

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM CHANGES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004**

By law, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) adjusts the food stamp benefits annually on October 1. The maximum amount of food stamp benefits is as follows:

|              |                    |              |              |                    |              |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>ONE</b>   | - person household | <b>\$149</b> | <b>FIVE</b>  | - person household | <b>\$592</b> |
| <b>TWO</b>   | - person household | <b>\$274</b> | <b>SIX</b>   | - person household | <b>\$711</b> |
| <b>THREE</b> | - person household | <b>\$393</b> | <b>SEVEN</b> | - person household | <b>\$786</b> |
| <b>FOUR</b>  | - person household | <b>\$499</b> | <b>EIGHT</b> | - person household | <b>\$898</b> |

For each additional household member over eight, add \$112 per month.

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**PLEASE NOTE**

The above amounts are **maximums**. The amount of food stamp benefits for which a household is eligible depends on household net income after allowable expenses.

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USDA adjusts the income eligibility limits for food stamp benefits annually. The maximum net monthly income of a household of various sizes is as follows:

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|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>ONE</b>   | - person household | <b>\$776</b>  | <b>FIVE</b>  | - person household | <b>\$1836</b> |
| <b>TWO</b>   | - person household | <b>\$1041</b> | <b>SIX</b>   | - person household | <b>\$2101</b> |
| <b>THREE</b> | - person household | <b>\$1306</b> | <b>SEVEN</b> | - person household | <b>\$2366</b> |
| <b>FOUR</b>  | - person household | <b>\$1571</b> | <b>EIGHT</b> | - person household | <b>\$2631</b> |

For each additional household member, add \$265 per month.

**DEDUCTIONS**

- The standard deduction is:  
\$134 with 1-4 household members  
\$153 with 5 household members  
\$175 with 6 or more household members
- The maximum deduction for dependent care is \$200 for any child under age 2 and \$175 for any child age 2 or older.
- The maximum deduction for high housing and utility expense is \$388.
- Households with elderly or disabled members may be eligible for additional deductions.

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