INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

The income scales below are to be used to determine applicants' eligibility for free or reduced-price meals if the family is at or below the guideline.

	Weekly Income **X 52** = Annually		Biweekly Income **X 26** = Annually		2 x Month Income **X 24** = Annually		Monthly Income **X 12** = Annually		Annually	
Household Size	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	$399	$568	$798	$1,136	$865	$1,231	$1,729	$2,461	$20,748	$29,526
2	$541	$770	$1,082	$1,540	$1,173	$1,669	$2,345	$3,337	$28,132	$40,034
3	$683	$972	$1,366	$1,944	$1,480	$2,106	$2,960	$4,212	$35,516	$50,542
4	$825	$1,175	$1,650	$2,349	$1,788	$2,544	$3,575	$5,088	$42,900	$61,050
5	$967	$1,377	$1,934	$2,753	$2,096	$2,982	$4,191	$5,964	$50,284	$71,558
6	$1,109	$1,579	$2,218	$3,157	$2,403	$3,420	$4,806	$6,839	$57,668	$82,066
7	$1,251	$1,781	$2,502	$3,561	$2,711	$3,858	$5,421	$7,715	$65,052	$92,574
8	$1,393	$1,983	$2,786	$3,965	$3,019	$4,296	$6,037	$8,591	$72,436	$103,082
For each additional family member, add	$142	$203	$284	$405	$308	$438	$616	$876	$7,384	$10,508

INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS:

When making a determination, the frequency of the current income is compared to the respective income eligibility guidelines (IEG) scale above. For example, weekly income is compared to the weekly scale above. **Use the following procedures:**

- If a household has only one income source, or if all sources are the same frequency, do not use conversion factors. Compare the income or the sum of the incomes to the published IEG for appropriate frequency and household size to make the eligibility determination.
- If a household reports income sources at more than one frequency, bring all income to annual by multiplying weekly income by 52, income received every 2 weeks by 26, income received twice a month by 24, and income received monthly by 12.
    - ***Do not round the values resulting from each conversion.***
    - Add the sources of income together and compare to the scale above.

Instructions for farm/self-employed people are included in parent letter and the guidance for completing the application.

The agency should verify all questionable applications.

These guidelines are based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines annually.

Families must apply for meal benefits each year.