



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

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

2026/2027 Income Eligibility Guidelines

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States 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: These guidelines are effective July 1, 2026.

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 2026 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 91 FR 1797 on January 15, 2026. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the "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.

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.

Currently, the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. 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, 2026. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on or before July 1, 2026.

Income Eligibility Guidelines
(Effective from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027)

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	\$15,960	\$1,330	\$665	\$614	\$307	\$29,526	\$2,461	\$1,231	\$1,136	\$568
2	21,640	1,804	902	833	417	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	27,320	2,277	1,139	1,051	526	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	33,000	2,750	1,375	1,270	635	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	38,680	3,224	1,612	1,488	744	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	44,360	3,697	1,849	1,707	854	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	50,040	4,170	2,085	1,925	963	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	55,720	4,644	2,322	2,144	1,072	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Add per family member	+ \$5,680	+ \$474	+ \$237	+ \$219	+ \$110	+ \$10,508	+ \$876	+ \$438	+ \$405	+ \$203
Alaska										
1	\$19,950	\$1,663	\$832	\$768	\$384	\$36,908	\$3,076	\$1,538	\$1,420	\$710
2	27,050	2,255	1,128	1,041	521	50,043	4,171	2,086	1,925	963
3	34,150	2,846	1,423	1,314	657	63,178	5,265	2,633	2,430	1,215
4	41,250	3,438	1,719	1,587	794	76,313	6,360	3,180	2,936	1,468
5	48,350	4,030	2,015	1,860	930	89,448	7,454	3,727	3,441	1,721
6	55,450	4,621	2,311	2,133	1,067	102,583	8,549	4,275	3,946	1,973
7	62,550	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203	115,718	9,644	4,822	4,451	2,226
8	69,650	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340	128,853	10,738	5,369	4,956	2,478
Add per family member	+ \$7,100	+ \$592	+ \$296	+ \$274	+ \$137	+ \$13,135	+ \$1,095	+ \$548	+ \$506	+ \$253
Hawaii										
1	\$18,360	\$1,530	\$765	\$707	\$354	\$33,966	\$2,831	\$1,416	\$1,307	\$654
2	\$24,890	\$2,075	\$1,038	\$958	\$479	\$46,047	\$3,838	\$1,919	\$1,772	\$886
3	31,420	2,619	1,310	1,209	605	58,127	4,844	2,422	2,236	1,118
4	37,950	3,163	1,582	1,460	730	70,208	5,851	2,926	2,701	1,351
5	44,480	3,707	1,854	1,711	856	82,288	6,858	3,429	3,165	1,583
6	51,010	4,251	2,126	1,962	981	94,369	7,865	3,933	3,630	1,815
7	57,540	4,795	2,398	2,214	1,107	106,449	8,871	4,436	4,095	2,048
8	64,070	5,340	2,670	2,465	1,233	118,530	9,878	4,939	4,559	2,280
Add per family member	+ \$6,530	+ \$545	+ \$273	+ \$252	+ \$126	+ \$12,081	+ \$1,007	+ \$504	+ \$465	+ \$233

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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	\$61,400	\$5,117	\$2,559	\$2,362	\$1,181	\$113,590	\$9,466	\$4,733	\$4,369	\$2,185
10	67,080	5,590	2,795	2,580	1,290	124,098	10,342	5,171	4,773	2,387
11	72,760	6,064	3,032	2,799	1,400	134,606	11,218	5,609	5,178	2,589
12	78,440	6,537	3,269	3,017	1,509	145,114	12,093	6,047	5,582	2,791
13	84,120	7,010	3,505	3,236	1,618	155,622	12,969	6,485	5,986	2,993
14	89,800	7,484	3,742	3,454	1,727	166,130	13,845	6,923	6,390	3,195
15	95,480	7,957	3,979	3,673	1,837	176,638	14,720	7,360	6,794	3,397
16	101,160	8,430	4,215	3,891	1,946	187,146	15,596	7,798	7,198	3,599
Add per family member	+ \$5,680	+ \$474	+ \$237	+ \$219	+ \$110	+ \$10,508	+ \$876	+ \$438	+ \$405	+ \$203
Alaska										
9	\$76,750	\$6,396	\$3,198	\$2,952	\$1,476	\$141,988	\$11,833	\$5,917	\$5,462	\$2,731
10	83,850	6,988	3,494	3,225	1,613	155,123	12,927	6,464	5,967	2,984
11	90,950	7,580	3,790	3,499	1,750	168,258	14,022	7,011	6,472	3,236
12	98,050	8,171	4,086	3,772	1,886	181,393	15,117	7,559	6,977	3,489
13	105,150	8,763	4,382	4,045	2,023	194,528	16,211	8,106	7,482	3,741
14	112,250	9,355	4,678	4,318	2,159	207,663	17,306	8,653	7,988	3,994
15	119,350	9,946	4,973	4,591	2,296	220,798	18,400	9,200	8,493	4,247
16	126,450	10,538	5,269	4,864	2,432	233,933	19,495	9,748	8,998	4,499
Add per family member	+ \$7,100	+ \$592	+ \$296	+ \$274	+ \$137	+ \$13,135	+ \$1,095	+ \$548	+ \$506	+ \$253
Hawaii										
9	\$70,600	\$5,884	\$2,942	\$2,716	\$1,358	\$130,610	\$10,885	\$5,443	\$5,024	\$2,512
10	\$77,130	\$6,428	\$3,214	\$2,967	\$1,484	\$142,691	\$11,891	\$5,946	\$5,489	\$2,745
11	83,660	6,972	3,486	3,218	1,609	154,771	12,898	6,449	5,953	2,977
12	90,190	7,516	3,758	3,469	1,735	166,852	13,905	6,953	6,418	3,209
13	96,720	8,060	4,030	3,720	1,860	178,932	14,911	7,456	6,882	3,441
14	103,250	8,605	4,303	3,972	1,986	191,013	15,918	7,959	7,347	3,674
15	109,780	9,149	4,575	4,223	2,112	203,093	16,925	8,463	7,812	3,906
16	116,310	9,693	4,847	4,474	2,237	215,174	17,932	8,966	8,276	4,138
Add per family member	+ \$6,530	+ \$545	+ \$273	+ \$252	+ \$126	+ \$12,081	+ \$1,007	+ \$504	+ \$465	+ \$233

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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