Federal & New Jersey Expanded Income Eligibility Guidelines

Effective School Year 2025-2026: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Federal Free Meals

Participants qualify for free meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 1 -	20,345	1,696	848	783	392
- 2 -	27,495	2,292	1,146	1,058	529
- 3 -	34,645	2,888	1,444	1,333	667
- 4 -	41,795	3,483	1,742	1,608	804
- 5 -	48,945	4,079	2,040	1,883	942
- 6 -	56,095	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079
- 7 -	63,245	5,271	2,636	2,433	1,217
- 8 -	70,395	5,867	2,934	2,708	1,354
Each add'l household member add	7,150	596	298	275	138

Federal Reduced Price Meals

Participants qualify for reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart and above the limits on the Federal Free Meals chart.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 1 -	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
- 2 -	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
- 3 -	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
- 4 -	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
- 5 -	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
- 6 -	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
- 7 -	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
- 8 -	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
Each add'l household member add	10,175	848	424	392	196

New Jersey Expanded Income Guidelines (NJEIE)

New Jersey participants qualify for meals at no charge if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart and above the limits on the Federal Reduced Price Meal chart.

NJEIE does not apply to schools/sites participating in CEP.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 1 -	35,056	2,922	1,461	1,349	675
- 2 -	47,376	3,948	1,974	1,823	912
- 3 -	59,696	4,975	2,488	2,296	1,148
- 4 -	72,016	6,002	3,001	2,770	1,385
- 5 -	84,336	7,028	3,514	3,244	1,622
- 6 -	96,656	8,055	4,028	3,718	1,859
- 7 -	108,976	9,082	4,541	4,192	2,096
- 8 -	121,296	10,108	5,054	4,666	2,333
Each add'l household member	12,320	1,027	514	474	237

~When all income is reported with the same frequency (i.e., all reported as weekly, every 2 weeks, monthly, or twice a month), total the income and the number of household members and compare it to this chart. Do not annualize if all income reported is the same frequency.

~When income is reported with different frequencies, annualize the number, total the income and the number of household members and compare it to the annual income column on this chart.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 weeks x 26, Twice a month x 24, and Monthly x 12

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Federal Free Meals for Households of 9-16

Participants qualify for free meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 9 -	77,545	6,463	3,232	2,983	1,492
- 10 -	84,695	7,059	3,530	3,258	1,630
- 11 -	91,845	7,655	3,828	3,533	1,768
- 12 -	98,995	8,251	4,126	3,808	1,906
- 13 -	106,145	8,847	4,424	4,083	2,044
- 14 -	113,295	9,443	4,722	4,358	2,182
- 15 -	120,445	10,039	5,020	4,633	2,320
- 16 -	127,595	10,635	5,318	4,908	2,458
Each add'l household member add	7,150	596	298	275	138

Federal Reduced Price Meals for Households of 9-16

Participants qualify for reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart and above the limits on the Federal Free Meals chart.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 9 -	110,353	9,197	4,599	4,245	2,123
- 10 -	120,528	10,045	5,023	4,637	2,319
- 11 -	130,703	10,893	5,447	5,029	2,515
- 12 -	140,878	11,741	5,871	5,421	2,711
- 13 -	151,053	12,589	6,295	5,813	2,907
- 14 -	161,228	13,437	6,719	6,205	3,103
- 15 -	171,403	14,285	7,143	6,597	3,299
- 16 -	181,578	15,133	7,567	6,989	3,495
Each add'l household member add	10,175	848	424	392	196

New Jersey Expanded Income Guidelines (NJEIE) for Households of 9-16

New Jersey participants qualify for meals at no charge if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart and above the limits on the Federal Reduced Price Meal chart.

NJEIE does not apply to schools/sites participating in CEP.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 9 -	133,616	11,135	5,568	5,140	2,570
- 10 -	145,936	12,162	6,082	5,614	2,807
- 11 -	158,256	13,189	6,596	6,088	3,044
- 12 -	170,576	14,216	7,110	6,562	3,281
- 13 -	182,896	15,243	7,624	7,036	3,518
- 14 -	195,216	16,270	8,138	7,510	3,755
- 15 -	207,536	17,297	8,652	7,984	3,992
- 16 -	219,856	18,324	9,166	8,458	4,229
Each add'l household member	12,320	1,027	514	474	237

Error Prone (does not apply to NJEIE Applications):

Weekly: $0 -$25 below the free or reduced price income eligibility limit.
Every two weeks or twice a month: $0 - $ 50 below the free or reduced price income eligibility limit.
Monthly: $0 - $100 below the free or reduced price income eligibility limit.
Annually: $0 - $1200 below the free or reduced price income eligibility limit.