

## 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> 1-4 persons \$193 5 persons \$225 6 or more persons \$258
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>		<b>Determining allowable Excess Shelter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If Shelter Expenses are less than half of the adjusted income, there is no excess shelter.</li><li>• If the household is not Elderly/Disabled, allow the Possible Excess Shelter up to the maximum of \$624.</li><li>• If the household is Elderly/Disabled, allow the full Excess Shelter.</li></ul>
<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		-193.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		<b>633.02</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	316.51
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-991.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-674.49
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-624.00 (Maximum)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	<b>9.02</b>
4 Person Household, Net Income \$9.02, Allotment = \$936			

**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		-225.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-216.65
Equals	Adjusted Income		<b>1007.15</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	503.58
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-541.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	0.00
Subtract	Excess Shelter		0.00 (1/2 income > shelter expense)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	<b>1007.15</b>
5 Person Household, Net Income \$1007.15, Allotment = \$813			

**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		-193.00
Minus	Medical Expense	166.92	-135.00
	Medical Expense Standard	170.00	
		-35.00	
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		<b>466.00</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	233.00
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-941.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-708.00
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-624.00
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	<b>0.00</b>
2 Person Household, Net Income \$0, Allotment = \$516			

**Example 4: 3 persons, \$234 Temporary Assistance, \$794.00 SSI, \$250 medical expense, and 166.81 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		-193.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-215.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		<b>620.00</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	310.00
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-166.81
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	
Subtract	Excess Shelter		0.00 (1/2 income > shelter expense)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	<b>620.00</b>
3 Person Household, Net Income \$620, Allotment = \$554			