

Child Nutrition Programs

Income Eligibility Guidelines

Effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

The following are the income guidelines to be used by child nutrition program operators when processing meal benefit income eligibility forms using reported income.

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For Determining Official's Use Only

Household Size ¹	How often income was received									
	Weekly		Bi-Weekly		2x Month		Monthly		Annually	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$319	\$454	\$638	\$908	\$692	\$984	\$1,383	\$1,968	\$16,588	\$23,606
2	\$431	\$614	\$862	\$1,227	\$934	\$1,329	\$1,868	\$2,658	\$22,412	\$31,894
3	\$543	\$773	\$1,086	\$1,546	\$1,177	\$1,675	\$2,353	\$3,349	\$28,236	\$40,182
4	\$655	\$933	\$1,310	\$1,865	\$1,420	\$2,020	\$2,839	\$4,040	\$34,060	\$48,470
5	\$767	\$1,092	\$1,534	\$2,183	\$1,662	\$2,365	\$3,324	\$4,730	\$39,884	\$56,758
6	\$879	\$1,251	\$1,758	\$2,502	\$1,905	\$2,711	\$3,809	\$5,421	\$45,708	\$65,046
7	\$991	\$1,411	\$1,982	\$2,821	\$2,148	\$3,056	\$4,295	\$6,112	\$51,532	\$73,334
8	\$1,103	\$1,570	\$2,206	\$3,140	\$2,390	\$3,401	\$4,780	\$6,802	\$57,356	\$81,622
Additional members, add:	\$112	\$160	\$224	\$319	\$243	\$346	\$486	\$691	\$5,824	\$8,288

¹Household size must be supported by the number of names listed on the meal benefit income eligibility form.

Annual Income Conversion for Multiple Reported Incomes:

If a household reports only one income or multiple incomes with the same frequency, do not convert to annual income.

If a household reports multiple income sources with different frequencies (e.g., 1 income is received weekly, another income is received monthly), convert all reported incomes to annual using the conversion factors below. Then, add the income together and compare it to the annual income guidelines to make a determination.

Weekly Income x 52	Bi-Weekly Income x 26	2x Month Income x 24	Monthly Income x 12
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Example: A household has returned their meal benefit income eligibility form. The enrolled individuals are not categorically eligible so they must be categorized based on income. On their application, they reported two incomes: \$175 weekly and \$2,856 monthly. To determine their eligibility status, their incomes must be converted to annual income.

\$175 weekly x Weekly Income Conversion → \$175 x 52 = \$9,100 Total Annual Income

\$2,856 monthly x Monthly Income Conversion → \$2,856 x 12 = \$34,272 Total Annual Income

The incomes are then added together to determine total annual income. Total Income: \$9,100 + \$34,272 = \$43,372

There are four listed names on their meal benefit income eligibility form – demonstrating a household's size of four. The annual income cap for a household of four to be free is \$34,060 and reduced is \$48,470. This household's annual income is \$43,372 – greater than \$34,060, less than \$48,470. Therefore, this household qualifies for reduced-price meals.

Enrollment errors can be very costly. For assistance making determinations, please don't hesitate to contact your assigned program specialist or the specialist of the day at (602) 542-8700, press 1 for Community Nutrition Programs (CACFP, SFSP), press 2 for School Nutrition Programs (NSLP, SBP, FFVP).