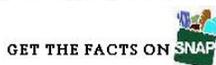


SNAP APPLICATION

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) INCOME GUIDELINES (Formerly Known as the Food Stamp Program)



The majority of applicant households may be determined categorically eligible for SNAP if household Gross Income is at or below 185% the federal poverty level. Additionally, households that have a member who is over age 59 or disabled with household Gross Income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level may be determined categorically eligible. All households must receive a TANF –funded service such as the RI Department of Human Services Information Publication to be categorically eligible. The monthly gross income limits listed below are from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and are adjusted annually.

| 2014-2015 SNAP Monthly Gross Income Limits | | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Household Size | 100% FPL Net Income | Categorically Eligible | Elderly and Disabled Households |
| | | 185% FPL Gross Income | 200% FPL Gross Income |
| 1 | \$ 973 | \$1,800 | \$1,946 |
| 2 | \$1,311 | \$2,425 | \$2,622 |
| 3 | \$1,650 | \$3,053 | \$3,300 |
| 4 | \$1,988 | \$3,678 | \$3,976 |
| 5 | \$2,326 | \$4,303 | \$4,652 |
| 6 | \$2,665 | \$4,930 | \$5,330 |
| Each Additional | +\$339 | + \$627 | + \$678 |

A household that meets the Gross Income guidelines as listed above must then meet the Net Income guideline in order to receive a monthly SNAP benefit. Net Income is calculated as Gross Income minus allowable deductions.

The following deductions will be allowed in determining Net Income:

- A standard deduction based on household size
- An earned income deduction (20% of earned income)
- The cost of child/dependent care
- A portion of shelter expenses up to a standard amount
- Households where someone is elderly or disabled may also deduct a portion of their monthly medical expenses

Important Note Regarding Eligibility: A small percentage of applicant households may qualify for SNAP, but not be determined categorically eligible. These may include elderly and disabled households whose income is above 200% the FPL as well as households sanctioned by DHS for a program violation. Such applicants should contact the Rhode Island Department of Human Services at 401-462-5300 for further eligibility information.