

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM CHANGES
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2006**

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:

ONE	- person household \$155	FIVE	- person household \$615
TWO	- person household \$284	SIX	- person household \$738
THREE	- person household \$408	SEVEN	- person household \$816
FOUR	- person household \$518	EIGHT	- person household \$932

For each additional household member over eight, add \$117 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 stamp benefits annually. Maximum net monthly income of a household of various sizes are as follows:

ONE	- person household \$817	FIVE	- person household \$1950
TWO	- person household \$1100	SIX	- person household \$2234
THREE	- person household \$1384	SEVEN	- person household \$2517
FOUR	- person household \$1667	EIGHT	- person household \$2800

For each additional household member, add \$284 per month.

DEDUCTIONS

- The standard deduction is:
 - \$134 with 1-3 household members
 - \$139 with 4 household members
 - \$162 with 5 household members
 - \$186 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 \$417.
- Households with elderly or disabled members may be eligible for additional deductions.

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