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Claude Code Limits: Permanent +25% Weekly After the Sep 13 Promo (September 2026)

Edition of November 13, 2026 — facts verified November 13, 2026. Current edition always at https://tygartmedia.com/claude-code-rate-limits/.

Direct Answer (November 13, 2026): Claude Code shares one account usage pool across CLI, IDE, desktop, and web with two meters on most plans: a rolling 5-hour session window and a weekly usage limit. On current published plans, **Pro ($20/mo or $17/mo annual)** gives at least 5× Free usage per 5-hour session; **Max ($100/mo)** provides 5× Pro usage every 5 hours and weekly; and **Ultra ($200/mo, formerly Max 20×)** provides **10× Pro weekly usage with no 5-hour session limit for verified accounts**. Anthropic's temporary May–September 13, 2026 +50% promo ended; current flagship **Fable 5.2** ($8/$40 API) runs on usage credits on Pro and uses up to 50% of weekly limits on Max, Ultra, and Team Premium.

Last verified: November 13, 2026 (Pacific) against claude.com/pricing, Ultra plan docs, and platform.claude.com pricing.

Prior note: Sources: Anthropic Help Center — Claude Code May–August 2026 weekly limits promotion (updated; permanent +25% now official) and Fable-on-plan article. Exact token counts are not published — check Settings → Usage or `/usage` in the CLI.

The two clocks

People treat "I hit my limit" as one event. It is two.

- **5-hour session.** Rolling window. Burns when the model is working, not when you are idle. Wait/usage windows depend on your active plan (Pro gives at least 5× Free usage; Max gives 5× Pro usage; Ultra removes the 5-hour limit for verified accounts). Neither the +50% weekly promo nor the permanent +25% weekly change raised or lowered this clock.
- **Weekly bucket.** Fixed reset time on your account (Settings → Usage). This is the one that ends a Friday on Max after a Fable week. The May–September 2026 +50% promotion applied to Claude Code only — CLI, IDE, desktop, and web Code — not to regular Claude chat (Cowork has since been unified into core Claude). That temporary bump is over; check your live meter under Settings → Usage or `/usage`.

Eligible for the promo and the permanent +25%: Pro, Max, Team, and legacy seat-based Enterprise. Not eligible: Free and consumption-based Enterprise.

The September 13–14 change & November 2026 Baseline

Historical promotion timeline (support.claude.com/en/articles/15910845):

- **May 13 – Sep 13, 2026 11:59 PM PT:** Temporary +50% weekly Claude Code promotion active for Pro, Max, Team, and seat-based Enterprise.
- **Post-promotion published tiers (November 2026):** Pro ($20/mo or $17/mo annual) gives at least 5× Free 5-hour session capacity; Max ($100/mo) gives 5× Pro usage every 5 hours and weekly (+ $100/mo API credits); Ultra ($200/mo, formerly Max 20×) gives **10× Pro weekly usage with no 5-hour limit for verified accounts** (+ $200/mo API credits); Team Premium ($100/$125 per seat) gives **5× Standard seat usage**.

Exact prompt/token quotas remain dynamic by task length, model choice, and attachment size — read your live meter in Settings → Usage.

Who gets Fable 5.2 on the subscription

Official rule on claude.com/pricing: current flagship **Claude Fable 5.2** ($8/$40 API, superseding Fable 5.1 and Fable 5 at $10/$50) follows the shared Fable subscription access rules:

Plan	Fable 5.2 on the subscription
Free ($0)	Not available
Pro ($20 / $17 annual)	Not in included allowance; bills via pay-as-you-go usage credits ($8/$40 MTok) from the first Fable token.
Team Standard ($20 / $25 seat)	Usage credits / pooled API credits ($8/$40 MTok).
Max ($100) / Ultra ($200, formerly Max 20×)	Included up to **50% of weekly limits** (same pool as Sonnet and Opus).
Team Premium ($100 / $125 seat)	Included up to **50% of weekly limits** (5× Standard seat usage).
Enterprise ($20/seat + API usage, 20-seat min)	Usage billed at standard API rates ($8/$40 for Fable 5.2).

Note: Earlier one-time July 2026 migration credits have closed; Fable 5.2 runs at $8 input / $40 output ($0.20 cache read) on API or usage credits.

Practical read: Pro accesses Fable via usage credits; Max ($100/mo) and Ultra ($200/mo) include Fable up to half of weekly limits before overflowing to usage credits or Opus 5.5 ($4/$20) / Sonnet 5.5 ($2/$10).

What still burns quota

- Long agent loops and multi-agent fan-out (each worker keeps its own context).
- Dumping a whole repo when one file would do.
- MCP tool output that stays in context for the rest of the session.
- Leaving `ANTHROPIC_API_KEY` set so the CLI bills API rates and ignores the subscription.

What to do now

- If you are on Pro and need Fable all week, budget credits or move the hard jobs to Max. The subscription does not include Fable on Pro.
- If you are on Max or Ultra, check Settings → Usage / `/usage` against your current Max (5× Pro) or Ultra (10× Pro weekly, no 5-hour limit for verified accounts) limits, not the retired May–September +50% promotion. Route high-volume loops to Haiku 5.5 or Sonnet 5.5 and save Fable 5.2 for demanding reasoning tasks.
- Do not upgrade from Pro to Max only because the 5-hour window feels tight on Friday. Check which clock you hit. Session vs week is a different purchase.

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