

2026 Biweekly Pay Period Calendar

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Three-paycheck month (amber)	Possible 27th check (teal — employer dependent)	Payday shown in bold
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Schedule A — First Payday: Friday, January 2, 2026

Three-paycheck months: **January** (checks 1–3) and **July** (checks 14–16) | Possible 27th check: **December 31, 2026** (employer dependent — see footnote)

#	Period Start	Period End	Payday	Month
1	Dec 19, 2025	Jan 1, 2026	Jan 2, 2026	January
2	Jan 2, 2026	Jan 15, 2026	Jan 16, 2026	January
3	Jan 16, 2026	Jan 29, 2026	Jan 30, 2026	January ★
4	Jan 30, 2026	Feb 12, 2026	Feb 13, 2026	February
5	Feb 13, 2026	Feb 26, 2026	Feb 27, 2026	February
6	Feb 27, 2026	Mar 12, 2026	Mar 13, 2026	March
7	Mar 13, 2026	Mar 26, 2026	Mar 27, 2026	March
8	Mar 27, 2026	Apr 9, 2026	Apr 10, 2026	April
9	Apr 10, 2026	Apr 23, 2026	Apr 24, 2026	April
10	Apr 24, 2026	May 7, 2026	May 8, 2026	May
11	May 8, 2026	May 21, 2026	May 22, 2026	May
12	May 22, 2026	Jun 4, 2026	Jun 5, 2026	June
13	Jun 5, 2026	Jun 18, 2026	Jun 19, 2026	June
14	Jun 19, 2026	Jul 2, 2026	Jul 3, 2026	July
15	Jul 3, 2026	Jul 16, 2026	Jul 17, 2026	July
16	Jul 17, 2026	Jul 30, 2026	Jul 31, 2026	July ★
17	Jul 31, 2026	Aug 13, 2026	Aug 14, 2026	August
18	Aug 14, 2026	Aug 27, 2026	Aug 28, 2026	August
19	Aug 28, 2026	Sep 10, 2026	Sep 11, 2026	September
20	Sep 11, 2026	Sep 24, 2026	Sep 25, 2026	September
21	Sep 25, 2026	Oct 8, 2026	Oct 9, 2026	October
22	Oct 9, 2026	Oct 22, 2026	Oct 23, 2026	October
23	Oct 23, 2026	Nov 5, 2026	Nov 6, 2026	November
24	Nov 6, 2026	Nov 19, 2026	Nov 20, 2026	November
25	Nov 20, 2026	Dec 3, 2026	Dec 4, 2026	December
26	Dec 4, 2026	Dec 17, 2026	Dec 18, 2026	December
27*	Dec 18, 2026	Dec 31, 2026	Dec 31, 2026*	December *

* Check #27 only applies if your employer pays the January 1, 2027 holiday paycheck early on December 31, 2026. Not all employers do this. Ask HR: 'Does payroll move early when payday falls on a holiday?'

Schedule B — First Payday: Friday, January 9, 2026

Three-paycheck months: **May** (checks 9–11) and **October** (checks 20–22) | Standard 26 paychecks — no 27th check on this schedule

#	Period Start	Period End	Payday	Month
1	Dec 26, 2025	Jan 8, 2026	Jan 9, 2026	January
2	Jan 9, 2026	Jan 22, 2026	Jan 23, 2026	January
3	Jan 23, 2026	Feb 5, 2026	Feb 6, 2026	February
4	Feb 6, 2026	Feb 19, 2026	Feb 20, 2026	February
5	Feb 20, 2026	Mar 5, 2026	Mar 6, 2026	March
6	Mar 6, 2026	Mar 19, 2026	Mar 20, 2026	March
7	Mar 20, 2026	Apr 2, 2026	Apr 3, 2026	April
8	Apr 3, 2026	Apr 16, 2026	Apr 17, 2026	April
9	Apr 17, 2026	Apr 30, 2026	May 1, 2026	May
10	May 1, 2026	May 14, 2026	May 15, 2026	May
11	May 15, 2026	May 28, 2026	May 29, 2026	May ★
12	May 29, 2026	Jun 11, 2026	Jun 12, 2026	June
13	Jun 12, 2026	Jun 25, 2026	Jun 26, 2026	June
14	Jun 26, 2026	Jul 9, 2026	Jul 10, 2026	July
15	Jul 10, 2026	Jul 23, 2026	Jul 24, 2026	July
16	Jul 24, 2026	Aug 6, 2026	Aug 7, 2026	August
17	Aug 7, 2026	Aug 20, 2026	Aug 21, 2026	August
18	Aug 21, 2026	Sep 3, 2026	Sep 4, 2026	September
19	Sep 4, 2026	Sep 17, 2026	Sep 18, 2026	September
20	Sep 18, 2026	Oct 1, 2026	Oct 2, 2026	October
21	Oct 2, 2026	Oct 15, 2026	Oct 16, 2026	October
22	Oct 16, 2026	Oct 29, 2026	Oct 30, 2026	October ★
23	Oct 30, 2026	Nov 12, 2026	Nov 13, 2026	November
24	Nov 13, 2026	Nov 26, 2026	Nov 27, 2026	November
25	Nov 27, 2026	Dec 10, 2026	Dec 11, 2026	December
26	Dec 11, 2026	Dec 24, 2026	Dec 25, 2026	December

Weekly: 52 paychecks/year

Biweekly: 26/year (sometimes 27)

Semi-monthly: 24/year (always)

Monthly: 12/year (always)