



Federal & New Jersey Expanded Income Eligibility Guidelines

Effective School Year 2026-2027: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

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 -	20,748	1,729	865	798	399
- 2 -	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541
- 3 -	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
- 4 -	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
- 5 -	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
- 6 -	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
- 7 -	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
- 8 -	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
Each add'l household member add	7,384	616	308	284	142

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 -	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
- 2 -	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
- 3 -	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
- 4 -	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
- 5 -	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
- 6 -	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
- 7 -	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
- 8 -	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Each add'l household member add	10,508	876	438	405	203

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 -	35,751	2,980	1,490	1,376	688
- 2 -	48,474	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
- 3 -	61,197	5,100	2,550	2,354	1,177
- 4 -	73,920	6,160	3,080	2,844	1,422
- 5 -	86,644	7,221	3,611	3,333	1,667
- 6 -	99,367	8,281	4,141	3,822	1,911
- 7 -	112,090	9,341	4,671	4,312	2,156
- 8 -	124,813	10,402	5,201	4,801	2,401
Each add'l household member	12,724	1,061	531	490	245

~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 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 -	79,820	6,652	3,326	3,070	1,535
- 10 -	87,204	7,267	3,634	3,354	1,677
- 11 -	94,588	7,883	3,942	3,638	1,819
- 12 -	101,972	8,498	4,249	3,922	1,961
- 13 -	109,356	9,113	4,557	4,206	2,103
- 14 -	116,740	9,729	4,865	4,490	2,245
- 15 -	124,124	10,344	5,172	4,774	2,387
- 16 -	131,508	10,959	5,480	5,058	2,529
Each add'l household member add	7384	616	308	284	142

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 -	113,590	9,466	4,733	4,369	2,185
- 10 -	124,098	10,342	5,171	4,773	2,387
- 11 -	134,606	11,218	5,609	5,178	2,589
- 12 -	145,114	12,093	6,047	5,583	2,791
- 13 -	155,622	12,969	6,485	5,986	2,993
- 14 -	166,130	13,845	6,922	6,390	3,195
- 15 -	176,638	14,720	7,360	6,784	3,397
- 16 -	187,146	15,596	7,800	7,198	3,599
Each add'l household member add	10,508	876	438	405	203

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 -	137,536	11,462	5,731	5,290	2,645
- 10 -	150,260	12,522	6,261	5,780	2,890
- 11 -	162,983	13,582	6,791	6,269	3,135
- 12 -	175,706	14,643	7,322	6,758	3,379
- 13 -	188,429	15,703	7,852	7,248	3,624
- 14 -	201,152	16,763	8,382	7,737	3,869
- 15 -	213,876	17,823	8,912	8,226	4,113
- 16 -	226,599	18,884	9,442	8,716	4,358
Each add'l household member	12,724	1061	531	490	245

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.