Child Nutrition Programs

Income Eligibility Guidelines

Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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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	How often was income received?									
	Weekly		Bi-Weekly		2x Month		Monthly		Annually	
Household Size*	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	392	557	783	1,114	848	1,207	1,696	2,413	20,345	28,953
2	529	753	1,058	1,505	1,146	1,631	2,292	3,261	27,495	39,128
3	667	949	1,333	1,897	1,444	2,055	2,888	4,109	34,645	49,303
4	804	1,144	1,608	2,288	1,742	2,479	3,483	4,957	41,795	59,478
5	942	1,340	1,883	2,679	2,040	2,903	4,079	5,805	48,945	69,653
6	1,079	1,536	2,158	3,071	2,338	3,327	4,675	6,653	56,095	79,828
7	1,217	1,731	2,433	3,462	2,636	3,751	5,271	7,501	63,245	90,003
8	1,354	1,927	2,708	3,853	2,934	4,175	5,867	8,349	70,395	100,178
Additional members add:	138	196	275	392	298	424	596	848	7,150	10,175

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

<u>Annual Income Conversion for Multiple Reported Incomes:</u>

If a household reports only one income or multiple incomes with the same frequency, <u>do not</u> 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

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: $200 weekly and $3,000 monthly. To determine their eligibility status, their incomes must be converted to annual income.

$200 weekly x Weekly Income Conversion → $200 x 52 = $10,400 Total Annual Income
$3,000 monthly x Monthly Income Conversion → $3,000 x 12 = $36,000 Total Annual Income
The incomes are then together to determine total annual income. Total Income: $10,400 + $36,000 = $46,400

There are four listed names on their income eligibility form – demonstrating a household size of four. The annual income cap for a household of four to be free is $41,795 and reduced is $59,478. This household's annual income is $46,400 – greater than $41,795, less than $59,478. Therefore, this household qualifies for reduced-price meals.