

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM CHANGES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005

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

ONE	- person household	\$152	FIVE	- person household	\$601
TWO	- person household	\$278	SIX	- person household	\$722
THREE	- person household	\$399	SEVEN	- person household	\$798
FOUR	- person household	\$506	EIGHT	- person household	\$912

For each additional household member over eight, add \$114 per month.

PLEASE NOTE

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

USDA adjusts the income eligibility limits for food stamps annually. Maximum net monthly income of household of various sizes is as follows:

ONE	- person household	\$ 798	FIVE	- person household	\$1885
TWO	- person household	\$1070	SIX	- person household	\$2156
THREE	- person household	\$1326	SEVEN	- person household	\$2428
FOUR	- person household	\$1613	EIGHT	- person household	\$2700

For each additional household member, add \$272 per month.

DEDUCTIONS

1. The standard deduction is:
\$134 with 1-4 household members, or
\$157 with 5 household members, or
\$179 with 6 household members.
2. The maximum deduction for dependent care is \$200 for any child under age 2 and \$175 for any child age 2 or older.
3. The maximum deduction for high housing and utility expense is \$400.
4. Household with elderly or disabled members may be eligible for additional deductions.

For Additional Information
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