



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):

2025/2026 Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (“Department”) announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: **Applicable date** July 1, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Post, Chief, WIC Administration, Benefits, and Certification Branch, Policy Division, FNS, USDA, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, 703-457-7708.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866:

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act:

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372:

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, 48 FR 29100, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22675, May 31, 1984).

Description:

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income-eligible for the WIC Program if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted.

Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2025 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 90 FR 5917 on January 17, 2025. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the “poverty guidelines.”

Program Regulations at 7 CFR 246.7(d)(1) specify that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals, or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for

reduced-price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

Currently, the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid Program established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq.). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, i.e., earlier in the year, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 2025. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on or before July 1, 2025.

Income Eligibility Guidelines
(Effective from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
1	\$15,650	\$1,305	\$653	\$602	\$301	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
2	21,150	1,763	882	814	407	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3	26,650	2,221	1,111	1,025	513	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4	32,150	2,680	1,340	1,237	619	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5	37,650	3,138	1,569	1,449	725	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6	43,150	3,596	1,798	1,660	830	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7	48,650	4,055	2,028	1,872	936	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8	54,150	4,513	2,257	2,083	1042	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,500	+ \$459	+ \$230	+ \$212	+ \$106	+ \$10,175	+ \$848	+ \$424	+ \$392	+ \$196
Alaska										
1	\$19,550	\$1,630	\$815	\$752	\$376	\$36,168	\$3,014	\$1,507	\$1,392	\$696
2	26,430	2,203	1,102	1,017	509	48,896	4,075	2,038	1,881	941
3	33,310	2,776	1,388	1,282	641	61,624	5,136	2,568	2,371	1,186
4	40,190	3,350	1,675	1,546	773	74,352	6,196	3,098	2,860	1,430
5	47,070	3,923	1,962	1,811	906	87,080	7,257	3,629	3,350	1,675
6	53,950	4,496	2,248	2,075	1,038	99,808	8,318	4,159	3,839	1,920
7	60,830	5,070	2,535	2,340	1,170	112,536	9,378	4,689	4,329	2,165
8	67,710	5,643	2,822	2,605	1,303	125,264	10,439	5,220	4,818	2,409
Each add'l family member add	+ \$6,880	+ \$574	+ \$287	+ \$265	+ \$133	+ \$12,728	+ \$1,061	+ \$531	+ \$490	+ \$245
Hawaii										
1	\$17,990	\$1,500	\$750	\$692	\$346	\$33,282	\$2,774	\$1,387	\$1,281	\$641
2	24,320	2,027	1,014	936	468	44,992	3,750	1,875	1,731	866
3	30,650	2,555	1,278	1,179	590	56,703	4,726	2,363	2,181	1,091
4	36,980	3,082	1,541	1,423	712	68,413	5,702	2,851	2,632	1,316
5	43,310	3,610	1,805	1,666	833	80,124	6,677	3,339	3,082	1,541
6	49,640	4,137	2,069	1,910	955	91,834	7,653	3,827	3,533	1,767
7	55,970	4,665	2,333	2,153	1,077	103,545	8,629	4,315	3,983	1,992
8	62,300	5,192	2,596	2,397	1,199	115,255	9,605	4,803	4,433	2,217
Each add'l family member add	+ \$6,330	+ \$528	+ \$264	+ \$244	+ \$122	+ \$11,711	+ \$976	+ \$488	+ \$451	+ \$226

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Household Size Larger Than 8

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	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
9	\$59,650	\$4,971	\$2,486	\$2,295	\$1,148	\$110,353	\$9,197	\$4,599	\$4,245	\$2,123
10	65,150	5,430	2,715	2,506	1,253	120,528	10,044	5,022	4,636	2,318
11	70,650	5,888	2,944	2,718	1,359	130,703	10,892	5,446	5,028	2,514
12	76,150	6,346	3,173	2,929	1,465	140,878	11,740	5,870	5,419	2,710
13	81,650	6,805	3,403	3,141	1,571	151,053	12,588	6,294	5,810	2,905
14	87,150	7,263	3,632	3,352	1,676	161,228	13,436	6,718	6,202	3,101
15	92,650	7,721	3,861	3,564	1,782	171,403	14,284	7,142	6,593	3,297
16	98,150	8,180	4,090	3,775	1,888	181,578	15,132	7,566	6,984	3,492
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,500	+ \$459	+ \$230	+ \$212	+ \$106	+ \$10,175	+ \$848	+ \$424	+ \$392	+ \$196
Alaska										
9	\$74,590	\$6,216	\$3,108	\$2,869	\$1,435	\$137,992	\$11,500	\$5,750	\$5,308	\$2,654
10	81,470	6,790	3,395	3,134	1,567	150,720	12,560	6,280	5,797	2,899
11	88,350	7,363	3,682	3,399	1,700	163,448	13,621	6,811	6,287	3,144
12	95,230	7,936	3,968	3,663	1,832	176,176	14,682	7,341	6,776	3,388
13	102,110	8,510	4,255	3,928	1,964	188,904	15,742	7,871	7,266	3,633
14	108,990	9,083	4,542	4,192	2,096	201,632	16,803	8,402	7,756	3,878
15	115,870	9,656	4,828	4,457	2,229	214,360	17,864	8,932	8,245	4,123
16	122,750	10,230	5,115	4,722	2,361	227,088	18,924	9,462	8,735	4,368
Each add'l family member add	+ \$6,880	+ \$567	+ \$284	+ \$262	+ \$131	+ \$12,580	+ \$1,049	+ \$525	+ \$484	+ \$242
Hawaii										
9	\$68,630	\$5,720	\$2,860	\$2,640	\$1,320	\$126,966	\$10,581	\$5,291	\$4,884	\$2,442
10	74,960	6,247	3,124	2,884	1,442	138,676	11,557	5,779	5,334	2,667
11	81,290	6,775	3,388	3,127	1,564	150,387	12,533	6,267	5,785	2,893
12	87,620	7,302	3,651	3,370	1,685	162,097	13,509	6,755	6,235	3,118
13	93,950	7,830	3,915	3,614	1,807	173,808	14,484	7,242	6,685	3,343
14	100,280	8,357	4,179	3,857	1,929	185,518	15,460	7,730	7,136	3,568
15	106,610	8,885	4,443	4,101	2,051	197,229	16,436	8,218	7,586	3,793
16	112,940	9,412	4,706	4,344	2,172	208,939	17,412	8,706	8,037	4,019

Each add'l family member add	+ \$6,330	+ \$528	+ \$264	+ \$244	+ \$122	+ \$11,711	+ \$976	+ \$488	+ \$451	+ \$226
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The table of this notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, and all United States Territories, including Guam. Separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been included for the convenience of the State agencies because the poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States.

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