

## MANUALLY CALCULATING A SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) BUDGET

The chart below explains how to +budget the amount of SNAP 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%)		
<b>Equals</b>	<b>Total Income</b>		
Minus	Standard Deduction based upon household size		<b>Standard Deduction</b> 1-3 persons            \$198 4 persons             \$208 5 persons              \$244 6 or more persons    \$279
Minus	Medical Expense Standard after Deduction or actual Medical Expense after Deduction if greater than \$170		<b>Medical Expense Calculation</b> 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 \$170.
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		<b>Dependent Care Expense Maximums</b> Total amount of costs billed or incurred for care and transportation costs.
<b>Equals</b>	<b>Adjusted Income</b>		
	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 <b>Adjusted Income</b>		Determining allowable Excess Shelter • 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 \$672. • If the household is Elderly/Disabled, allow the full Excess Shelter.
<b>Equals</b>	<b>Net Income</b>		<b>Net Income Rounding</b> 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 Table](#).

**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			<b>826.02</b>
Minus	Standard Deduction			-208.00
Minus	Medical Expense			-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense			-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income			<b>618.02</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	309.01	
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-1025.00	
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-715.99	
Subtract	Excess Shelter			-672.00 (Maximum)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)		<b>0.00</b>
4 Person Household, Net Income \$0.00, Allotment = \$973.00				

**Example 2: 5 persons, \$731 wages, \$864 SSA, \$100 rent, \$50 week child care expense (\$50x4.333=216.65/mo), 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			<b>1448.80</b>
Minus	Standard Deduction			-244.00
Minus	Medical Expense			-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense			-216.65
Equals	Adjusted Income			<b>988.15</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	494.08	
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-575.00	
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	80.92	
Subtract	Excess Shelter			-80.92
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)		<b>907.23</b>
5 Person Household, Net Income \$907.00, Allotment = \$882				

**Example 3: 2 persons, \$794 unearned income, \$106.92 medical expense for first disabled individual and \$60 medical expense for second disabled individual. \$300 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			<b>794.00</b>
Minus	Standard Deduction			-198.00
Minus	Medical Expense	166.92		-135.00
	Medical Expense Standard	170.00		-35.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense			-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income			<b>461.00</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	230.50	
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-975.00	
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-744.49	
Subtract	Excess Shelter			-744.49
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)		<b>0.00</b>
2 Person Household, Net Income \$0, Allotment = \$535				

**Example 4: 3 persons, \$234 Temporary Assistance, \$794.00 SSI, \$250 medical expense, and 179.66 Homeless Standard.**

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit			234.00
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			<b>1,028.00</b>
Minus	Standard Deduction			-198.00
Minus	Medical Expense			-215.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense			-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income			<b>615.00</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	307.50	
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	N/A	
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	N/A	
Subtract	Homeless Standard Deduction			-179.66
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)		<b>435.00</b>
3 Person Household, Net Income \$615, Allotment = \$581				