



2026 Payment Standards

The following Payment Standards will be used by OCHA for administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program effective November 1, 2025. These amounts are based on the Fair Market Rents (FMRs) published by HUD on the HUD User Website at:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>

TRADITIONAL RENTAL HOUSING UNITS

Number of Bedrooms (BR):	0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR	5BR	6BR
Basic Payment Standards:	\$2,415	\$2,475	\$2,925	\$3,965	\$4,725	\$5,430	\$6,140
Central Payment Standards: (For selected cities - see below)	\$2,470	\$2,525	\$2,975	\$4,045	\$4,825	\$5,550	\$6,275
Restricted Payment Standards: (For selected cities - see below)	\$2,550	\$2,610	\$3,235	\$4,265	\$5,090	\$5,735	\$6,480

**Payment Standards for unit sizes larger than 6 bedrooms are available upon request.*

SPECIAL HOUSING UNITS

Shared Housing

Payment Standard: The lower of OCHA's payment standard for the family unit size or the pro-rata share of OCHA's payment standard for the shared housing unit size (24 CFR 982.617(c)).

Single Room Occupancy

Payment Standard: 75% of the 0-bedroom payment standard amount on OCHA's payment standard schedule (24 CFR 982.604).

Central Payment Standards: The following "central coast" cities within the county qualify for Central Payment Standards: Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach.

Restricted Payment Standards: The following "high rent areas" of the county qualify for Restricted Payments Standards: Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Juan Capistrano (including Capistrano Beach), San Clemente, Tustin, and unincorporated areas south of the 55 Freeway.