

MANUALLY CALCULATING A FOOD STAMP BUDGET

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The chart below shows how the eligibility specialist determines the amount of Food Stamp benefits a household will receive.

	Temporary Assistance Benefit	
Plus	Unearned Income	
Plus	Gross Earned Income	
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support	
Minus	Farm Loss	
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Gross Earned Income x 20%)	
Equals	Total Income	
Minus	Standard Deduction based upon household size	Standard Deduction 1-3 persons \$164 4 persons \$174 5 persons \$204 6 or more persons \$234
Minus	Medical Expense Standard after Deduction or actual Medical Expense after Deduction if greater than \$170	Medical Expense Calculation Medical Expense is calculated by subtracting \$35 from the \$170 standard or by subtracting \$35 from actual total allowable medical expenses for the EU if greater than \$200.
Minus	Dependent Care Expense	Dependent Care Expense Maximums Total amount of costs billed or incurred for care and transportation costs.
Equals	Adjusted Income	
	Divide	Adjusted income by two (2)
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense from the Adjusted Income/2 to arrive at the Possible Excess Shelter.
Subtract	Excess Shelter as defined to the right, from the Adjusted Income	Determining allowable Excess Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Shelter Expenses are less than half of the adjusted income, there is no excess shelter. If the household is not Elderly/Disabled, allow the Possible Excess Shelter up to the maximum of \$552. If the household is Elderly/Disabled, allow the full Excess Shelter.
Equals	Net Income	Net Income Rounding Net income is rounded to the closest dollar. \$173.50 is rounded up to \$174. \$173.49 is rounded down to \$173.

The household size and net income are compared to determine the benefit using the [Basis of Issuance Tables](#).

Example 1: 4 persons, \$720.02 earned income, \$250 child support income, \$550 rent, and \$196 propane heat expense (SUA). No medical expense, no child support expense, no farm loss, and not elderly/disabled.

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		0.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+250.00
Plus	Gross Earned Income		+720.02
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		-0.00
Minus	Farm Loss		-0.00
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Earned Income x 20%)		-144.00
Equals	Total Income		826.02
Minus	Standard Deduction		-174.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		652.02
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	326.01
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-930.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-603.99
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-552.00 (Maximum)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	100.02
4 Person EU, Net Income \$100, allotment = \$612			

Example 2: 5 persons, \$731 wages, \$864 SSA, \$136 unemployment, \$100 rent, \$50 week child care expense for child over 2 (\$50x4.333=\$216.65), and received EA (SUA).

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		0.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+864.00
Plus	Gross Earned Income		+731.00
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		-0.00
Minus	Farm Loss		-0.00
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Earned Income x 20%)		-146.20
Equals	Total Income		1595.00
Minus	Standard Deduction		-204.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-216.65
Equals	Adjusted Income		1174.35
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	587.18
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-480.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	0.00
Subtract	Excess Shelter		0.00 (1/2 income > shelter expense)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	1174.35
5 Person EU, Net Income \$1174, allotment = \$409			

Example 3: 2 persons, \$794 unearned income, \$106.92 medical expense for first disabled individual and \$60 medical expense for second disabled individual. \$200 house trailer payment, \$200 lot rent, \$175 electricity for heat (SUA).

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		0.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+794.00
Plus	Gross Earned Income		+0.00
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		-0.00
Minus	Farm Loss		-0.00
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Earned Income x 20%)		-0.00
Equals	Total Income		794.00
Minus	Standard Deduction		-164.00
Minus	Medical Expense	166.92	-135.00
	Medical Expense Standard	170	
		-35.00	
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		495.00
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	247.50
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-780.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-532.5
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-533.00
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	0.00
2 Person EU, Net Income \$0, allotment = \$353			

Example 4: 3 persons, \$234 Temporary Assistance, \$637.00 SSI, rent \$275, heat expense (SUA).

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		234.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+637.00
Plus	Gross Earned Income		+0.00
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		-0.00
Minus	Farm Loss		-0.00
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Earned Income x 20%)		-0.00
Equals	Total Income		871.00
Minus	Standard Deduction		-164.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		707.00
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	353.50
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-655.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-301.50
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-301.50
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	405.50
3 Person EU, Net Income \$406, allotment = \$383			