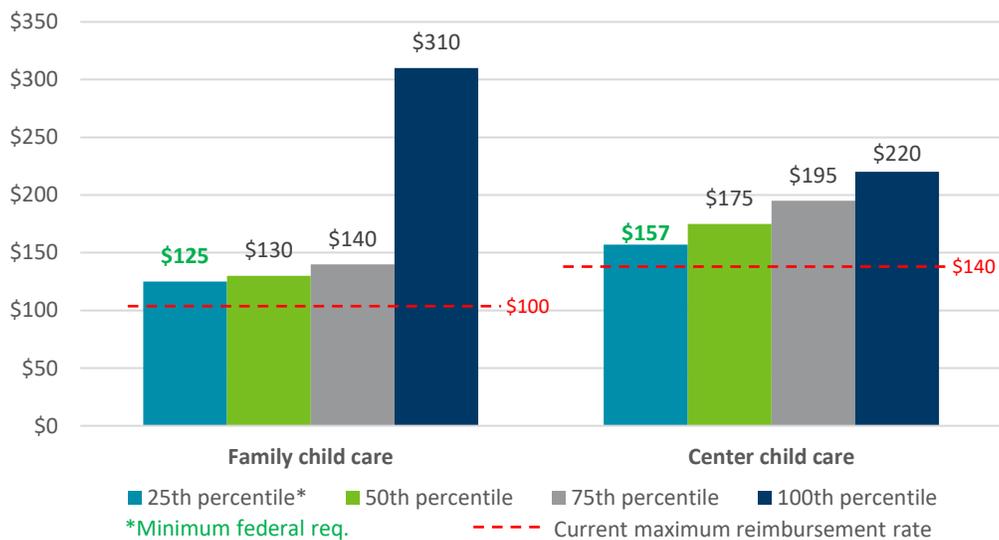
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Big Stone County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Blue Earth County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care and \$27 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

597 children from
359 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

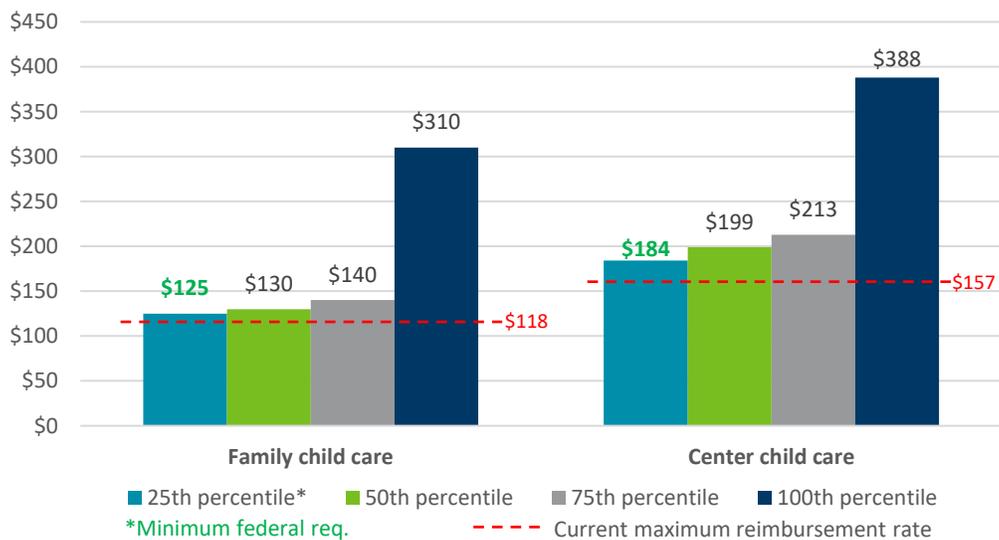
46
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

30
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Blue Earth County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

BROWN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Brown County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care and \$13 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

219 children from
134 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

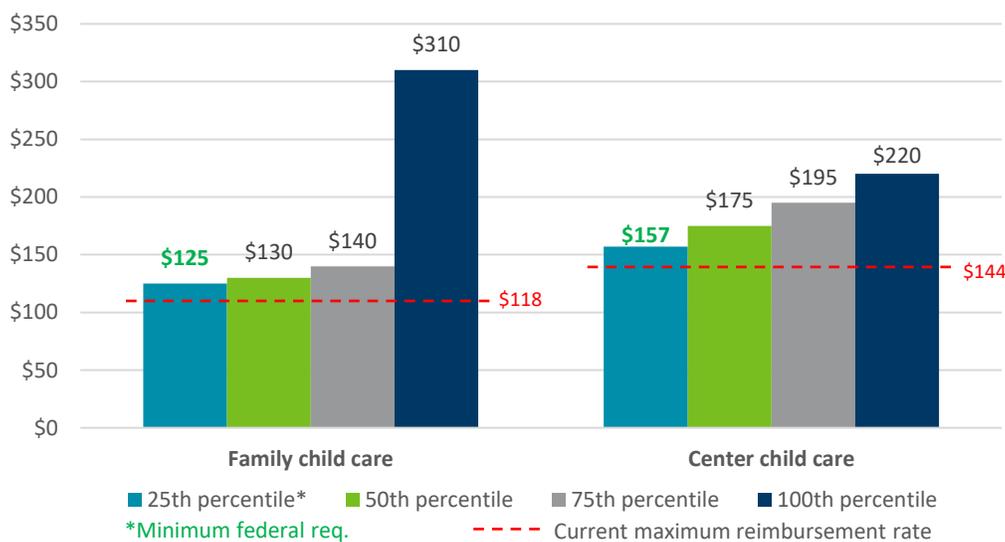
37
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

9
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Brown County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

CARLTON COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Carlton County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care and \$27 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

161 children from **103** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

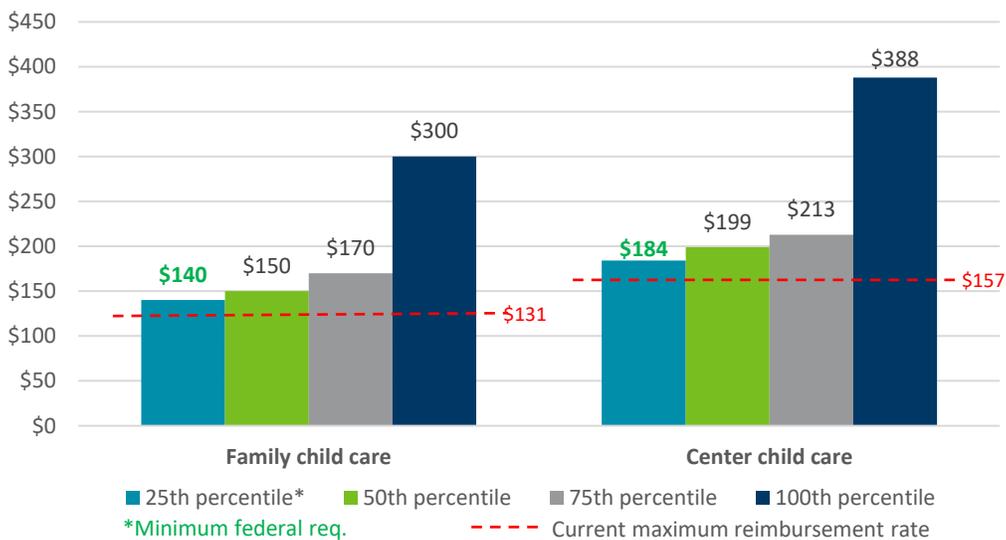
17 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

15 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Carlton County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

CASS COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Cass County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

133 children from **80** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

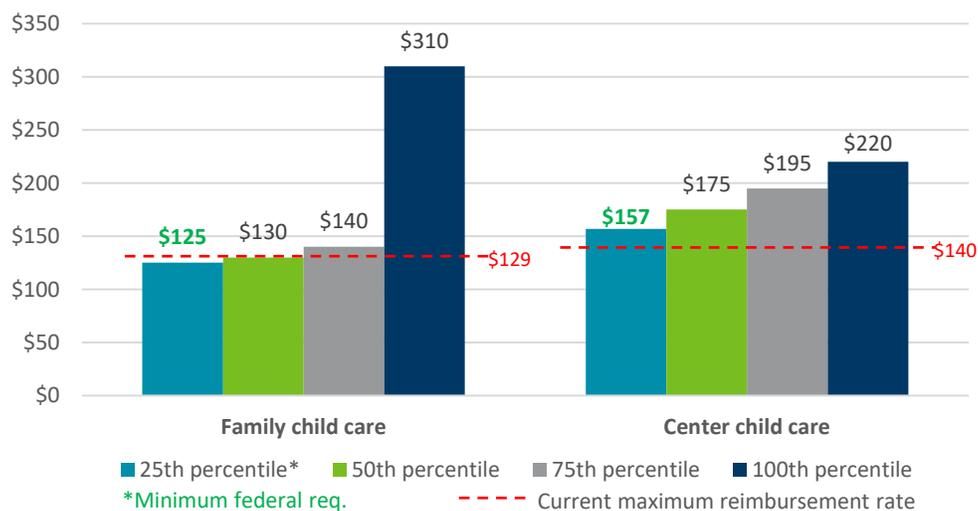
22 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Cass County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Chippewa County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

52 children from **35** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

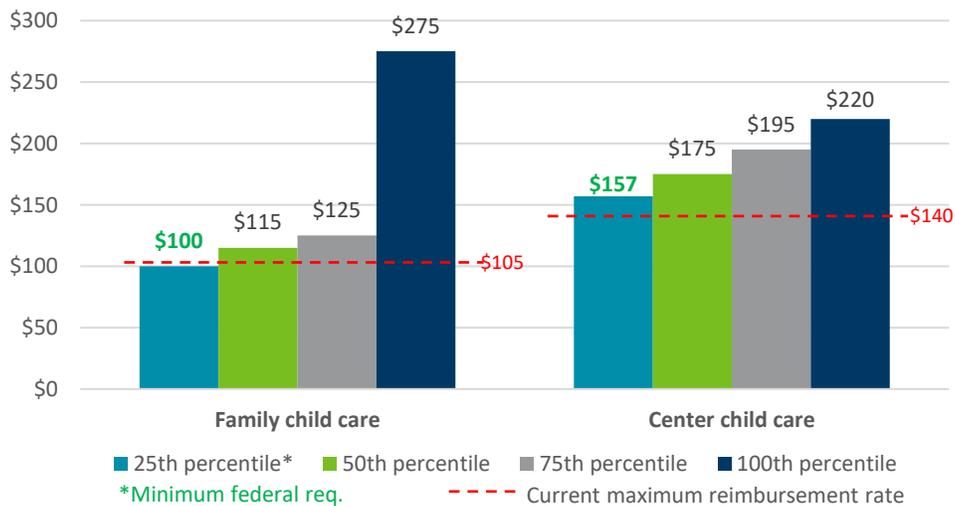
10 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Chippewa County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

CHISAGO COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Chisago County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care and \$25 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

209 children from **118** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

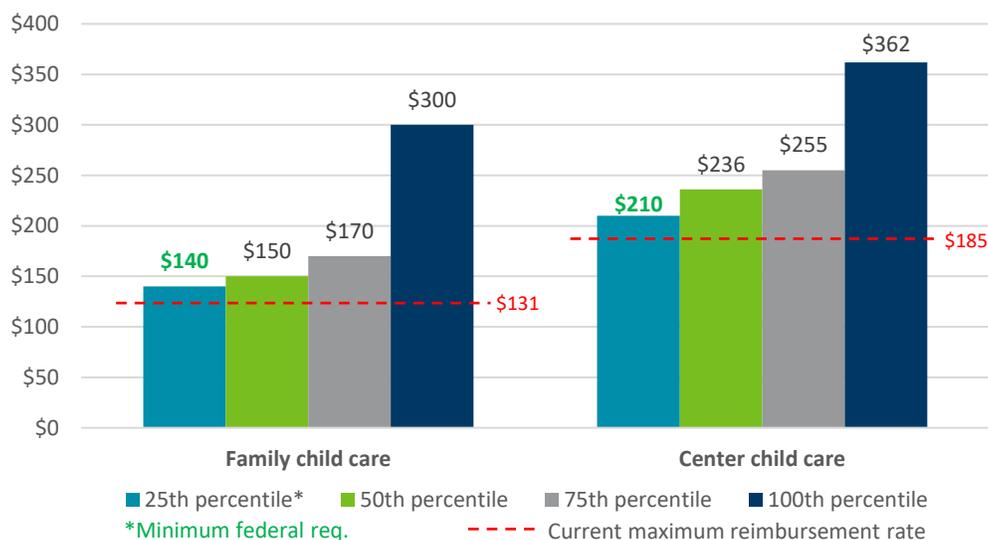
20 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

10 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Chisago County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

CLAY COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Clay County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$28 a week for family child care and \$44 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

385 children from
232 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

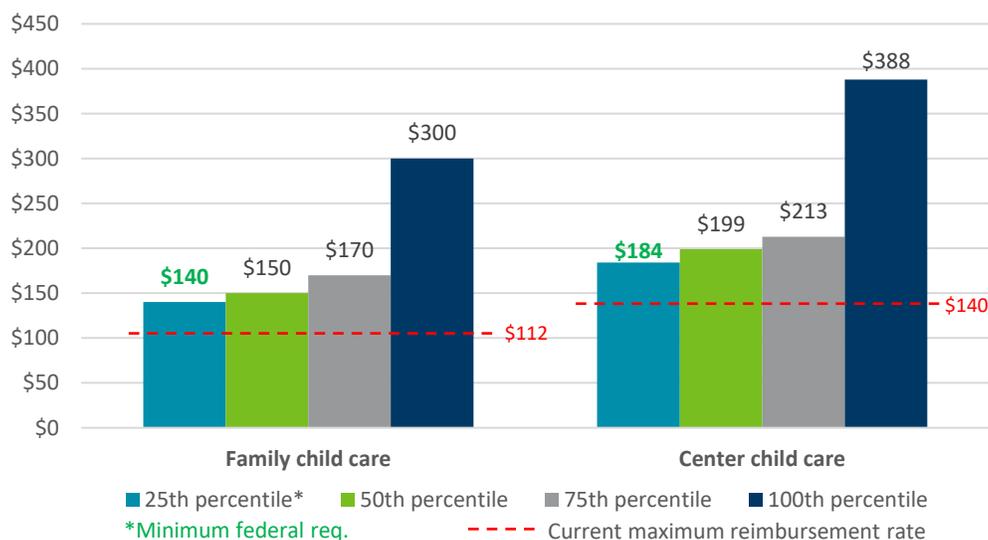
42
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

17
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Clay County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

CLEARWATER COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Clearwater County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

53 children from
31 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

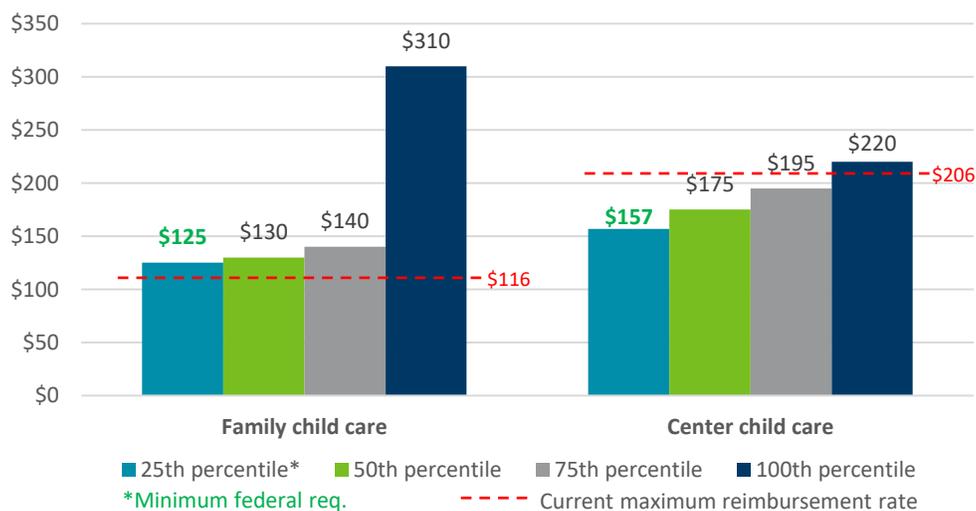
14
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

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center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Clearwater County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

COOK COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Cook County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$20 a week for family child care and \$43 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

16 children from **11** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

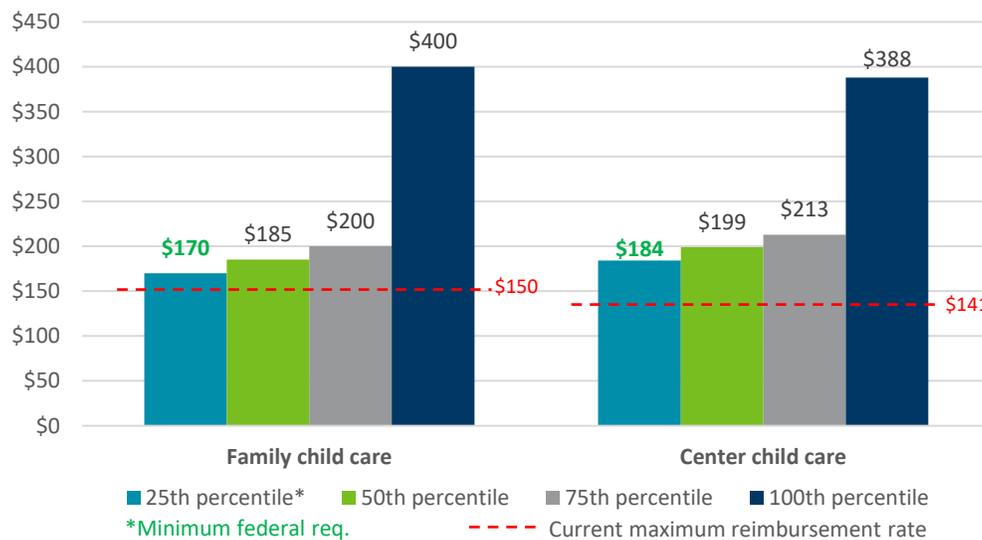
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Cook County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Cottonwood County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

59 children from **32** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

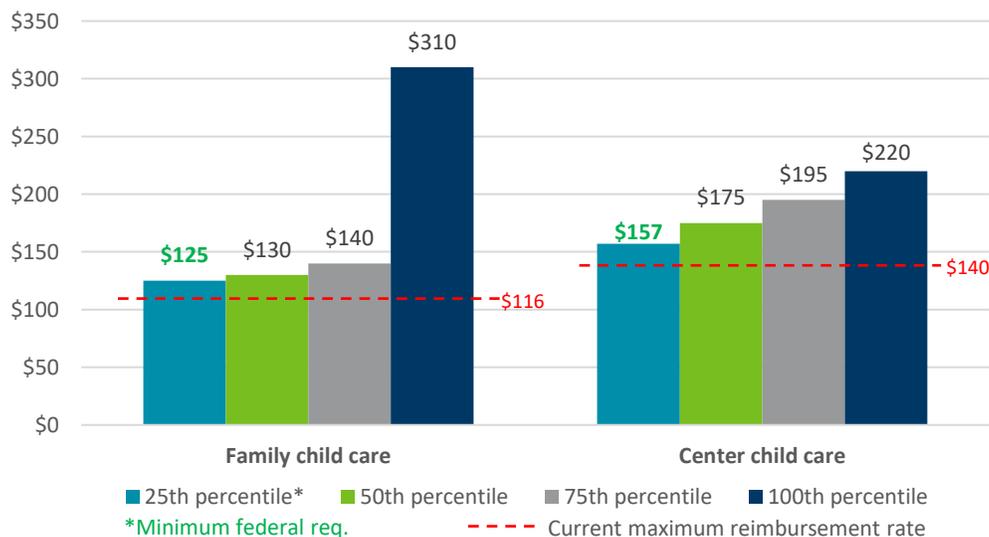
15 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Cottonwood County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

CROW WING COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Crow Wing County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$27 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

670 children from
388 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

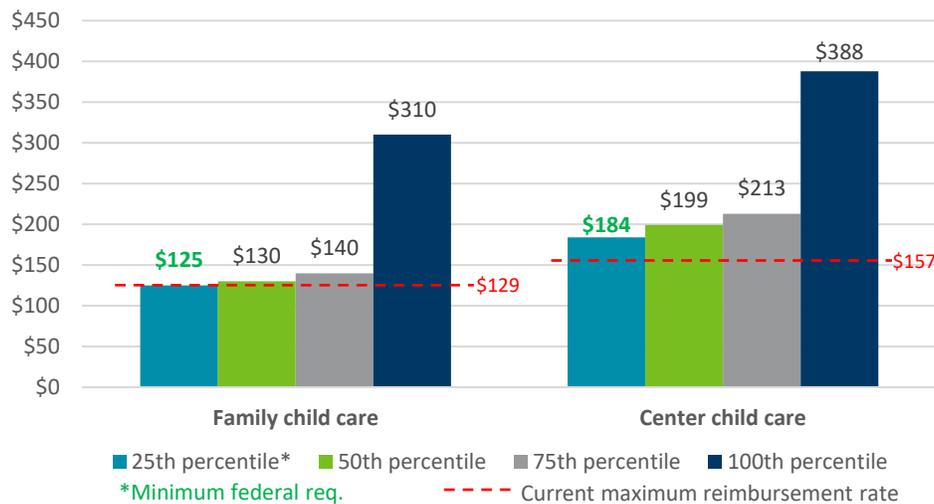
57
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

19
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Crow Wing County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

DODGE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Dodge County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$22 a week for family child care and \$11 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

211 children from **117** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

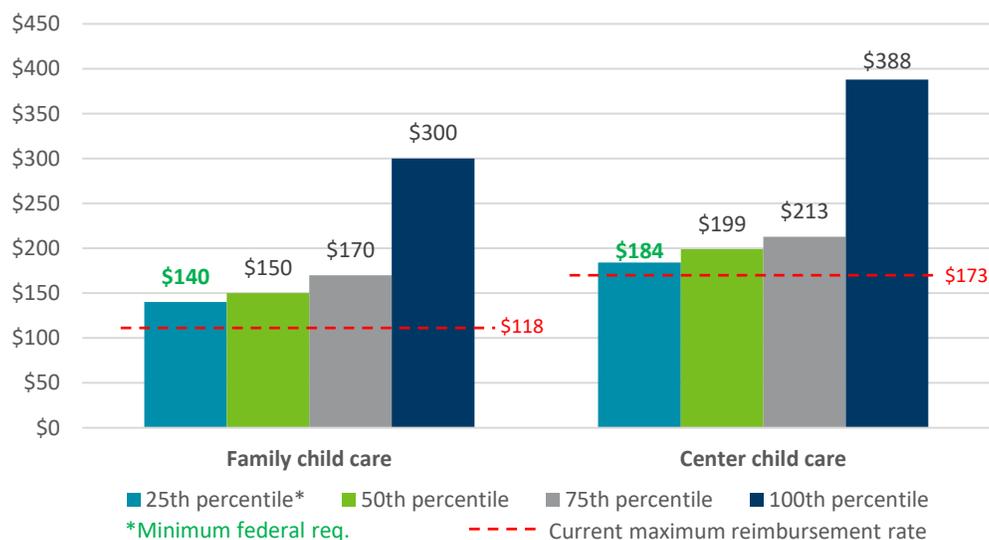
26 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

6 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Dakota County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Douglas County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care and \$37 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

212 children from **131** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

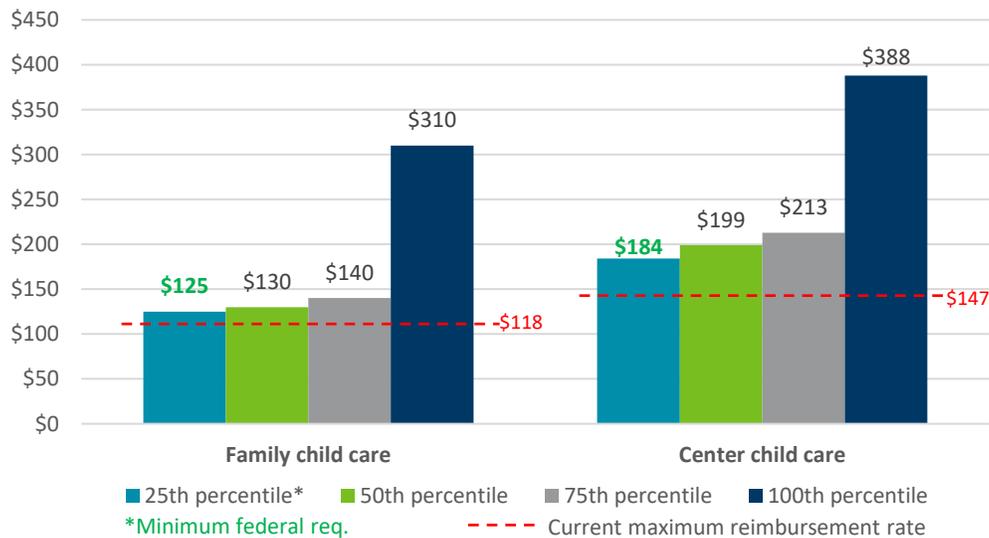
27 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

12 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Douglas County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

FARIBAULT COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Faribault County, **weekly infant maximum rates stay the same for family child care and go up about \$17 a week for a child care center.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

61 children from **39** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

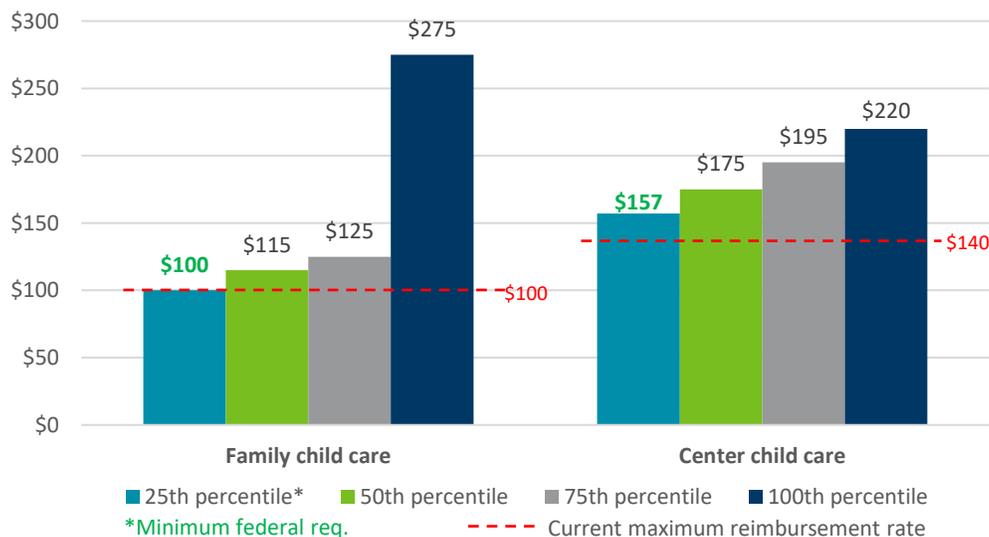
12 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Faribault County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

FILLMORE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Fillmore County, **weekly infant maximum rates would go up about \$22 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

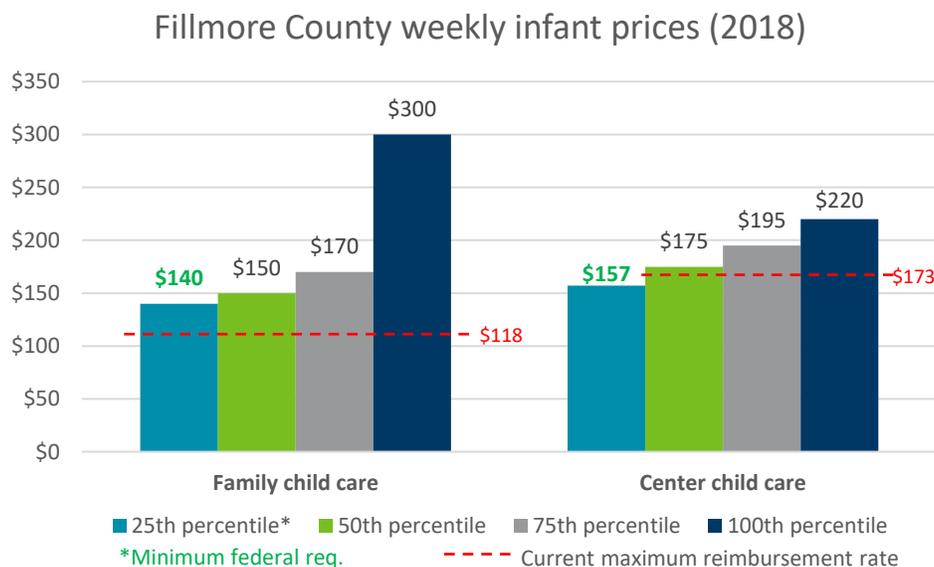
118 children from **69** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

10 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

8 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

FREEBORN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Freeborn County, **weekly infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

205 children from **122** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

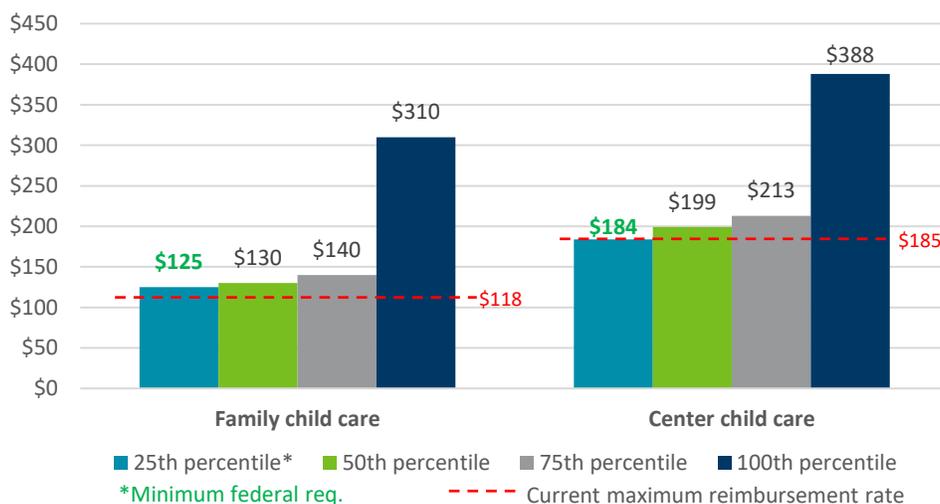
28 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Freeborn County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

GOODHUE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Goodhue County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$10 a week for family child care and \$21 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

250 children from
145 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

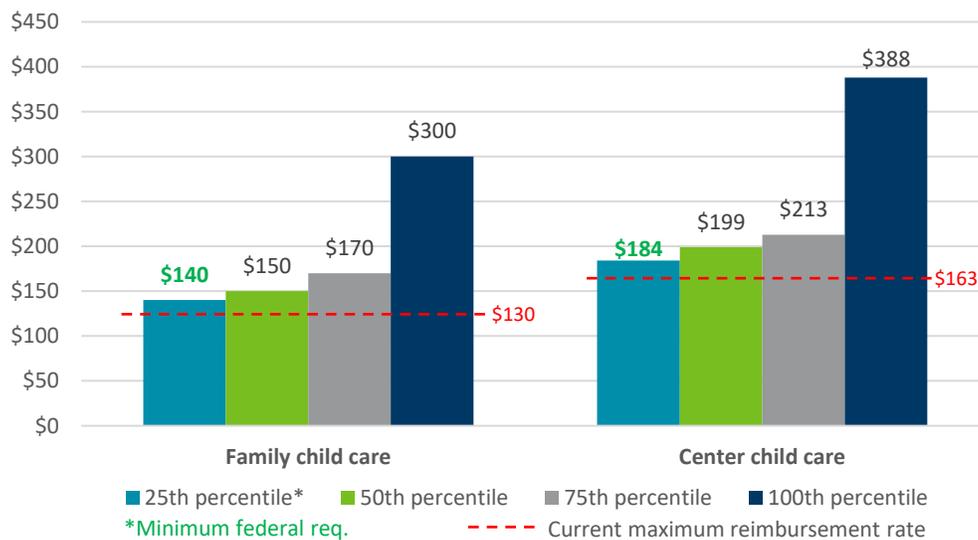
14
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

21
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Goodhue County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

GRANT COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Grant County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$13 a week for family child care and \$16 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

46 children from **24** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

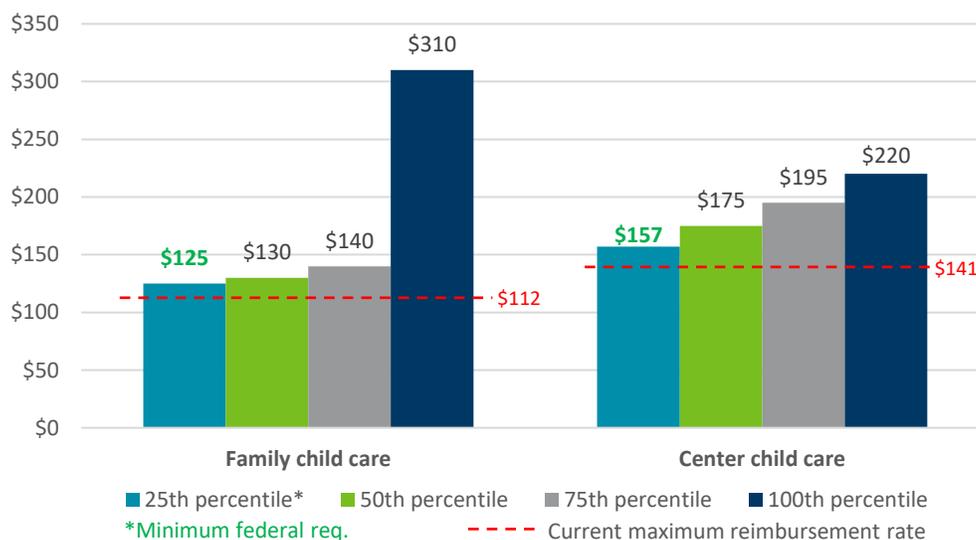
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center provider reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Grant County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

HOUSTON COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Houston County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

101 children from **58** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

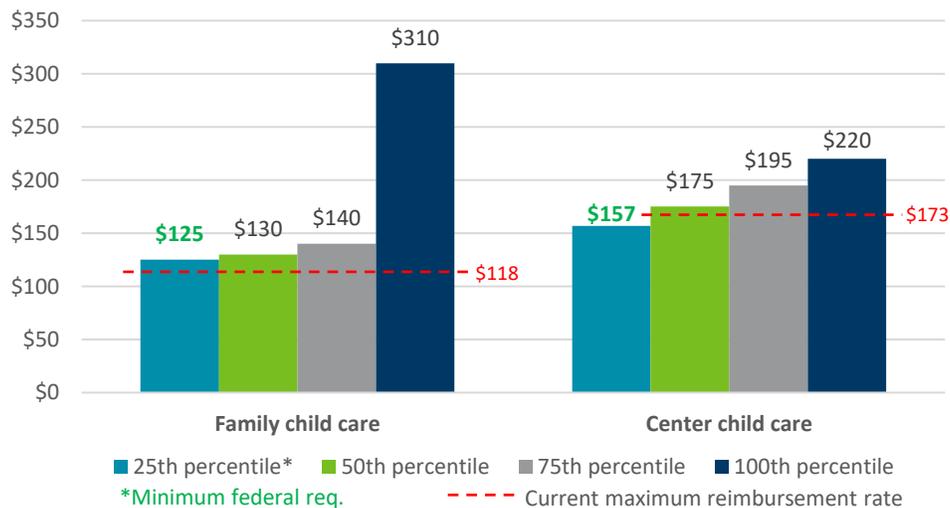
12 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

8 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Houston County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

HUBBARD COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. In this county, providers would not experience an increase if rates were set at the 25th percentile. If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

175 children from **99** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

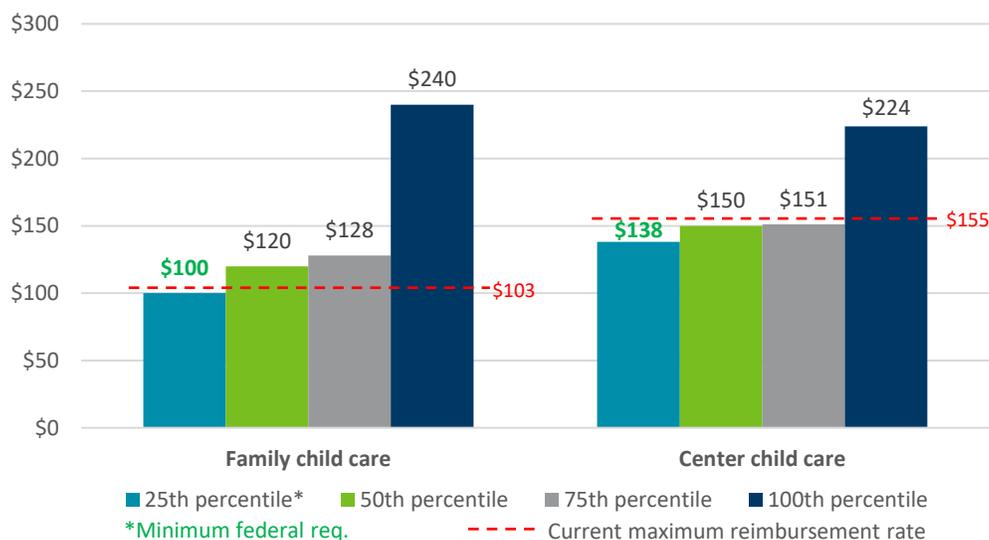
34 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Hubbard County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

ISANTI COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Isanti County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$10 a week for family child care and \$25 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

250 children from **137** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

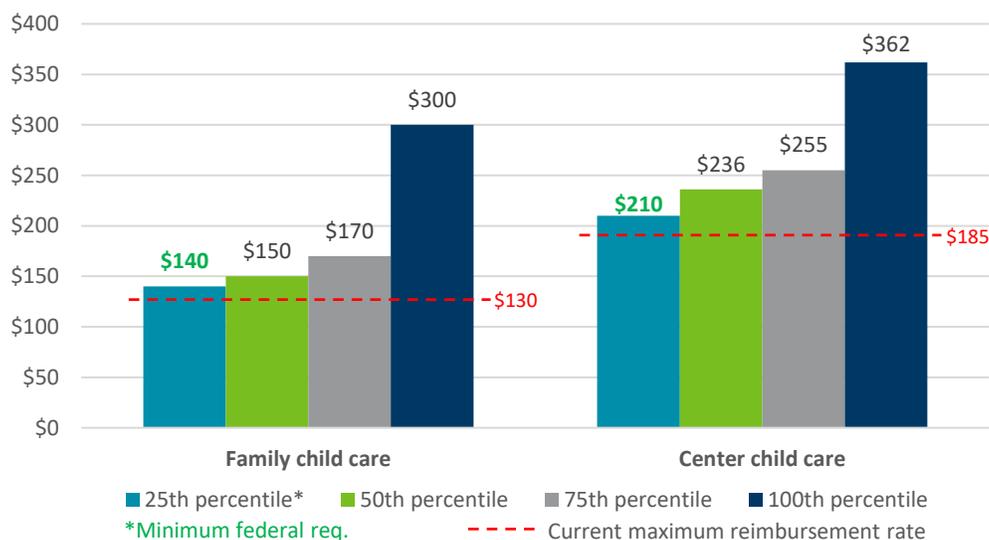
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

12 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Isanti County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

ITASCA COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Itasca County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$2 a week for family child care and \$23 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

181 children from
106 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

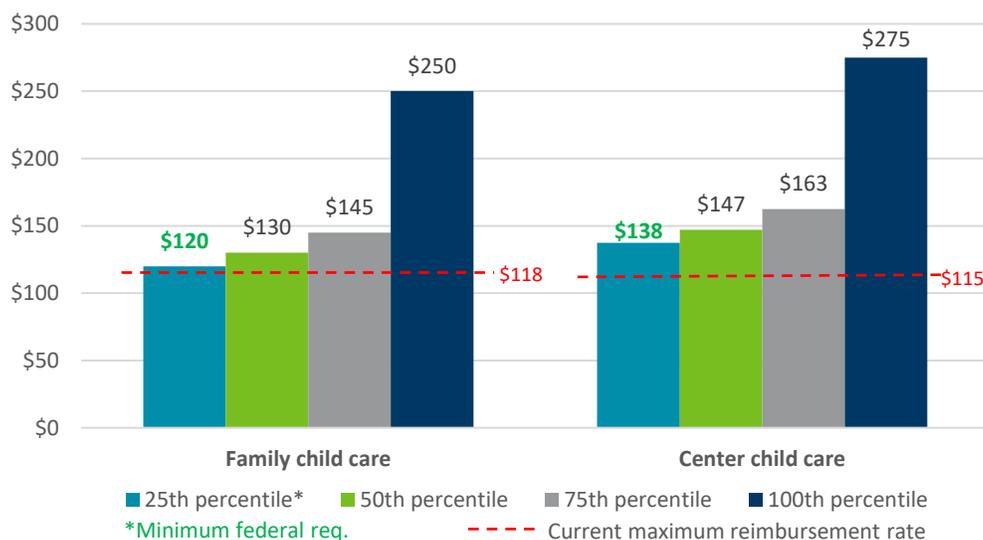
33
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

9
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Itasca County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

JACKSON COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Jackson County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

45 children from **31** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

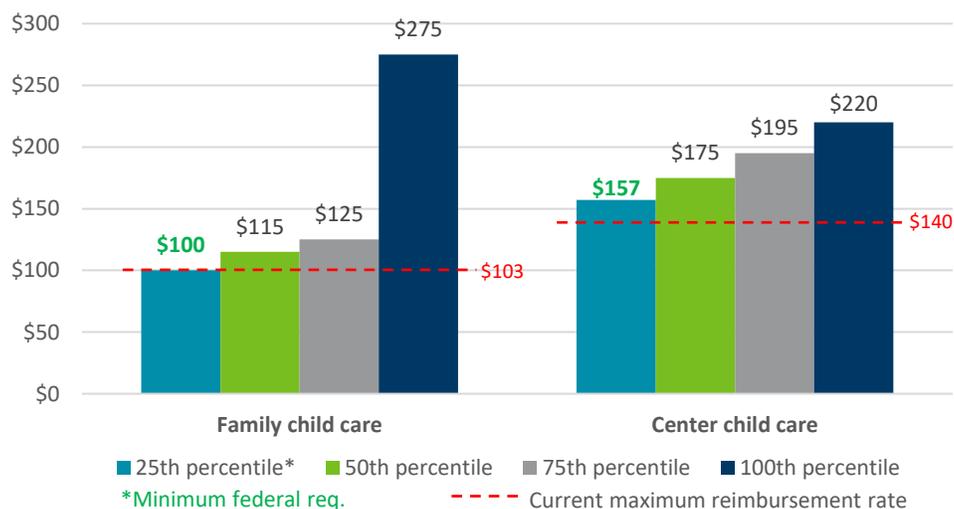
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center provider reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Jackson County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

KANABEC COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Kanabec County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$13 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

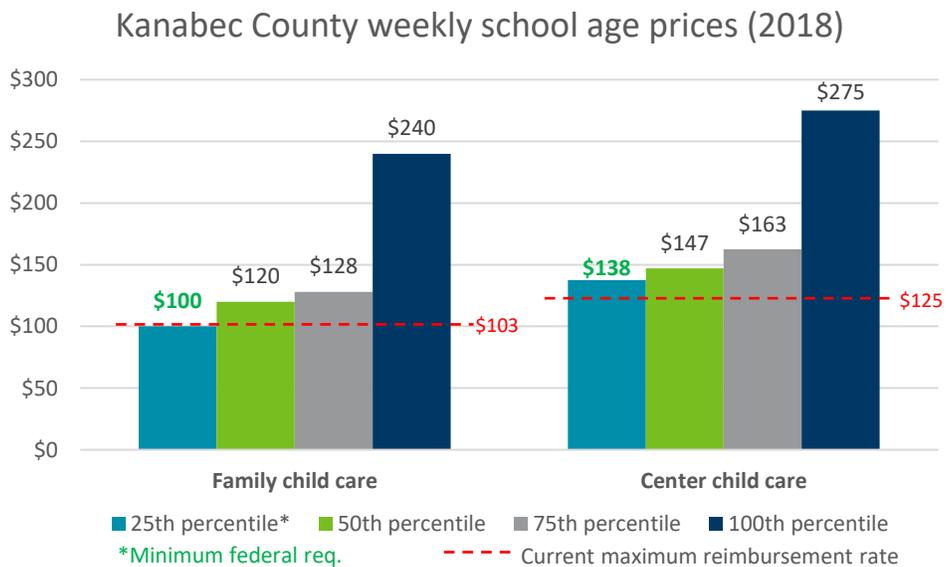
86 children from
55 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

13
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5**
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

KANDIYOHI COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Kandiyohi County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$12 a week for family child care and \$27 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

197 children from
116 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

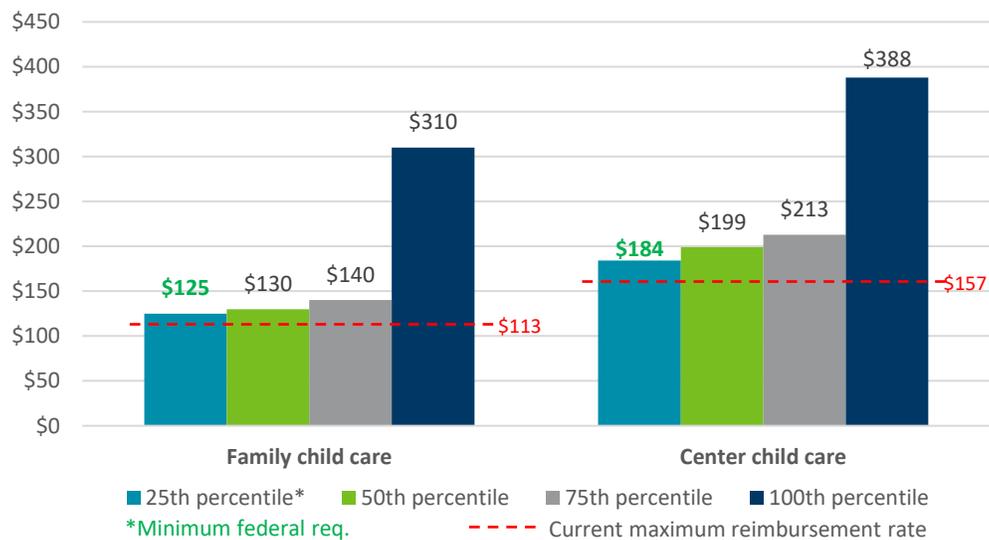
37
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

10
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Kandiyohi County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

KITTSON COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Kittson County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

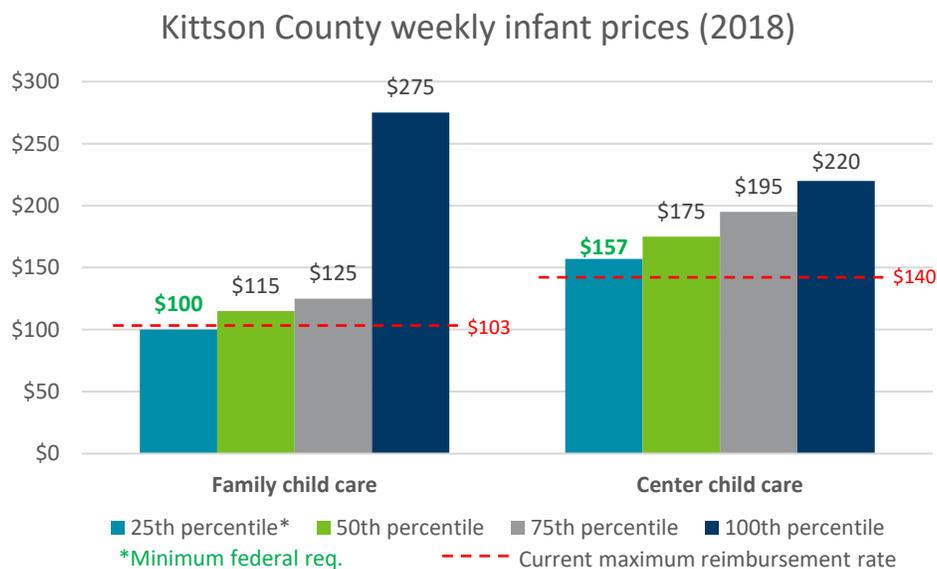
11 children from fewer than **10** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

KOOCHICHING COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Koochiching County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$16 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

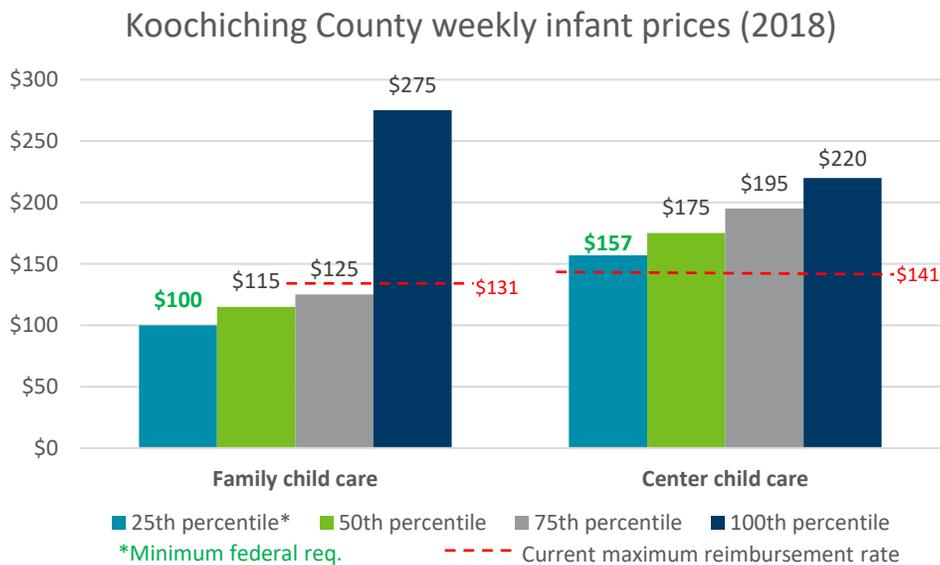
78 children from **48** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



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How does child care assistance support my community?

LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Lac Qui Parle County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$20 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

31 children from **16** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

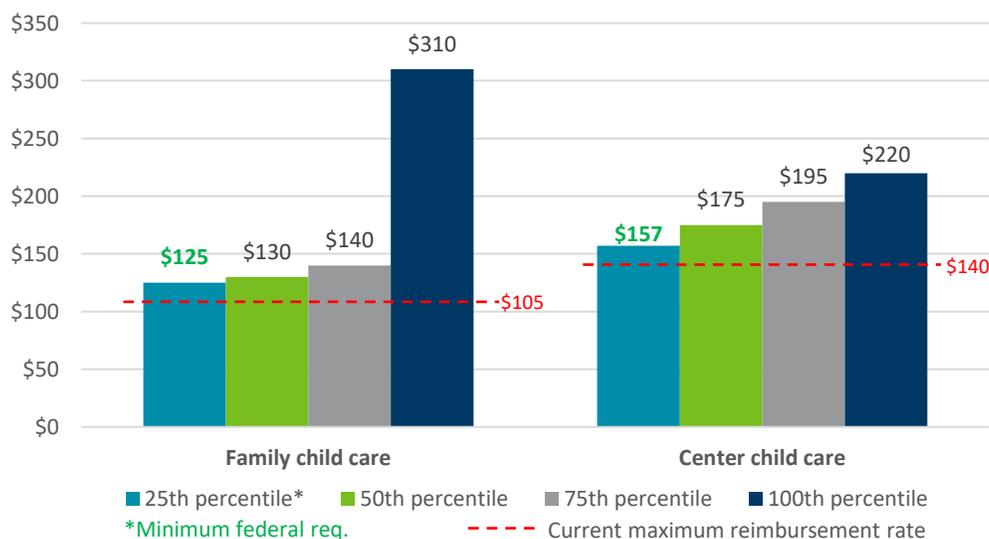
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Lac Qui Parle County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

LAKE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Lake County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care and \$27 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

40 children from **20** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

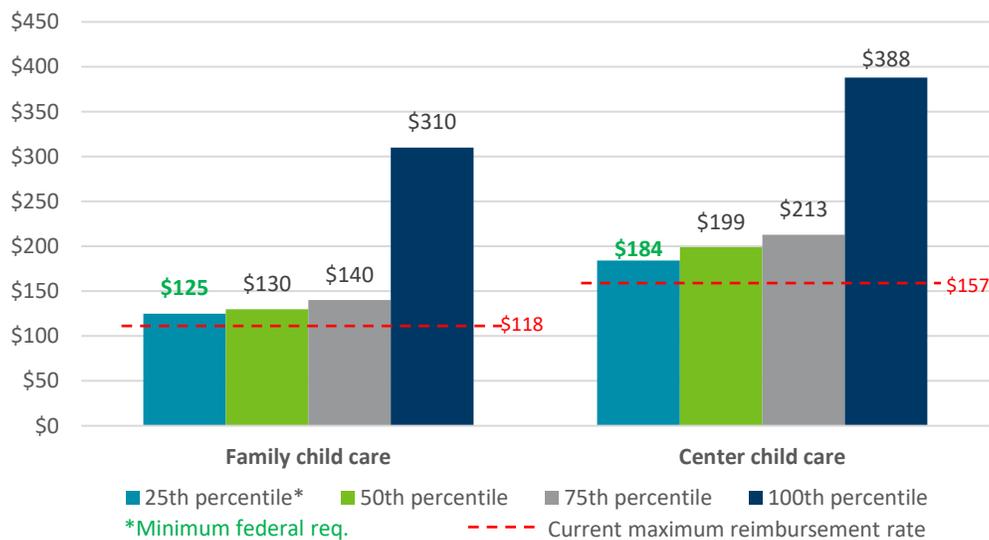
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Lake County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Lake of the Woods County, **toddler maximum rates would go up about \$6 a week for centers. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

18 children from **11** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

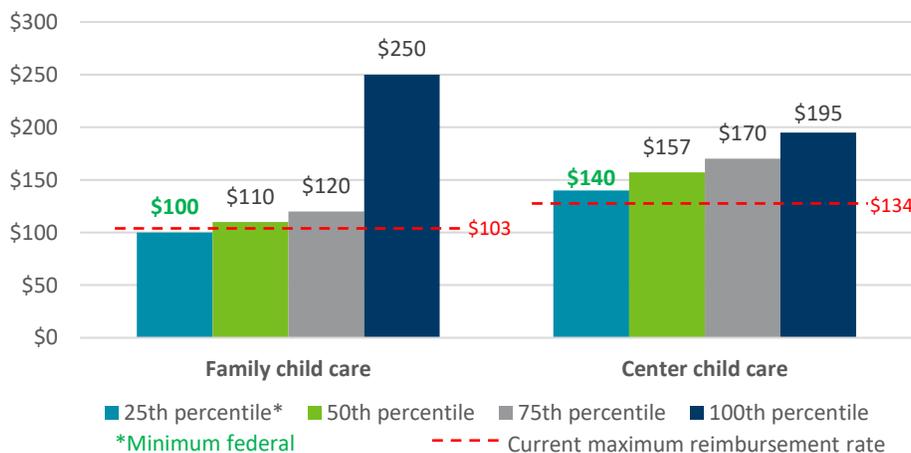
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Lake of the Woods County weekly toddler prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

LE SUEUR COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Le Sueur County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care and would stay the same for child care centers.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, center-based rates may go up as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

128 children from **73** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

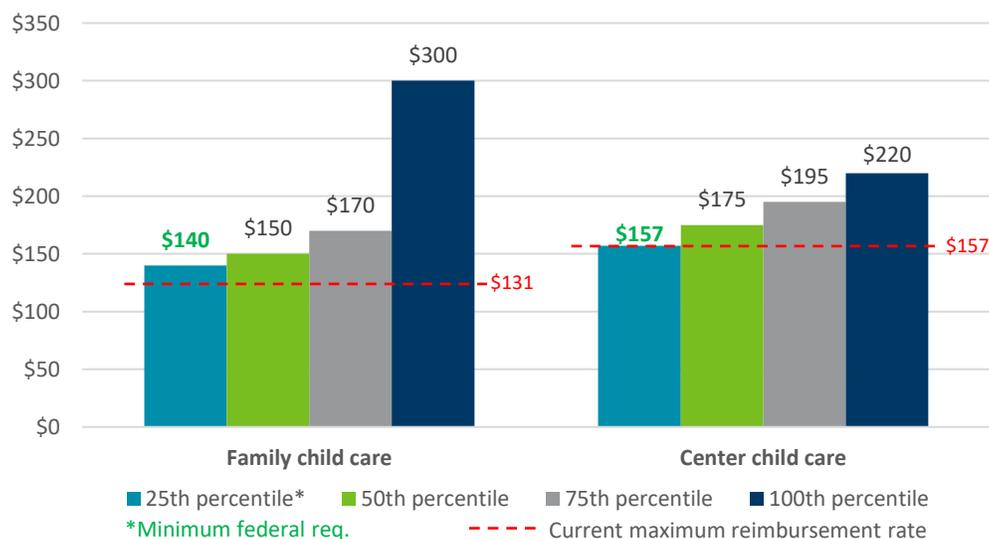
24 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Le Sueur County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

LINCOLN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Lincoln County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$20 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

17 children from fewer than **10** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

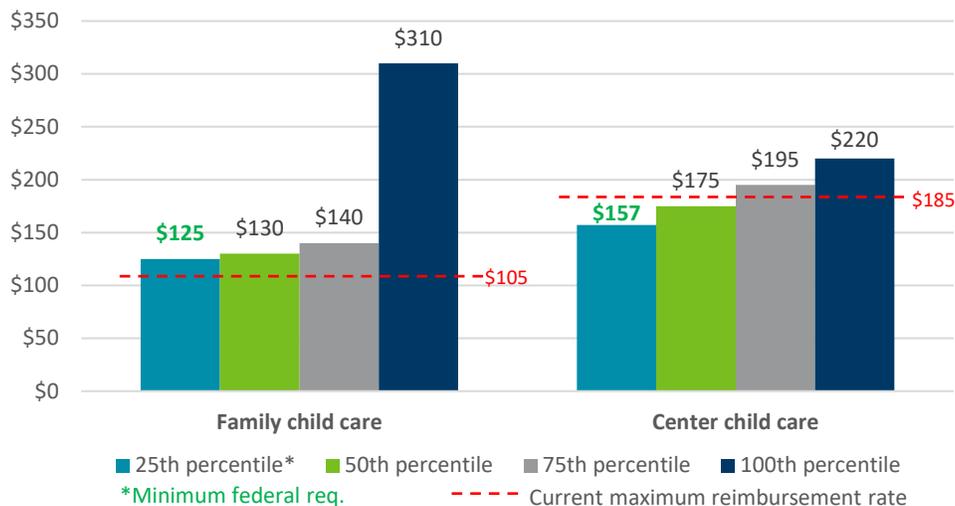
Fewer than **6** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Lincoln County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

LYON COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Lyon County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

220 children from **115** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

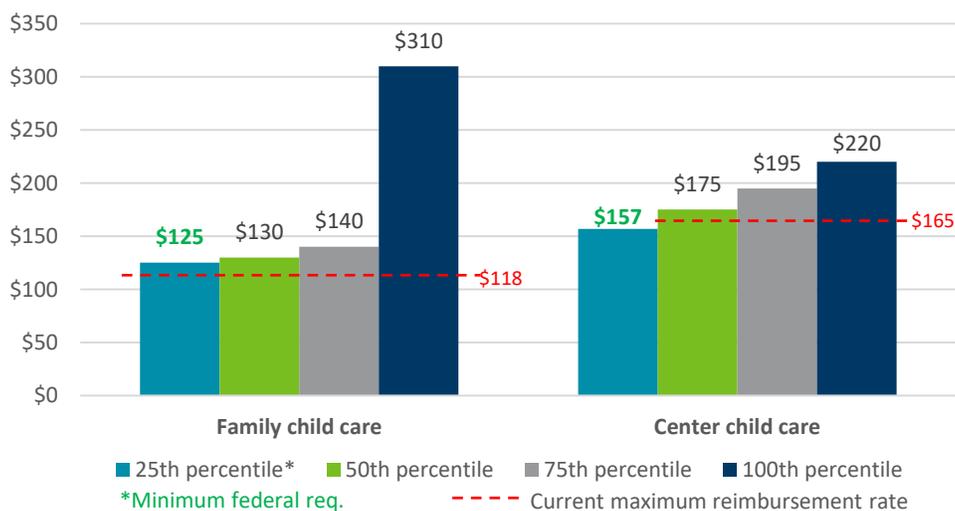
31 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

8 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Lyon County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

MCLEOD COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in McLeod County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$13 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

202 children from **122** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

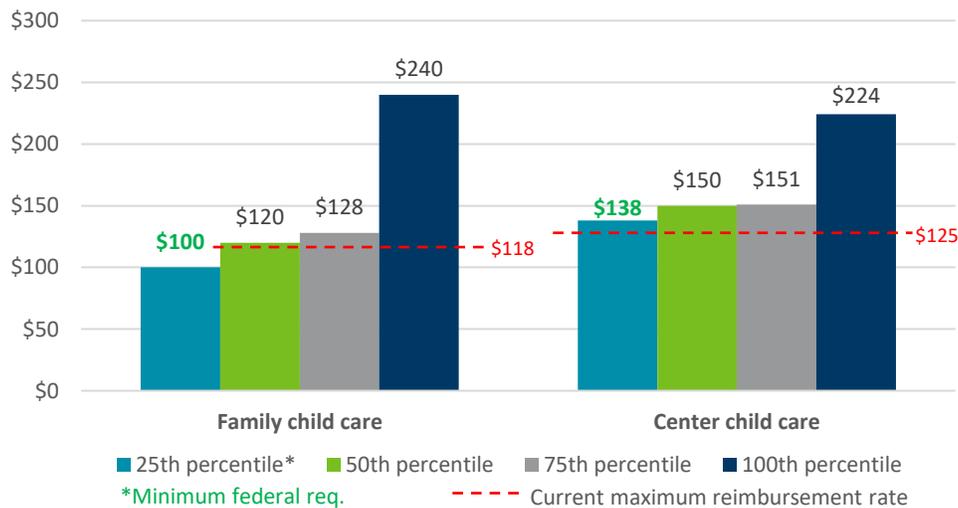
29 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

6 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

McLeod County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

MAHNOMEN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Mahnomen County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$13 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

38 children from
22 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

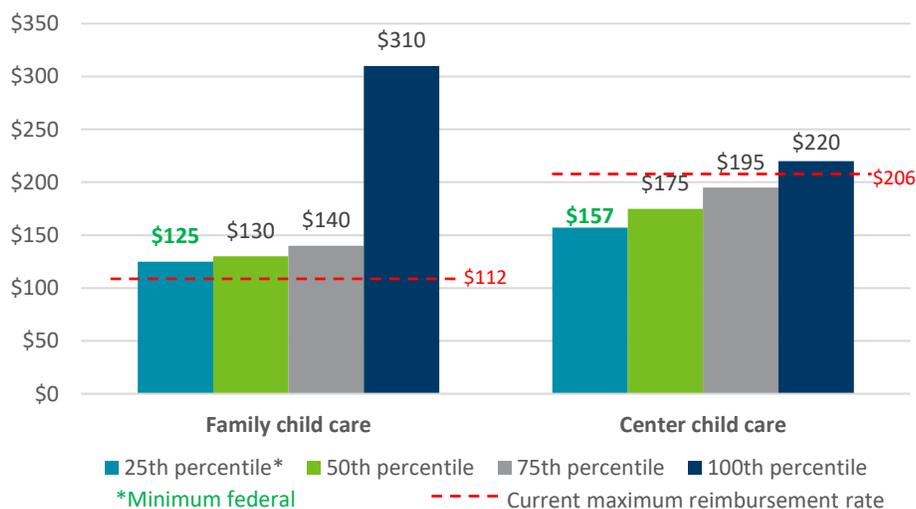
12
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5**
center provider
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Mahnomen County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

MARSHALL COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile Marshall County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$22 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

23 children from **13** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

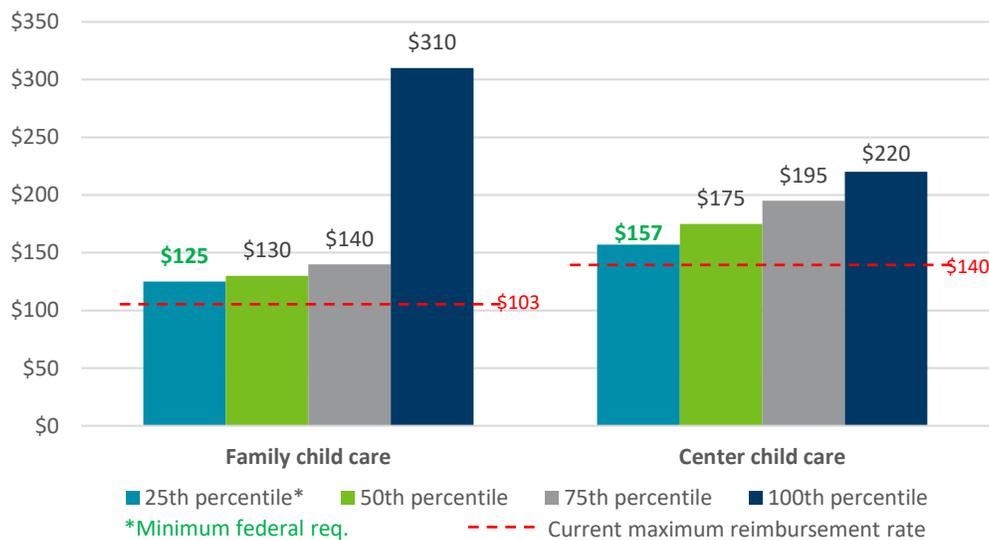
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center provider reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Marshall County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

MARTIN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Martin County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$44 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

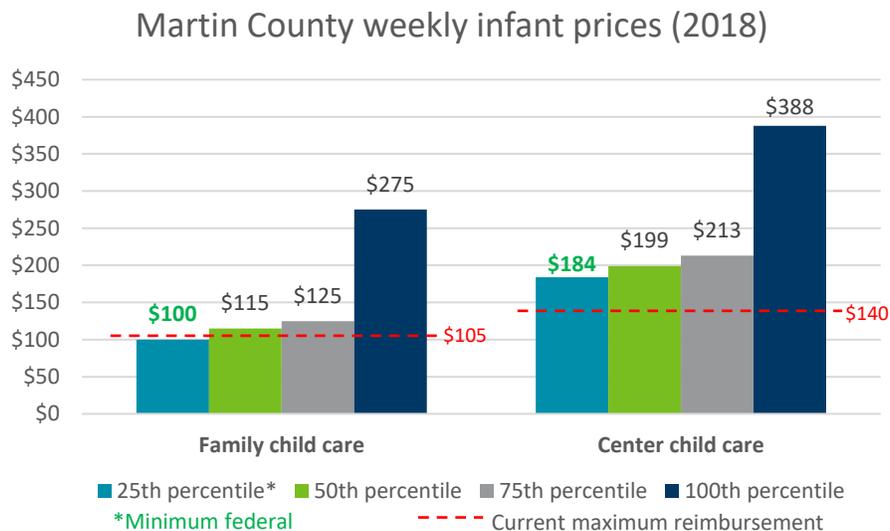
205 children from **117** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

36 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

MEEKER COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Meeker County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$18 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

76 children from **46** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

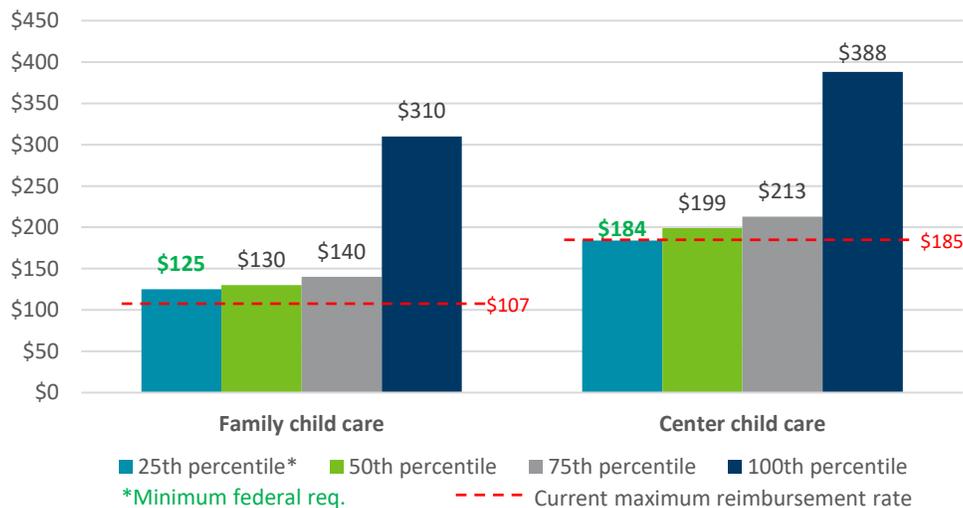
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Meeker County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

MILLE LACS COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Mille Lacs County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$13 a week for family child care and \$27 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

204 children from
110 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

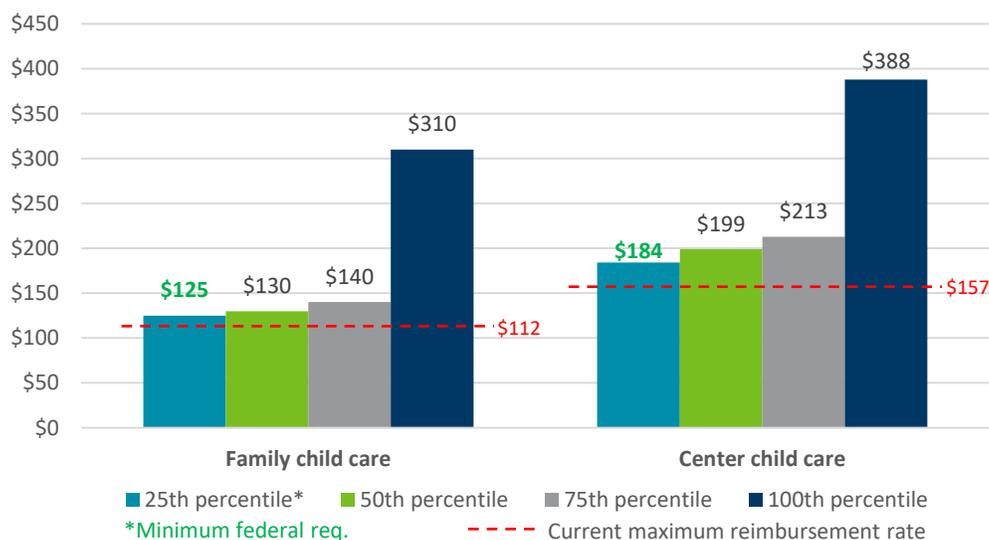
11
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

7
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Mille Lacs County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

MORRISON COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Morrison County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$15 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

168 children from **91** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

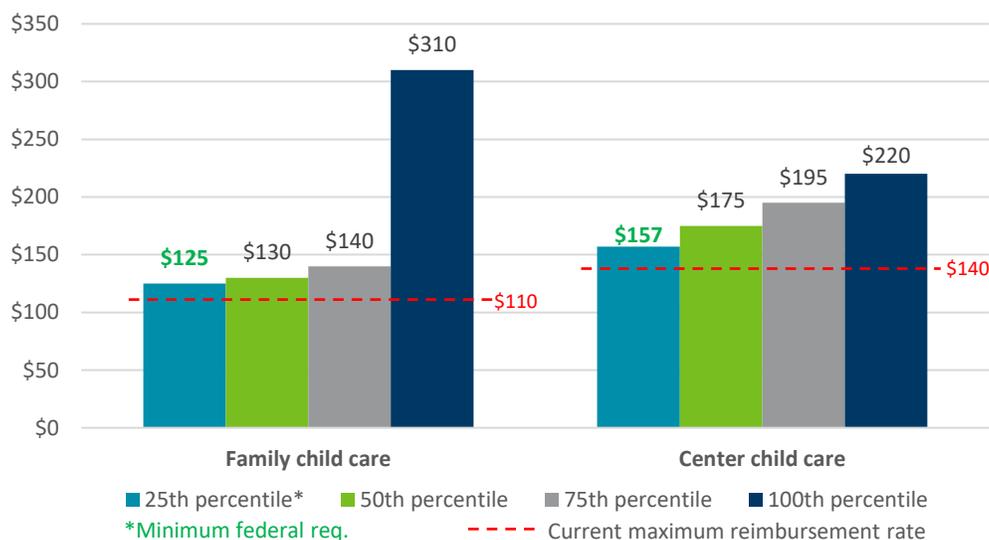
25 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

8 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Morrison County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

MOWER COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Mower County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

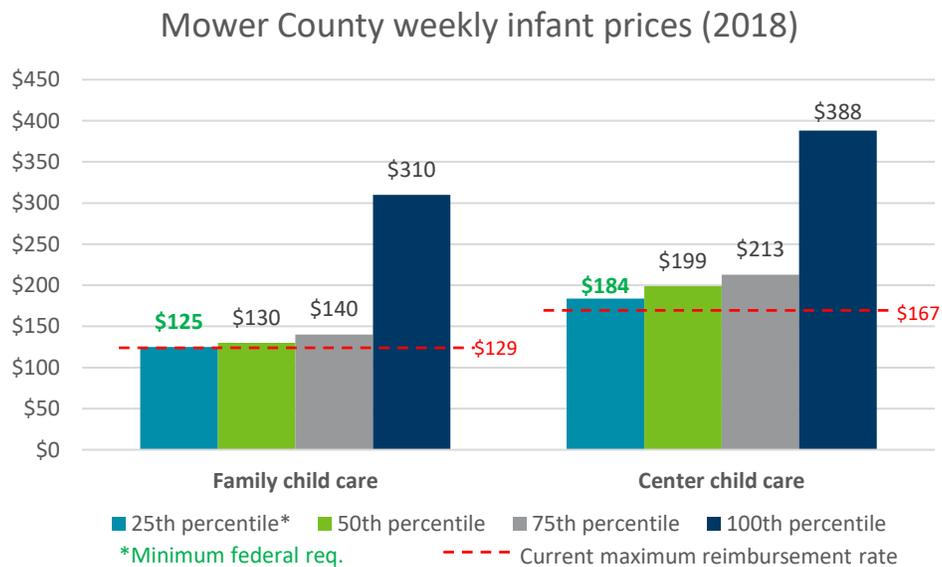
275 children from
147 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

33
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

14
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



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How does child care assistance support my community?

MURRAY COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Murray County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$44 a week for a child care center and would stay the same for family child care.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

21 children from **12** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

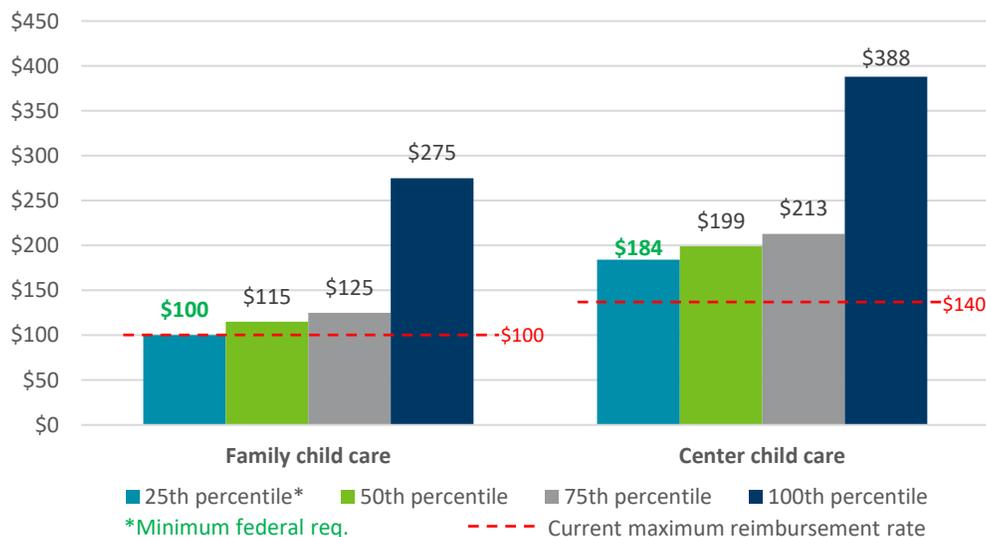
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Murray County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

NICOLLET COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Nicollet County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$13 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

348 children from **190** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

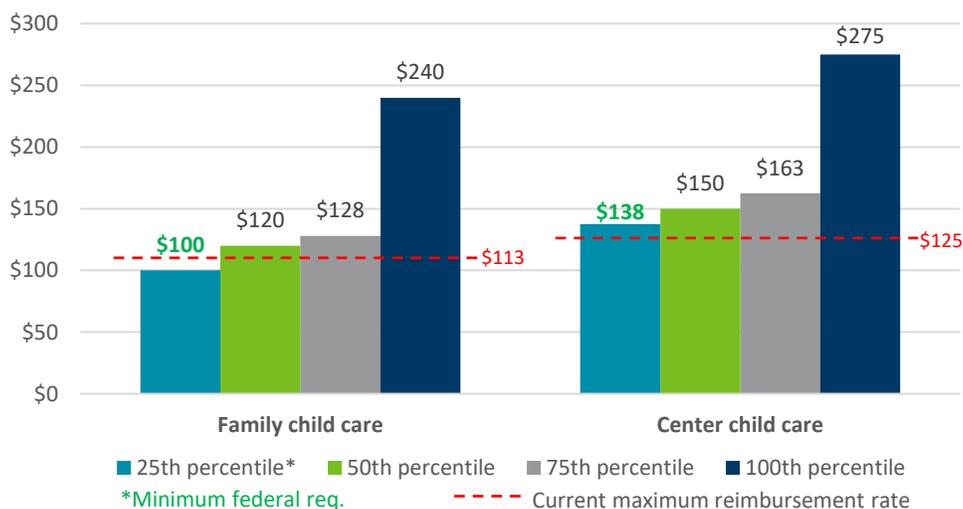
23 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

18 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Nicollet County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

NOBLES COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Nobles County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$22 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

102 children from **55** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

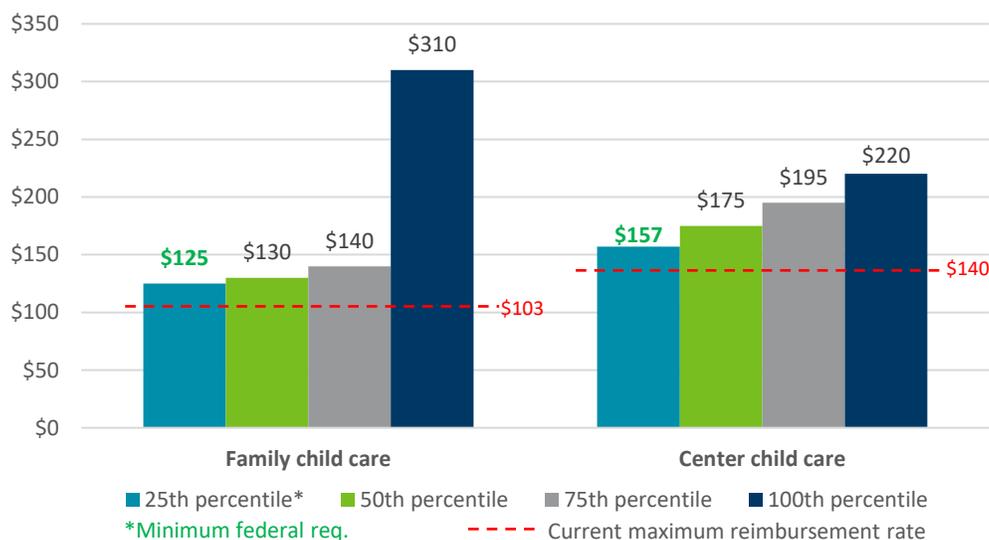
11 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Nobles County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

NORMAN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Norman County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

39 children from **21** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

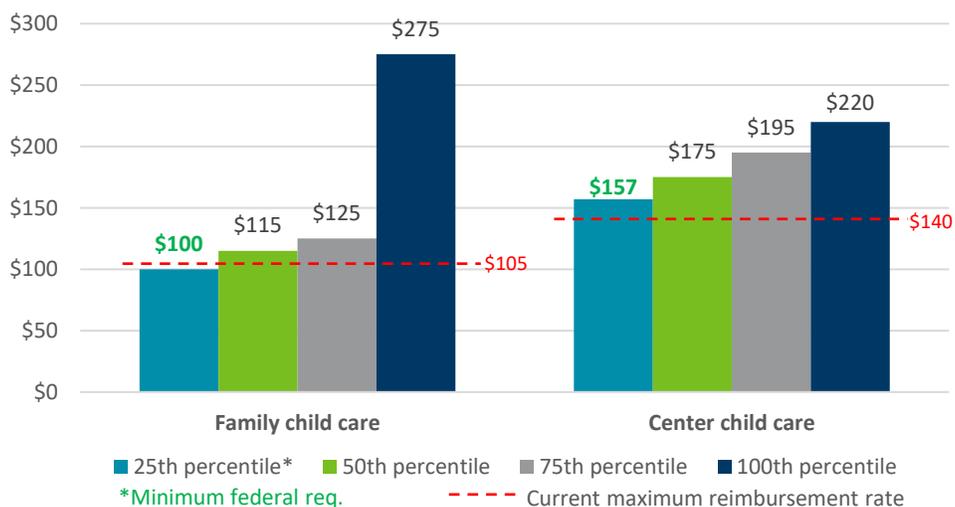
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Norman County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

OLMSTED COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Olmsted County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$37 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

1,806 children from **892** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

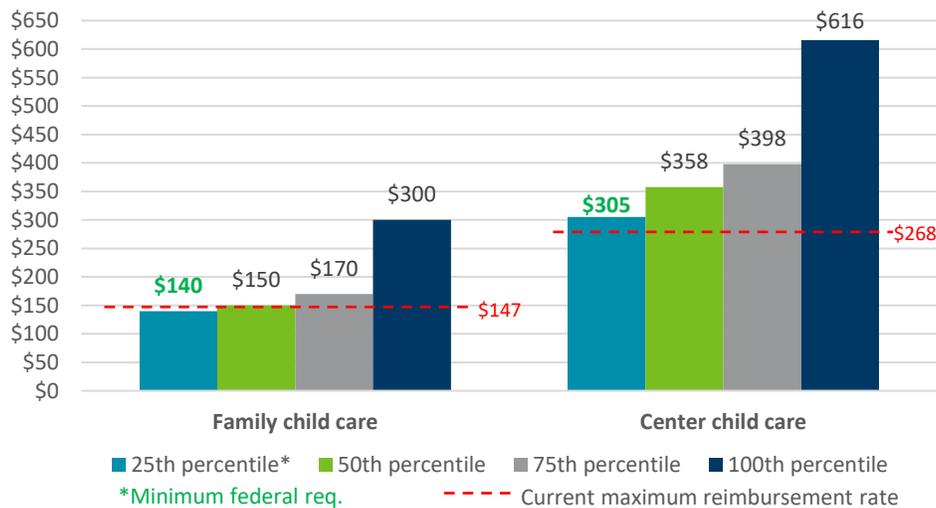
84 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

62 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Olmsted County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

OTTER TAIL COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Otter Tail County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$12 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

197 children from
124 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

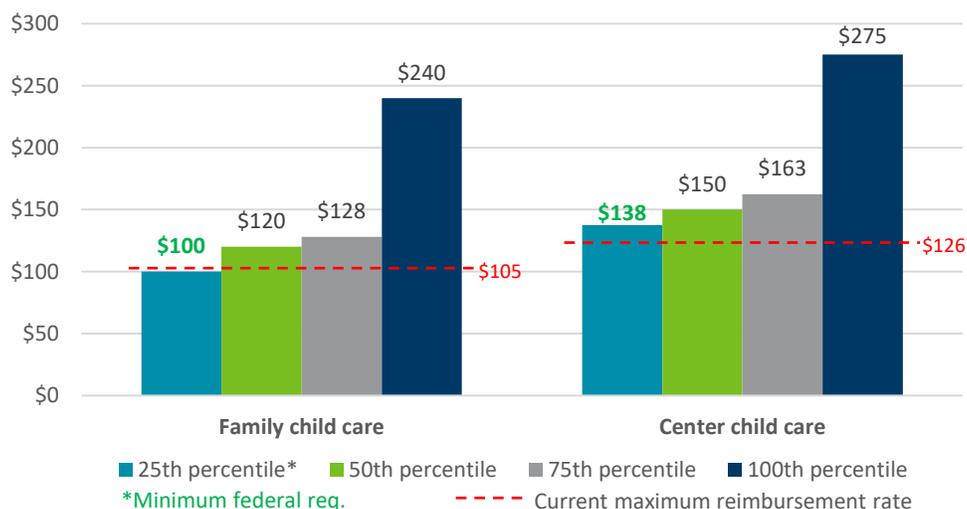
55
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

8
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Otter Tail County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

PENNINGTON COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Pennington County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$12 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

44 children from **28** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

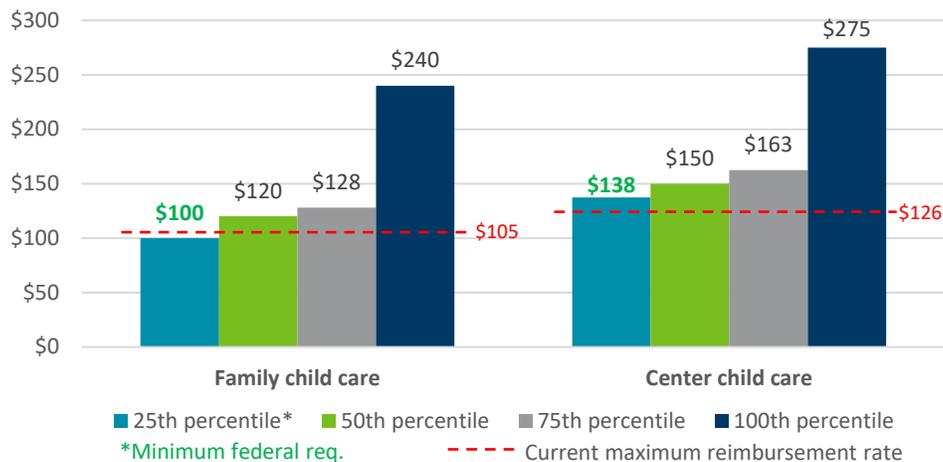
21 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Pennington County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

PINE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Pine County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$43 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

168 children from **96** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

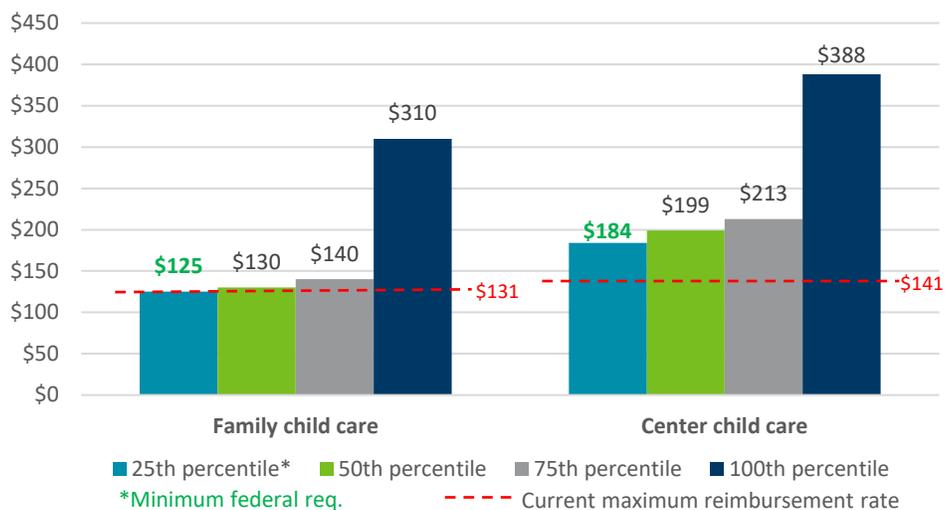
27 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Pine County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

PIPESTONE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Pipestone County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

67 children from **40** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

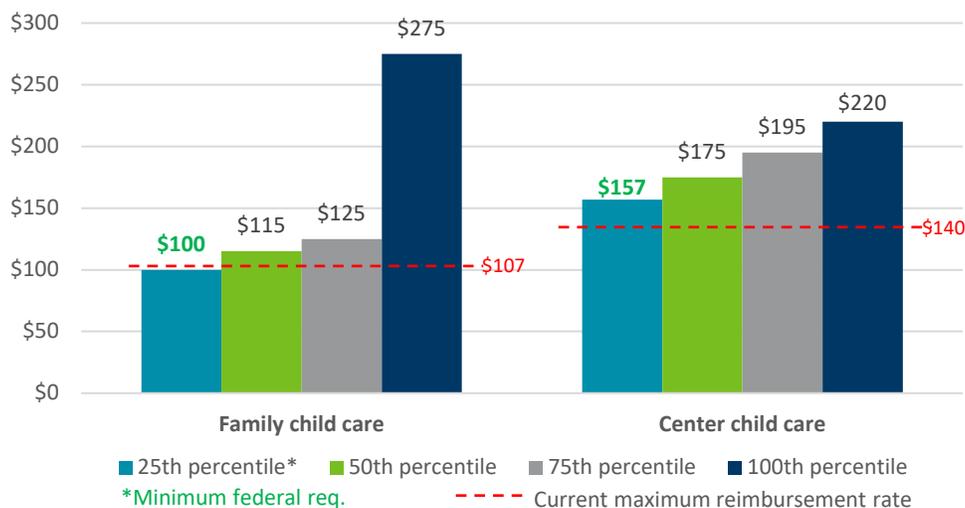
17 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Pipestone County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

POLK COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Polk County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$31 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

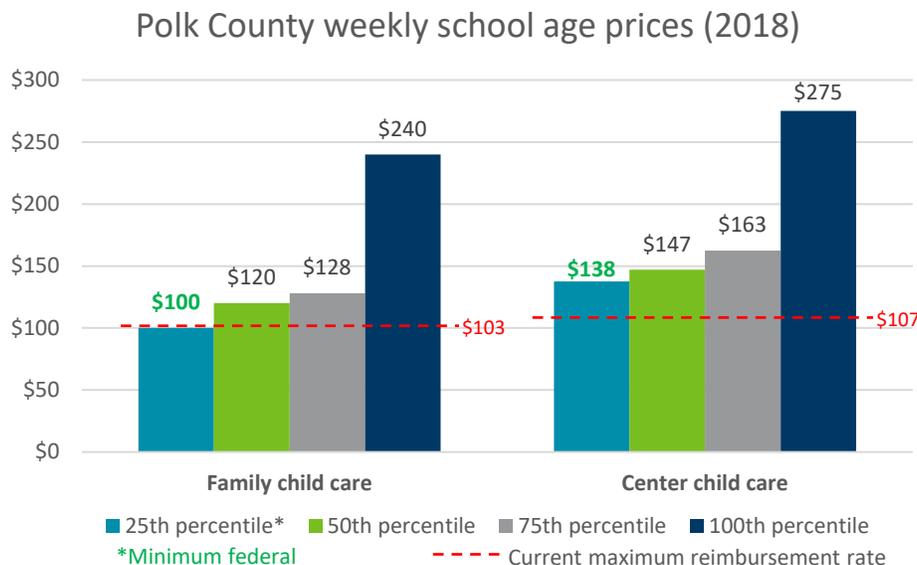
169 children from **93** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

24 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

6 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

POPE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Pope County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$31 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

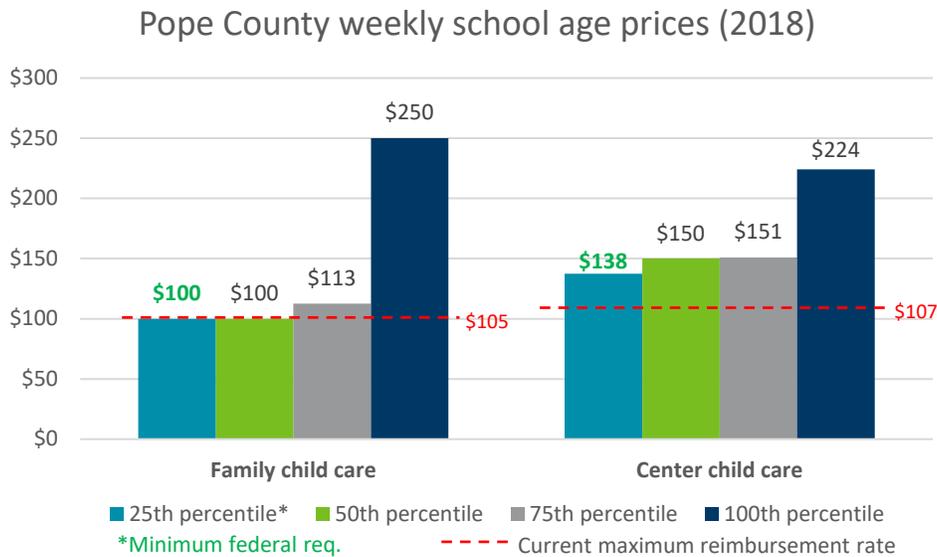
45 children from **26** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



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How does child care assistance support my community?

RED LAKE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Red Lake County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

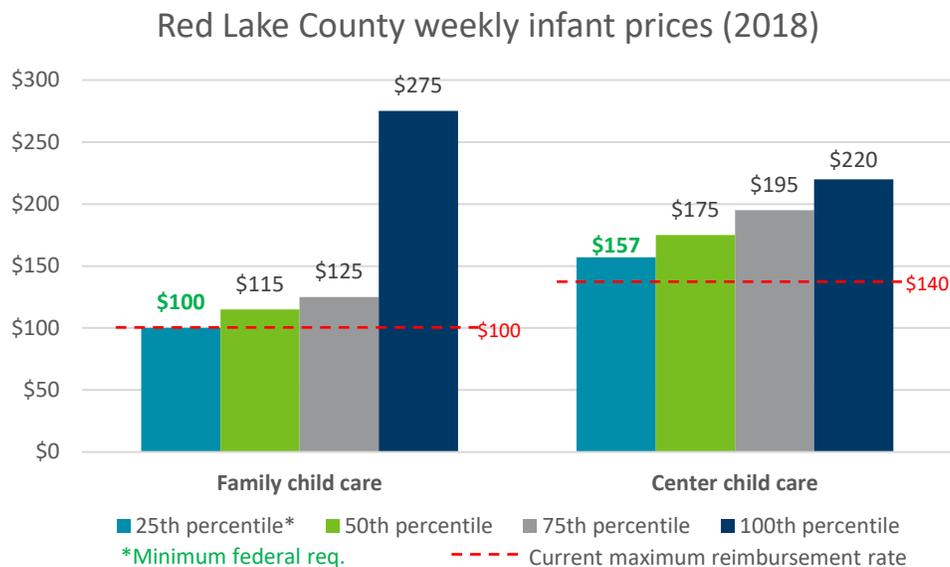
18 children from
10 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

10
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

0
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

REDWOOD COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Redwood County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

69 children from **35** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

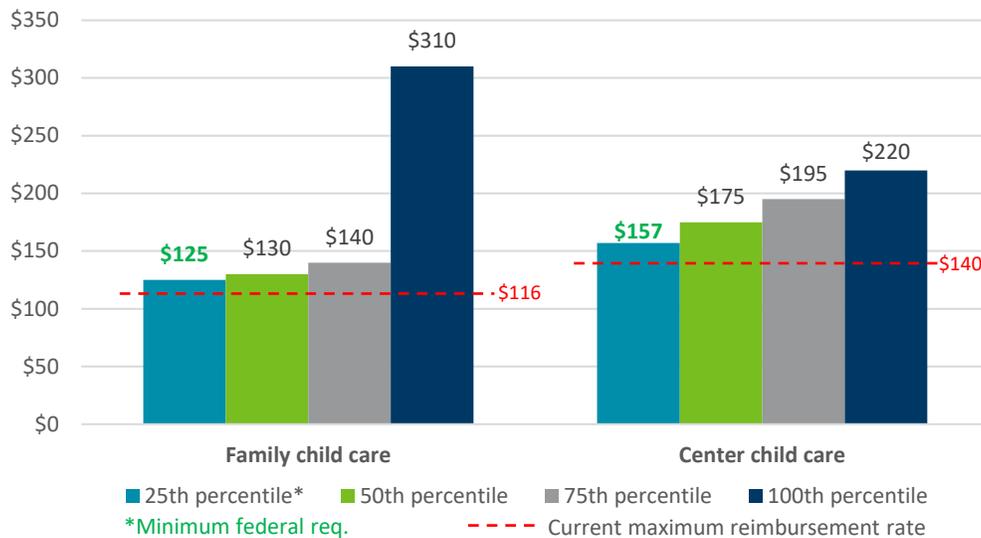
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Redwood County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

RENVILLE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. In this county, providers would not experience an increase if rates are set at the 25th percentile. If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

74 children from **39** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

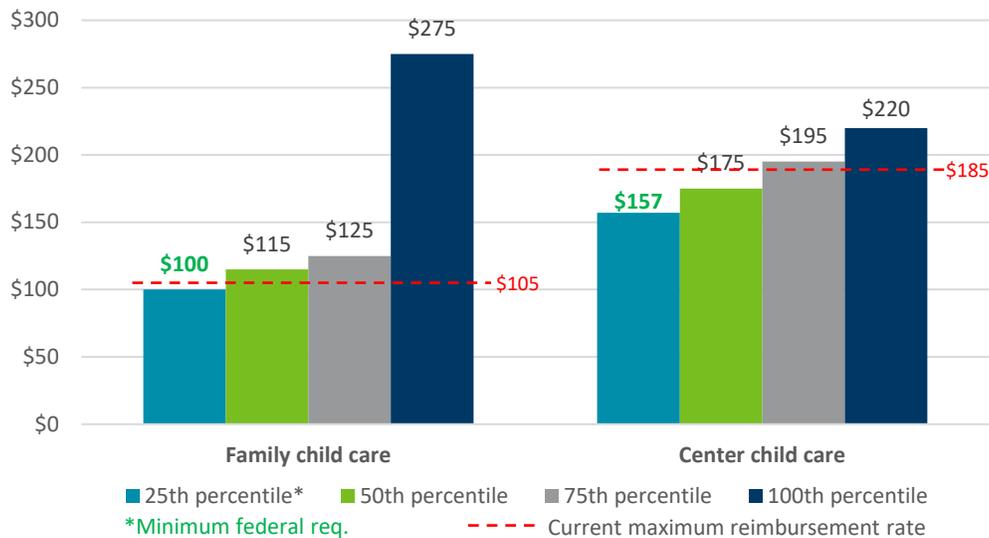
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

6 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Renville County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

RICE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Rice County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care and \$11 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

405 children from
188 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

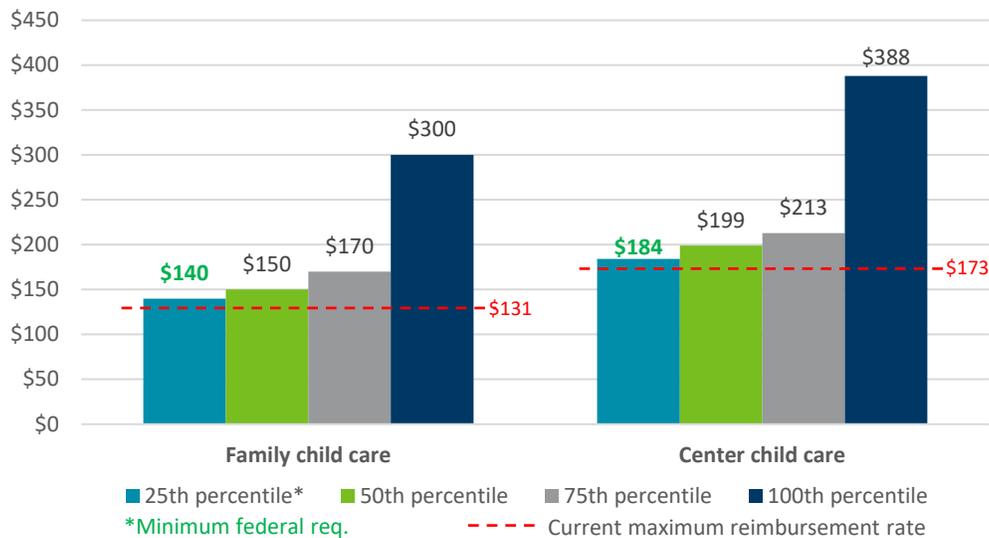
41
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

14
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Rice County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

ROCK COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Rock County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

45 children from **24** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

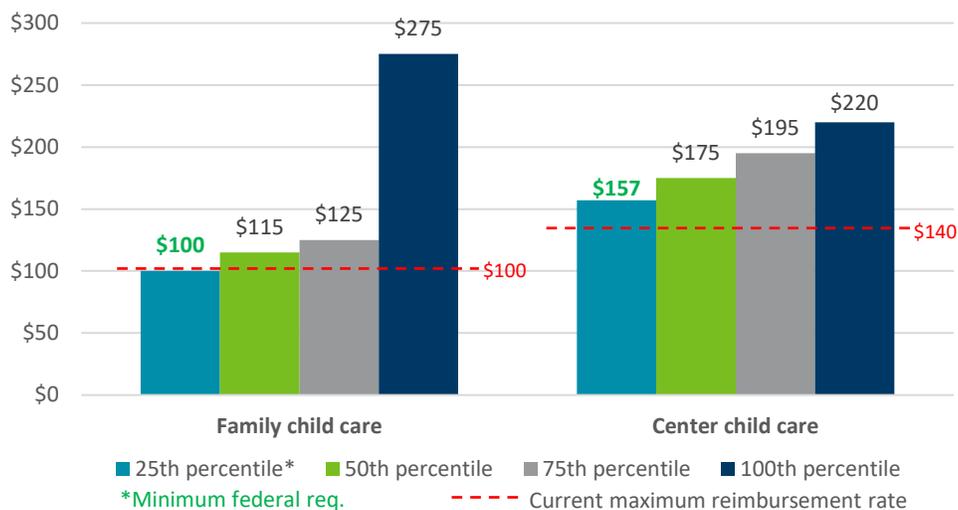
11 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Rock County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

ROSEAU COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Roseau County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

29 children from **18** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

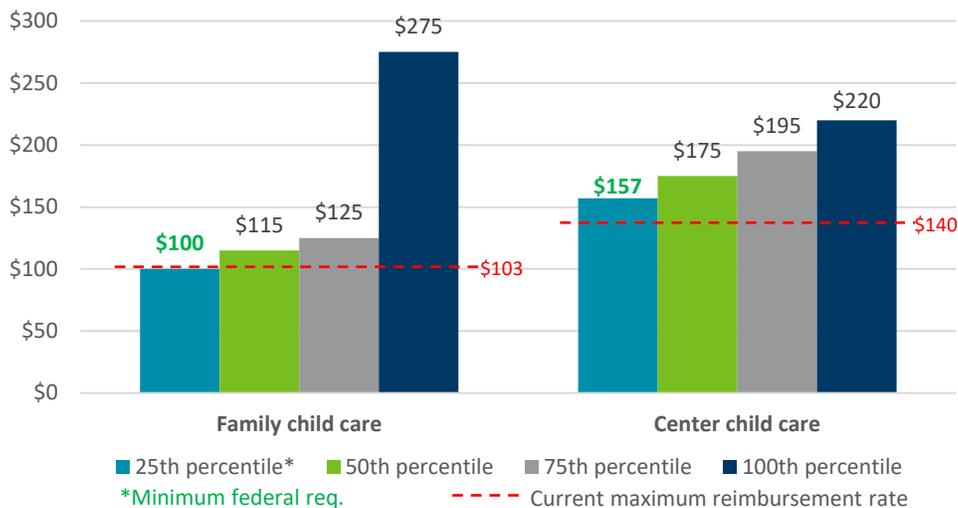
19 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Roseau County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in St. Louis County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care and \$27 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

1,196 children from **771** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

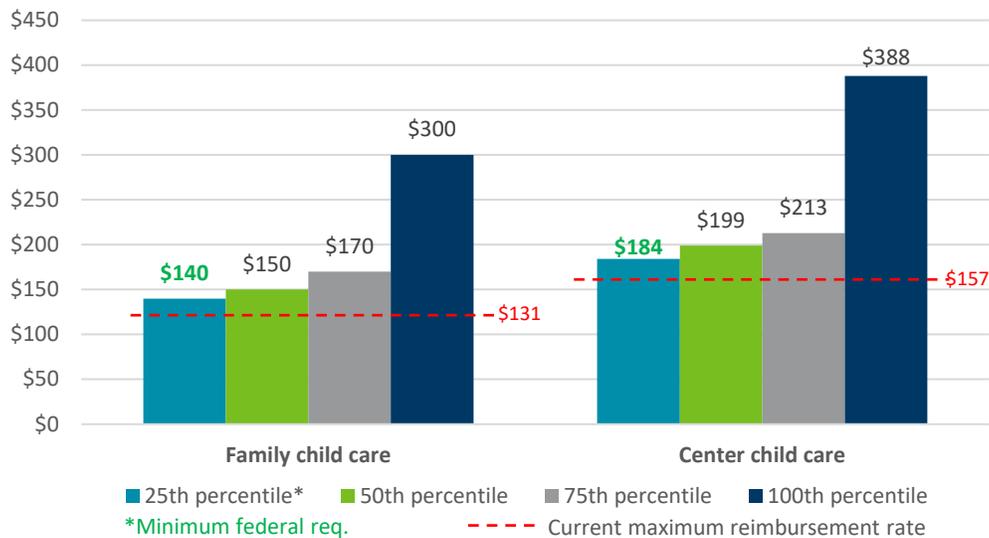
107 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

53 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

St. Louis County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

SHERBURNE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Sherburne County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$10 a week for family child care and \$25 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

433 children from
230 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

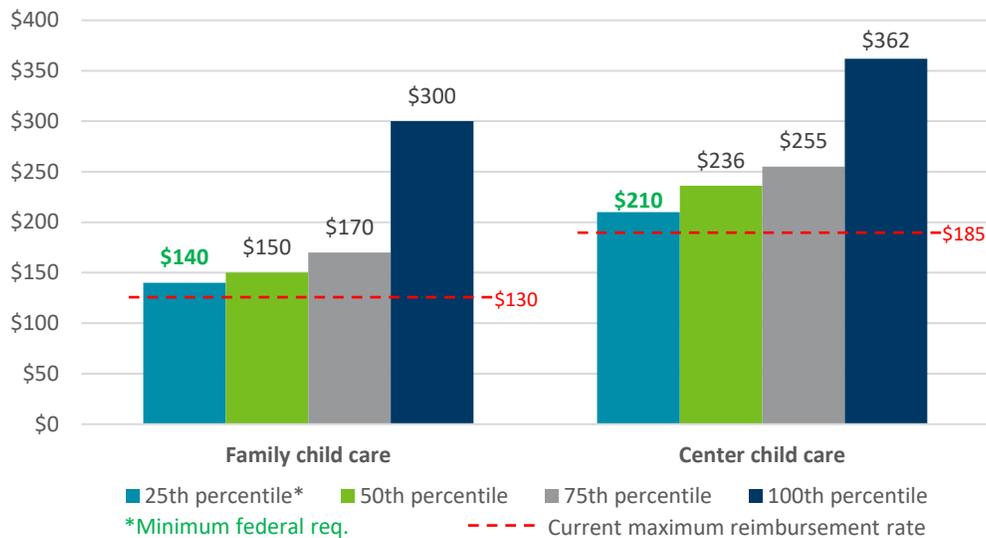
39
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

28
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Sherburne County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

SIBLEY COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Sibley County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$22 a week for family child care and would stay the same for a child care center.** If rates were set a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

87 children from **55** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

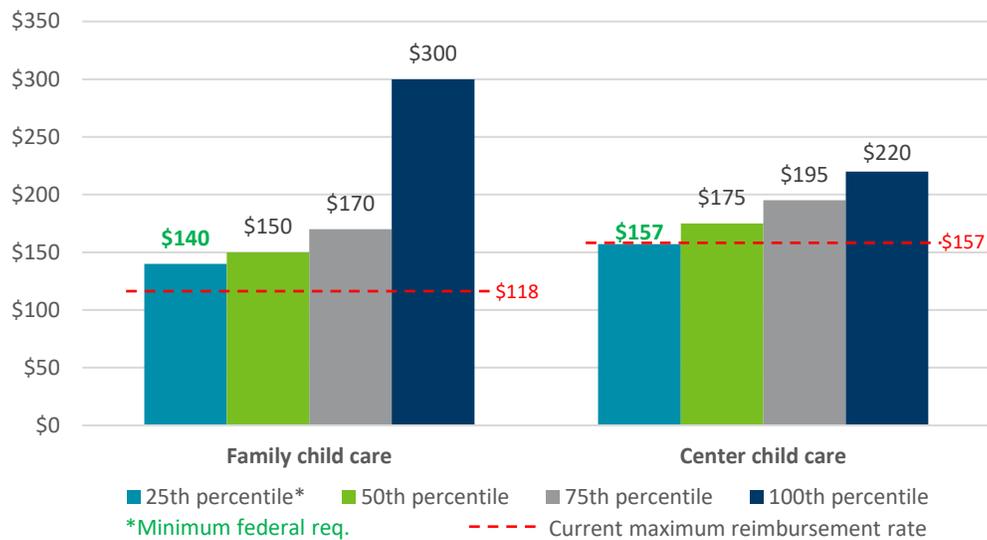
18 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Sibley County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

STEARNS COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Stearns County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$13 a week for family child care and \$25 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

1,510 children from
676 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

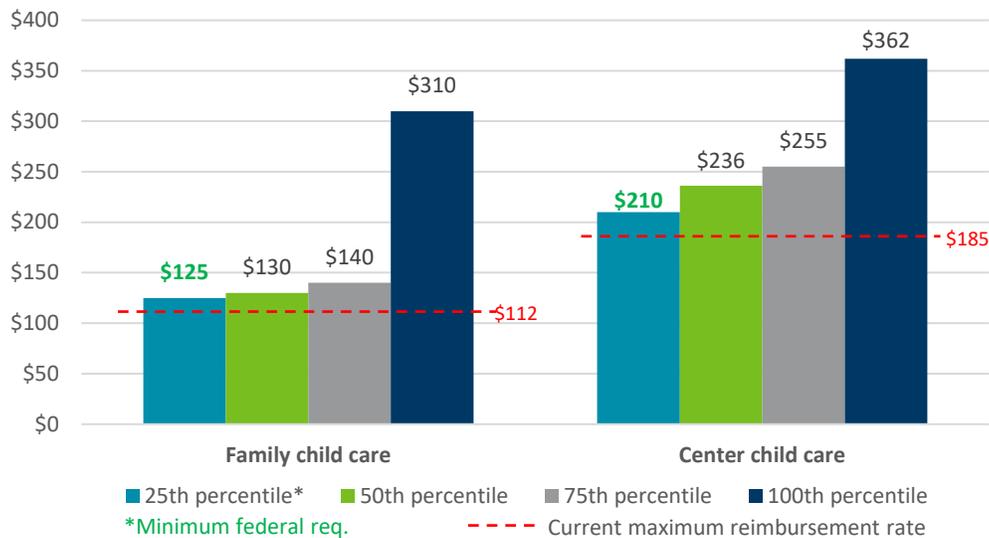
65
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

52
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Stearns County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

STEELE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Steele County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care and \$20 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

383 children from
207 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

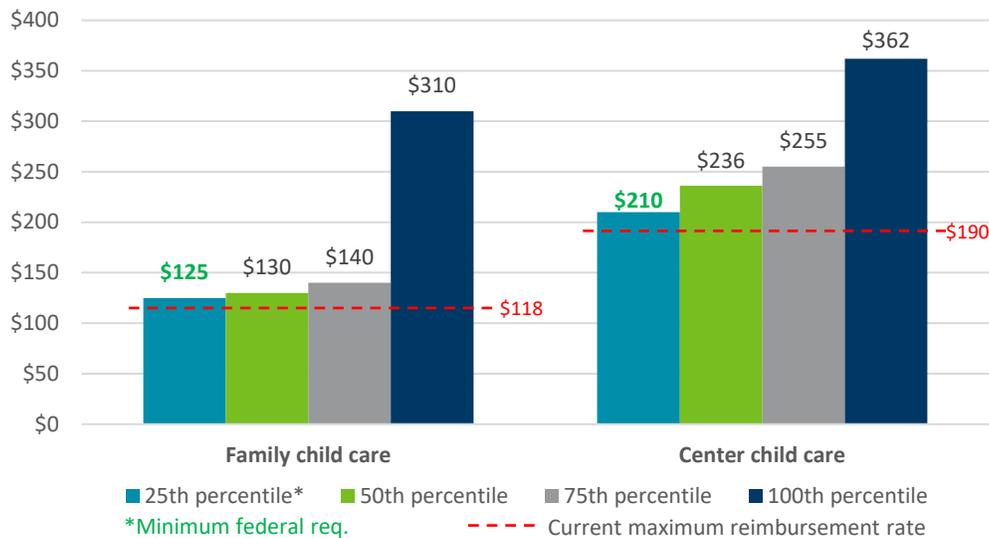
33
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

6
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Steele County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

STEVENS COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Stevens County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$31 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

41 children from **28** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

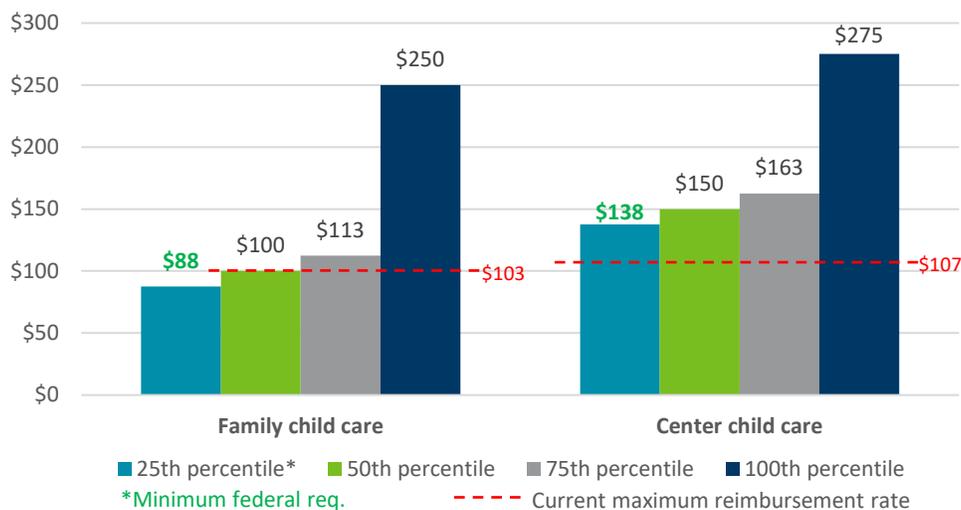
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Stevens County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

SWIFT COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Swift County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

67 children from **39** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

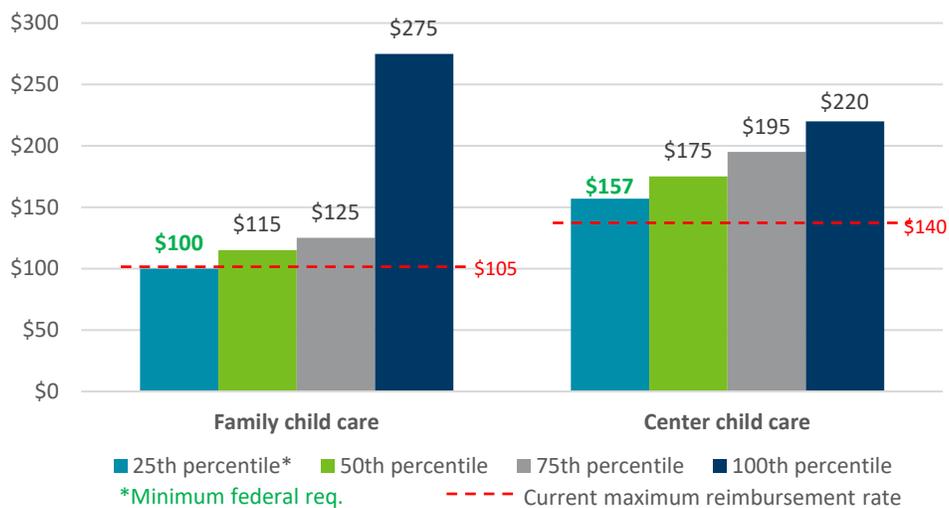
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Swift County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

TODD COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Todd County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$9 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

106 children from **61** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

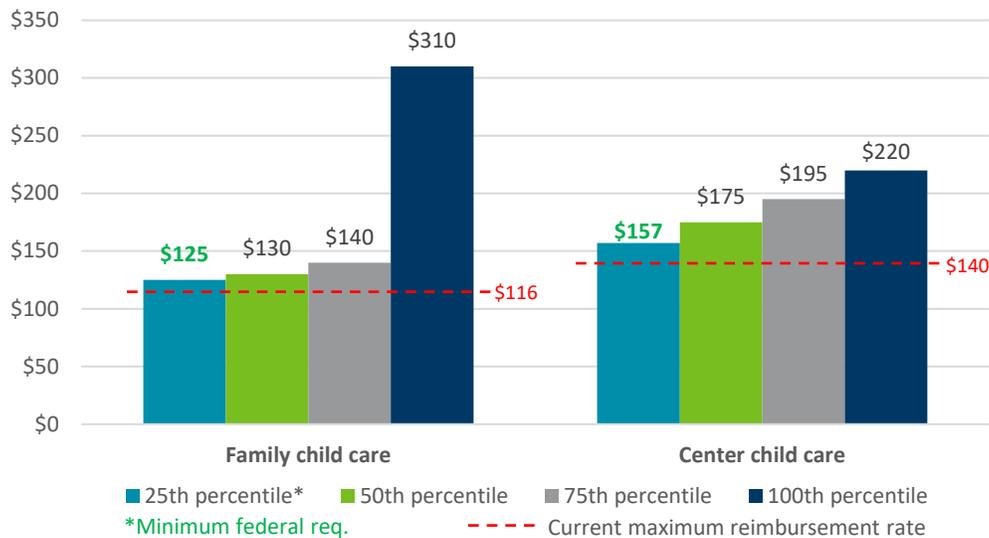
22 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Todd County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

TRAVERSE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Traverse County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$25 a week for family child care and \$16 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

14 children from fewer than **8** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

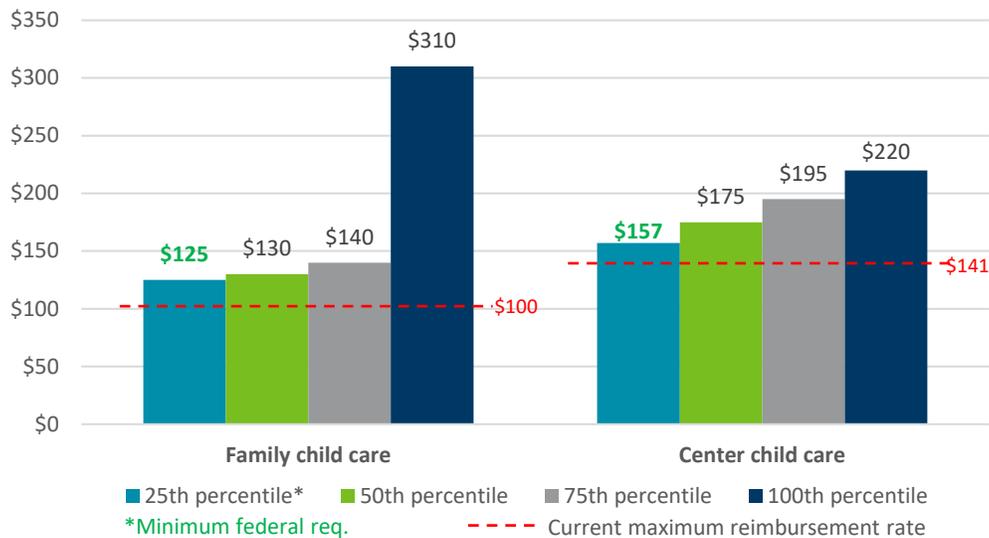
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

0 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Traverse County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

WABASHA COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Wabasha County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$8 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

82 children from **51** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

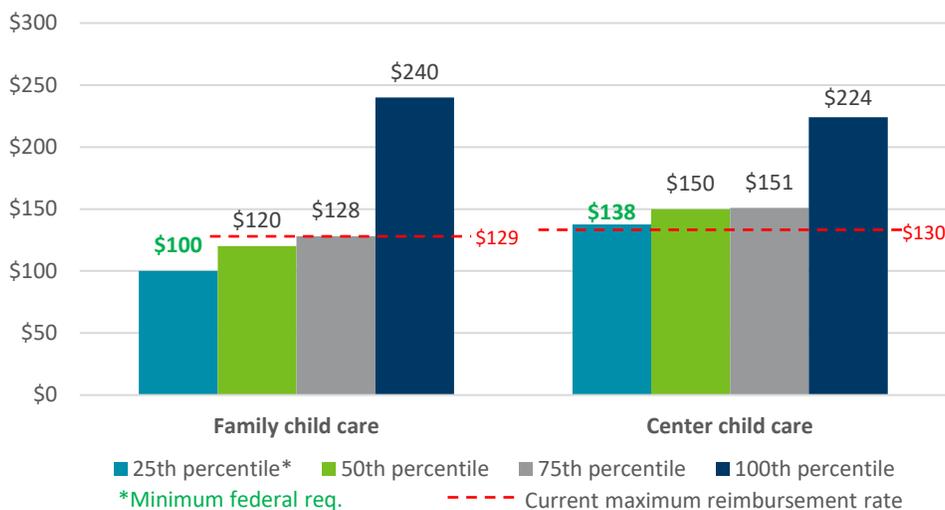
18 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Wabasha County weekly school age prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

WADENA COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Wadena County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

95 children from **52** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

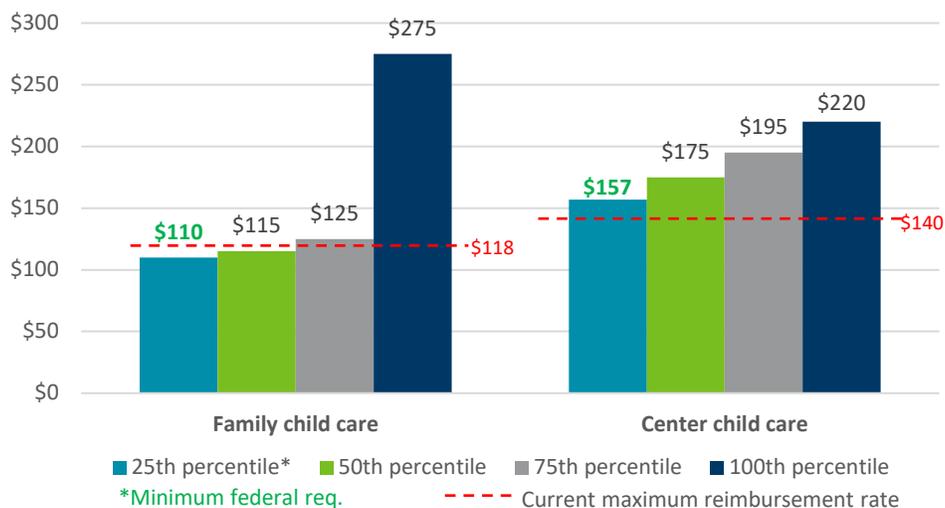
18 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Wadena County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

WASECA COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Waseca County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$7 a week for family child care and \$17 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

164 children from
104 families
served in State Fiscal
Year 2019

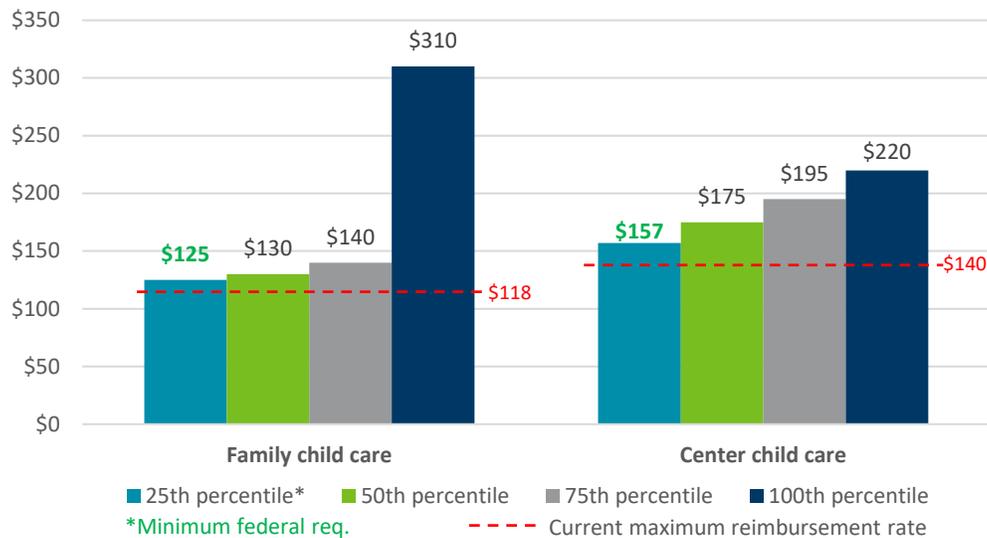
13
family child care
providers reimbursed
in State Fiscal Year 2019

6
center providers
reimbursed in State
Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Waseca County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

WATONWAN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Watonwan County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$17 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

65 children from **39** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

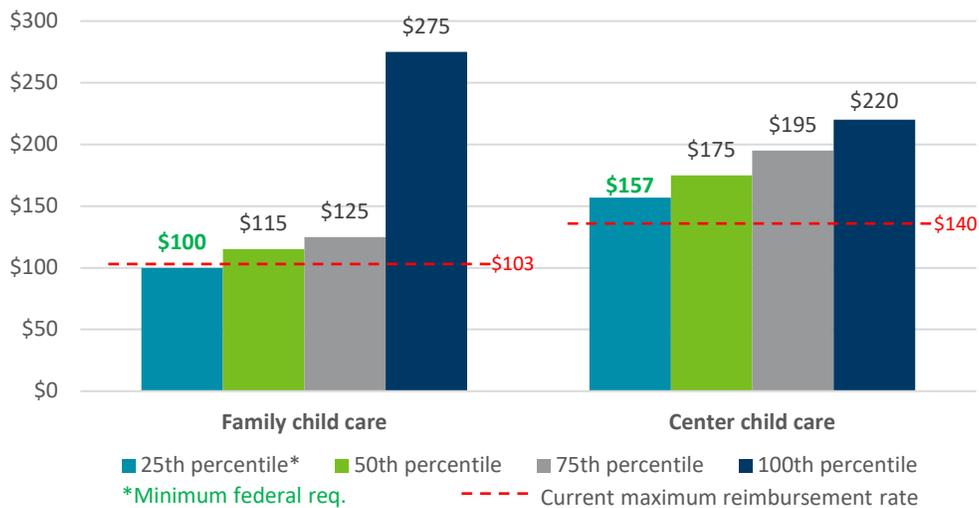
14 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Watonwan County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

WILKIN COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Wilkin County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$16 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
- "The county/state need to listen to what the providers are saying because there are lots of providers that are not taking county-funded families any longer." (Licensed family child care)

52 children from **32** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

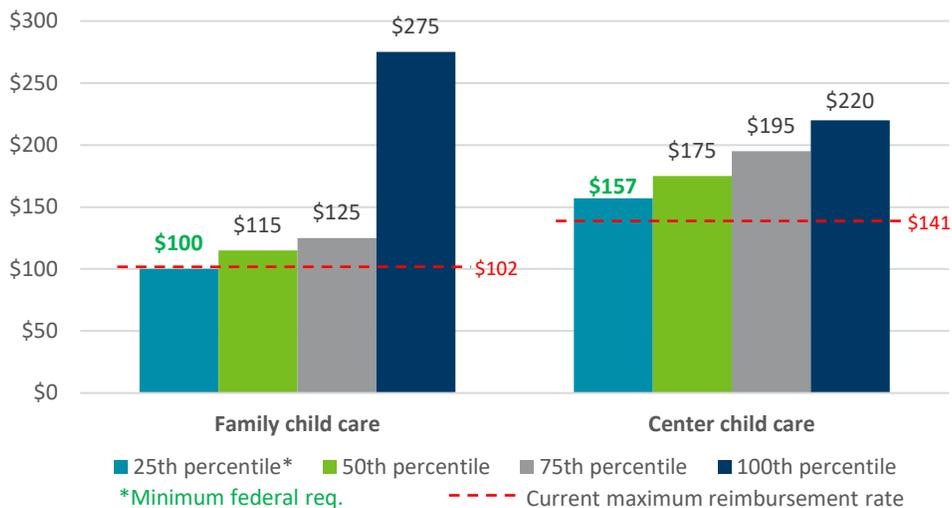
Fewer than **10** family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Wilkin County weekly infant prices (2018)



¹ DHS survey of child care providers, deployed from July 25, 2018, through Aug. 24, 2018.

How does child care assistance support my community?

WINONA COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Winona County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$1 a week for family child care. Center-based care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for centers as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
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274 children from **173** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

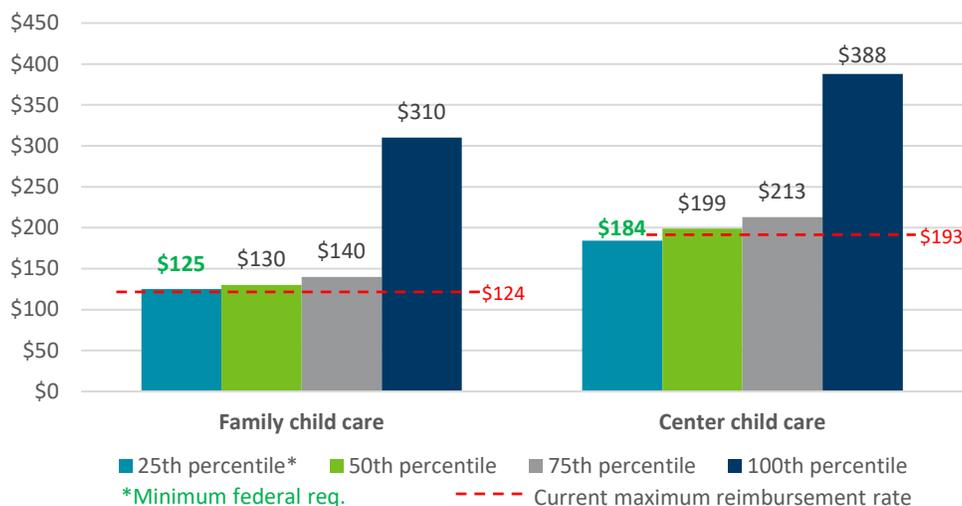
34 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

16 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Winona County weekly infant prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

WRIGHT COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Wright County, **school age maximum rates would go up about \$15 a week for family child care and \$8 a week for a child care center.**

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
- "Families are not able to pay the difference." (Licensed center)
- "If I had to accept the rates the county pays I wouldn't be in business at all." (Licensed family child care)
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384 children from
229 families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

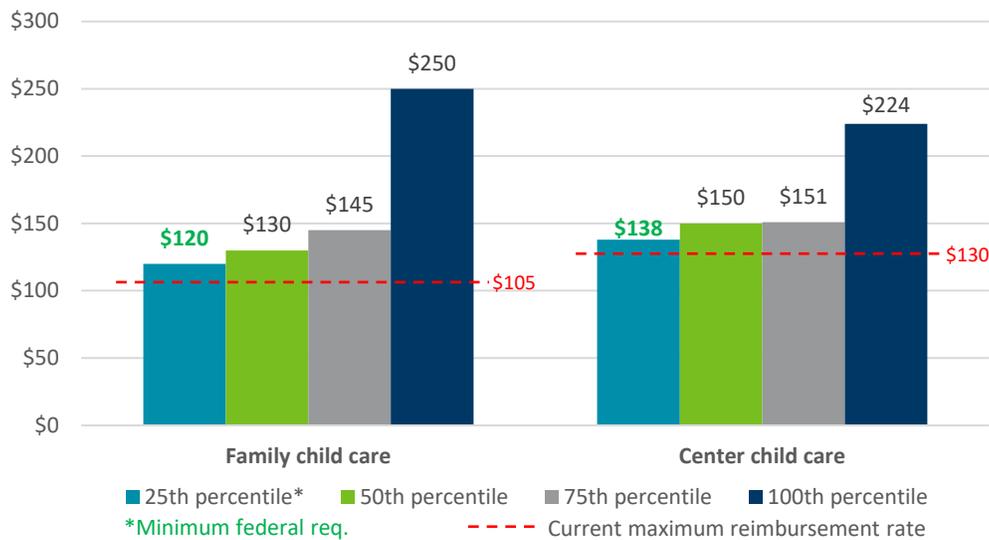
22 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

21 center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Wright County weekly school age prices (2018)



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How does child care assistance support my community?

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY

Child care assistance supports employers by helping families afford safe, consistent child care so that parents can find and keep jobs. Providing more access to high-quality child care also supports the workforce now and in the future by helping young learners prepare for success.

Increase child care assistance rates

An investment in child care assistance payments that moves toward current market rates supports child care providers in your area who provide an essential service, and recognizes their hard work. At the 25th percentile in Yellow Medicine County, **infant maximum rates would go up about \$70 a week for a child care center. Family child care would stay the same, if there were policies stating that no reimbursement rates will decrease.** If rates were set at a higher percentile, they may go up for family child care as well.

Here's what providers say about the below-market rates that the state currently pays¹:

- "I just want to get paid what I charge everyone else." (Licensed family child care)
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43 children from **20** families served in State Fiscal Year 2019

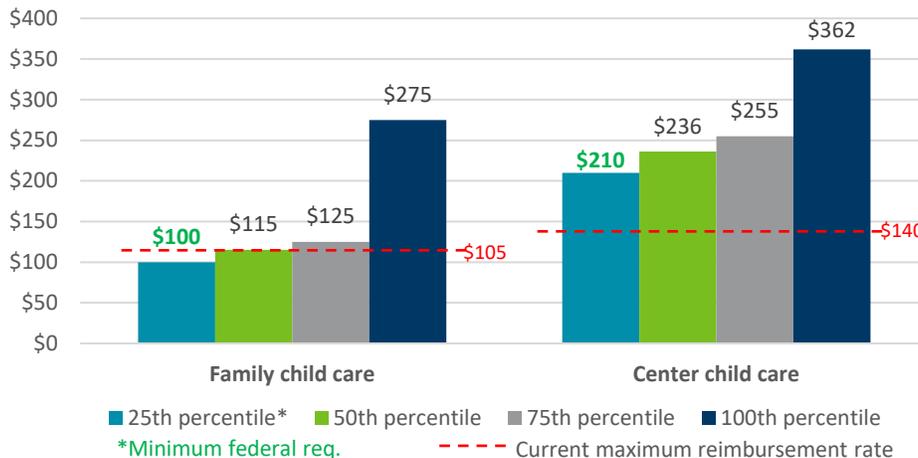
11 family child care providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Fewer than **5** center providers reimbursed in State Fiscal Year 2019

Increase reimbursement rates to avoid losing federal funds

States must set rates to at least the 25th percentile of their most recent rate survey. If rates are not increased, Minnesota is subject to a penalty which would reduce its federal child care grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (starting Oct. 1, 2020).

Yellow Medicine County weekly infant prices (2018)



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