

SNAP* Income Eligibility

*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Am I financially eligible for SNAP?

Financial eligibility is determined by a household's size, income, and resources. There are two income requirements that most households must meet: the gross income test and the net income test. "Gross income" means a household's total income before any deductions have been made. "Net income" means gross income minus allowable deductions.

As a general rule, households that have income over the amounts listed below cannot get SNAP benefits.

Effective October 2017 - September 2018

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Net Monthly Income
1	\$1,307	\$1,005
2	\$1,760	\$1,354
3	\$2,213	\$1,702
4	\$2,665	\$2,050
5	\$3,118	\$2,399
6	\$3,571	\$2,747
7	\$4,024	\$3,095
8	\$4,477	\$3,444
Each additional member	+\$451	+\$349

Are there special income rules for individuals who are elderly or disabled?

Yes. Households with at least one person who is age 60 or older, or disabled **do not** have to meet the gross income test. They only have to meet the net income test.

People who are age 60 or older and have a permanent disability that prevents them from purchasing and preparing meals may be able to **get SNAP separately from the other people in their home**. This can result in receiving higher SNAP benefits. To use this rule, the gross income of the other people in the home cannot exceed 165% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

Effective 10/01/2017 to 09/30/2018

Household Size (excluding elderly, disabled individual and their spouse)	165% Federal Poverty Line
1	\$1,659
2	\$2,233
3	\$2,808
4	\$3,383
5	\$3,958
6	\$4,532
7	\$5,107
8	\$5,682
Each additional member	+\$575

What deductions are allowed?

All households with income are allowed the following deductions, if appropriate:

- A 20% deduction from earned income
- A standard deduction based on household size (\$160 for households of 1-3 people; \$170 for households of 4 people; \$199 for households of 5 people; \$228 for households of 6 or more people)
- A dependent care expense deduction if you are working, looking for work, or in school or training
- A medical expense deduction for elderly or disabled household members
- Child support paid to an individual or agency outside the home if you are legally obligated to make payments
- A homeless shelter allowance
- A shelter expense deduction of up to \$535 for shelter costs (including utilities and telephone) that exceed half of the household's "adjusted net income," unless elderly or disabled also live with you.

Adjusted net income = gross income – all deductions

What resources can I have and still receive SNAP benefits?

Households that include at least one person who is age 60 or older, or disabled, can have up to \$3,500 in countable resources. Households that do not include at least one person who is age 60 or older, or disabled, can have up to \$2,250 in countable resources.

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Only liquid assets count as resources, including:

- Cash on hand
- Money in bank accounts
- Stocks or bonds
- Lump sum payments
- Funds in a trust

Resources that will NOT count against you include:

- Property
- Mobile homes
- Vehicles
- Household goods, like furniture & appliances, and personal effects, like clothing and jewelry
- Burial plots
- Cash value of life insurance policies
- Money in pension or retirement plans
- Money in educational account

Know Someone Who Wants to Apply?

They can apply online at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov, in person at their local Department of Social Services office, by mail or phone at 1-855-635-4370.

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