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Text models have three prices: input, output and cached input. Cached input is input text the model had already read and is now read from the cache. Those tokens are charged at a lower price, `cached_input`, instead of the normal input price.

Where the cache price is

The Models tab shows input and output. The cache price comes in `GET /v1/models`, in the `pricing.cached_input` field, in credits per million tokens. Two examples from the documentation:

Model	Input	Cached input
`deepseek-ai/deepseek-v4-flash`	56	11.2
`moonshotai/kimi-k2.6`	380	64

These values are examples and can change: the current ones are always in `GET /v1/models`.

How much you save

With the example prices, 8,000 input tokens on `deepseek-ai/deepseek-v4-flash` cost 8,000 × 56 / 1,000,000 = 0.448 credits at the normal price. If they come from the cache, they cost 8,000 × 11.2 / 1,000,000 = 0.0896.

Where you see the cache used

Where	The field
All in One AI History	"Cached tokens", in the details of each request.
Chat Completions (OpenAI SDK)	`usage.prompt_tokens_details.cached_tokens`

Where	The field
Messages format (Claude Code)	`usage.cache_read_input_tokens`
Responses format (Codex)	`usage.input_tokens_details.cached_tokens`

When it shows up

You do not ask for the cache in a request field: when there is some, it comes in the response count. It usually shows up when several requests start with the same text: the same instructions, the same document or a conversation that keeps growing. So it helps to keep that beginning the same from one request to the next. With a Coding Plan, cache tokens also count points, at the model's value.

Not every request gets the cache, and we cannot guarantee it.
Do your sums with the normal input price and check the real saving in History.

RECOMMENDED

Want to see the cached tokens of each request? Open History.

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