### 1.1 Standards for Eligibility and Maximum Allotments

A. The standards for the following appear in Section 600, page 3.

1. Column A - Maximum Gross Monthly Income Standards (130% of poverty).
2. Column B - Maximum Net Monthly Income Standards (100% of poverty).
3. Column C - Maximum Gross Income Standard for Elderly and Disabled Separate Household (165% of poverty).
4. Column D - Thrifty Food Plan/Maximum Allotment

B. Standards 1, 2, and 3 are used to determine household eligibility and not for computing allotments.

### 1.2 Formula Calculation

A. Multiply the household's net monthly income by 30%.

B. Round the product up to the next whole dollar if any cents result.

C. Subtract the product from the maximum allotment amount for the household size found in Column D, Section 600.

**NOTE**: In an initial month, if the allotment is less than $10, no benefit is issued. Except in an initial month, all eligible one- and two-person households must be issued the minimum allotment of **$25**

### 1.3 Deduction Standards

**Standard Deductions**

Household size up to and including 3 people—----------$217
Household of 4—----------$229
Household size of 5---------- $268
Household size of 6 or more----------$308
Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction—----------$769*
Homeless Household Shelter Allowance—----------$205.66
Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)----------$592
Limited Utility Allowance (LUA)---------- $362
Telephone Standard---------- $42

*The excess shelter deduction does not apply to households with an aged or disabled member. These households receive an uncapped shelter deduction.

### 1.4 Determining the SNAP Allotment

A. Determine a household's monthly SNAP allotment by using the Standards for Income and Deductions tables:

1. Calculate the household's net monthly income.
2. Compare the household's net monthly income to the maximum net monthly income standard shown on the "Maximum Gross Monthly Income 130% of Federal Poverty Level" column on the table below.
3. below. Households that are not categorically eligible for SNAP benefits will have net monthly incomes that are lower than or equal to the amounts shown on the "Maximum Gross Monthly Income 130% of Federal Poverty Level" column on the table below.
4. Find the allotment by reading in the Basis of Issuance Tables, down to the appropriate income and across to the appropriate household size.

**NOTE:** A household that is categorically eligible is entitled to any allotment shown in the appropriate column on the tables. Persons in household sizes of one or two and categorically eligible are eligible for a monthly benefit of $25. Even if the tables do not show a benefit amount at their net income levels.

**SNAP Income Guidelines Effective October 1, 2026**

| Household Size | Maximum Gross Monthly Income* 130% of Federal Poverty Level | Maximum Net Monthly Income* 100% of Federal Poverty Level | Maximum Gross Monthly Income Elderly/Disabled Separate Household* 165% of Federal Poverty Level | Maximum Allotment |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | $1,729 | $1,330 | $2,195 | **$306** |
| **2** | $2,345 | $1,804 | $2,976 | **$562** |
| **3** | $2,960 | $2,277 | $3,757 | **$808** |
| **4** | $3,575 | $2,750 | $4,538 | **$1023** |
| **5** | $4,191 | $3,224 | $5,319 | **$1,217** |
| **6** | $4,806 | $3,697 | $6,100 | **$1,463** |
| **7** | $5,421 | $4,170 | $6,881 | **$1,616** |
| **8** | $6,037 | $4,644 | $7,662 | **$1,841** |
| Each additional member | $616 | $474 | $781 | $225 |

* Maximum gross and net monthly income figures are not used for computing the SNAP allotment. They are included as a reference for determining the household's eligibility.

**SNAP Asset Guidelines Effective October 1, 2026**

| Household Type | Maximum Amount* |
|---|---|
| Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled. | $4,750 |
| All other households | $3,000 |

* The asset limit for elderly or disabled households also serves as the threshold for substantial lottery or gambling winnings.