



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts for 2026

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that inflation adjustments of civil monetary penalty amounts required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act) are not being made for 2026.

DATES: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act) (Public Law 114-74, Sec. 701), which further amended the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-410), requires agencies to make annual adjustments to civil monetary penalty (CMP) amounts for inflation. The annual adjustment is based on the percent change between the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ("CPI-U") for the month of October preceding the date of the adjustment,

and the CPI-U for October of the prior year (28 U.S.C. 2461 note, section (5)(b)(1)). Pursuant to the 2015 Act, adjustments are rounded to the nearest dollar.¹

II. This Notice

On April 17, 2026, the Office of Management and Budget informed the heads of executive departments and agencies that “Due to the government shutdown, [the Bureau of Labor Statistics] was unable to produce the October 2025 data. Based on the lack of October 2025 CPI-U data, which is needed to make adjustments under the 2015 Act, there will be no updated cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for 2026 and agencies will continue using the 2025 civil monetary penalty levels as applicable.”²

As such, this notice informs the public that the statutory annual inflation adjustments of civil monetary penalty amounts are not being made for 2026 and that all HUD civil money penalties are maintained at their 2025 level.

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¹ 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

² OMB Memorandum M-26-11: *Cancellation of Penalty Inflation Adjustments for 2026, Regarding the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015*, April 17, 2026, pp. 1-2.