

## **SY 2023-2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines**

(<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/fr-020923>)

### Summary

This notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (and Commodity School Program), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program. The annual adjustments are required by section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

*Applicable Date:* July 1, 2023

### The Income Eligibility Guidelines

The following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Department's guidelines for free meals and milk and reduced-price meals were obtained by multiplying the year 2023 Federal income poverty guidelines by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar.

This notice displays only the annual Federal poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services because the monthly and weekly Federal poverty guidelines are not used to determine the Income Eligibility Guidelines. The chart details the free and reduced-price eligibility criteria for monthly income, income received twice monthly (24 payments per year); income received every two weeks (26 payments per year) and weekly income.

Income calculations are made based on the following formulas: monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar. The numbers reflected in this notice for a family of four in the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the territories represent an increase of 8.1% over last year's level for a family of the same size.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES											
Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024											
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
<b>48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES</b>											
1 .....	14,580	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519	18,954	1,580	790	729	365
2 .....	19,720	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493
3 .....	24,860	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622
4 .....	30,000	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750
5 .....	35,140	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879
6 .....	40,280	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007
7 .....	45,420	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136
8 .....	50,560	93,535	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264
For each add'l family member, add	5,140	9,509	793	397	366	183	6,682	557	279	257	129
<b>ALASKA</b>											
1 .....	18,210	33,689	2,808	1,404	1,296	648	23,673	1,973	987	911	456
2 .....	24,640	45,584	3,799	1,900	1,754	877	32,032	2,670	1,335	1,232	616
3 .....	31,070	57,480	4,790	2,395	2,211	1,106	40,391	3,366	1,683	1,554	777
4 .....	37,500	69,375	5,782	2,891	2,669	1,335	48,750	4,063	2,032	1,875	938
5 .....	43,930	81,271	6,773	3,387	3,126	1,563	57,109	4,760	2,380	2,197	1,099
6 .....	50,360	93,166	7,764	3,882	3,584	1,792	65,468	5,456	2,728	2,518	1,259
7 .....	56,790	105,062	8,756	4,378	4,041	2,021	73,827	6,153	3,077	2,840	1,420
8 .....	63,220	116,957	9,747	4,874	4,499	2,250	82,186	6,849	3,425	3,161	1,581
For each add'l family member, add	6,430	11,895	992	496	458	229	8,359	697	349	322	161
<b>HAWAII</b>											
1 .....	16,770	31,025	2,586	1,293	1,194	597	21,801	1,817	909	839	420
2 .....	22,680	41,958	3,497	1,749	1,614	807	29,484	2,457	1,229	1,134	567
3 .....	28,590	52,892	4,408	2,204	2,035	1,018	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4 .....	34,500	63,825	5,319	2,660	2,455	1,228	44,850	3,738	1,869	1,725	863
5 .....	40,410	74,759	6,230	3,115	2,876	1,438	52,533	4,378	2,189	2,021	1,011
6 .....	46,320	85,692	7,141	3,571	3,296	1,648	60,216	5,018	2,509	2,316	1,158
7 .....	52,230	96,626	8,053	4,027	3,717	1,859	67,899	5,659	2,830	2,612	1,306
8 .....	58,140	107,559	8,964	4,482	4,137	2,069	75,582	6,299	3,150	2,907	1,454
For each add'l family member, add	5,910	10,934	912	456	421	211	7,683	641	321	296	148

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