

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM CHANGES\*  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008**

By law, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) adjusts the income eligibility limits and food stamp benefits annually on October 1. Maximum gross and net monthly income of households of various sizes are as follows:

<b>Household size</b>	<b>Gross monthly income</b>	<b>Net monthly income</b>
1	\$1127	\$867
2	\$1517	\$1167
3	\$1907	\$1467
4	\$2297	\$1767
5	\$2687	\$2067
6	\$3077	\$2367
7	\$3467	\$2667
8	\$3857	\$2967
Each additional member	+ \$390	+ \$300

The **maximum** amounts of Food Stamp benefits are listed below. The actual amount of Food Stamps for which a household is eligible depends on the household net income after allowable deductions.

<b>Household size</b>	<b>Maximum monthly benefit</b>
1	\$176
2	\$323
3	\$463
4	\$588
5	\$698
6	\$838
7	\$926
8	\$1058
Each additional member	\$132

**DEDUCTIONS**

- The standard deduction, which is deducted from all households' income, is:
  - \$144 with 1-3 household members
  - \$147 with 4 household members
  - \$172 with 5 household members
  - \$197 with 6 or more household members
- The maximum deduction for high housing and utility expense is \$446.
- Households with elderly or disabled members may be eligible for additional deductions.
- Households who pay court ordered child support are also eligible for an additional deduction.
- Households who pay dependent care expense may be eligible for an additional deduction.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
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\*Effective October 1, 2008, the Federal program is named the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In Missouri, the program is still called the Food Stamp Program.