



Food and
Nutrition
Service

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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year 2021 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

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TO: All State Agencies
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) maximum allotments, income eligibility standards, and deductions. Under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, COLAs are effective as of October 1, 2020.

Attached are FY 2021 COLAs for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Maximum allotments will increase for the 48 States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For a family of four receiving a maximum allotment in the 48 States and D.C., benefits will be \$680. Maximum allotments for a family of four will increase to a range of \$837 to \$1,300 in Alaska, to \$1,252 in Hawaii, to \$1,002 in Guam, and to \$874 in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The minimum benefit for the 48 States and D.C. will remain unchanged at \$16 and will increase in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The shelter cap value increased by \$17 to \$586 for the 48 States and D.C. The shelter cap values for Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands also increased. The maximum homeless shelter deduction increased slightly to \$156.74 for the 48 States, D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgins Islands. The minimum standard deduction for household sizes 1 through 3 remained unchanged at \$167 a month for the 48 States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands also experienced no changes in their standard deduction amounts for household sizes 1 through 3, with the exception of an increase in the minimum standard deduction for a household of 3 in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The resource limit for households will remain unchanged for the 48 States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands at \$2,250. The resource limit for households where at least one person is age 60 or older, or is disabled, will also remain unchanged at \$3,500.

Regional Offices should ensure that their States are apprised of these changes. State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective Regional Office representatives. Regional Office staff with questions should contact Arpan Dasgupta at Arpan.Dasgupta@usda.gov.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS
OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards
(100 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,064	\$1,330	\$1,224
2	\$1,437	\$1,796	\$1,653
3	\$1,810	\$2,263	\$2,082
4	\$2,184	\$2,730	\$2,511
5	\$2,557	\$3,196	\$2,940
6	\$2,930	\$3,663	\$3,370
7	\$3,304	\$4,130	\$3,799
8	\$3,677	\$4,596	\$4,228
Each additional member	\$374	\$467	\$430

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards
(130 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,383	\$1,728	\$1,591
2	\$1,868	\$2,335	\$2,149
3	\$2,353	\$2,942	\$2,707
4	\$2,839	\$3,548	\$3,265
5	\$3,324	\$4,155	\$3,822
6	\$3,809	\$4,762	\$4,380
7	\$4,295	\$5,368	\$4,938
8	\$4,780	\$5,975	\$5,496
Each additional member	\$486	\$607	\$558

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards for Households
Where Elderly Disabled Are a Separate Household
(165 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,755	\$2,194	\$2,019
2	\$2,371	\$2,964	\$2,727
3	\$2,987	\$3,734	\$3,435
4	\$3,603	\$4,504	\$4,143
5	\$4,219	\$5,274	\$4,851
6	\$4,835	\$6,044	\$5,560
7	\$5,451	\$6,814	\$6,268
8	\$6,067	\$7,584	\$6,976
Each additional member	\$616	\$770	\$709

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Maximum SNAP Allotments for 48 States and D.C.

Household Size	48 States and DC
1	\$204
2	\$374
3	\$535
4	\$680
5	\$807
6	\$969
7	\$1,071
8	\$1,224
Each additional person	\$153

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Guam

Household Size	Guam
1	\$300
2	\$551
3	\$789
4	\$1,002
5	\$1,190
6	\$1,428
7	\$1,579
8	\$1,804
Each additional person	\$226

Maximum SNAP Allotments for U.S. Virgin Islands

Household Size	Virgin Islands
1	\$262
2	\$481
3	\$688
4	\$874
5	\$1,038
6	\$1,246
7	\$1,377
8	\$1,574
Each additional person	\$197

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Alaska

Household Size	Alaska		
	Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2
1	\$251	\$320	\$390
2	\$460	\$587	\$715
3	\$659	\$841	\$1,024
4	\$837	\$1,068	\$1,300
5	\$995	\$1,268	\$1,544
6	\$1,194	\$1,522	\$1,853
7	\$1,319	\$1,682	\$2,048
8	\$1,508	\$1,923	\$2,340
Each additional person	\$189	\$240	\$293

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Hawaii

Household Size	Hawaii
1	\$375
2	\$688
3	\$986
4	\$1,252
5	\$1,487
6	\$1,784
7	\$1,972
8	\$2,254
Each additional person	\$282

**MINIMUM SNAP ALLOTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Household Size	48 States and DC	Guam	U.S. Virgin Islands	Alaska			Hawaii
				Urban	Rural 1	Rural 2	
1 – 2	\$16	\$24	\$21	\$20	\$26	\$31	\$30

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Standard Deductions

Area	Household Size				
	1 -2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	\$167	\$167	\$181	\$212	\$243
Alaska	\$286	\$286	\$286	\$286	\$304
Hawaii	\$236	\$236	\$236	\$244	\$280
Guam	\$336	\$336	\$363	\$425	\$487
Virgin Islands	\$147	\$150	\$181	\$212	\$243

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Maximum Shelter Deductions

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$586
Alaska	\$936
Hawaii	\$790
Guam	\$688
Virgin Islands	\$462

Maximum Homeless Shelter Deductions

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$156.74
Alaska	\$156.74
Hawaii	\$156.74
Guam	\$156.74
Virgin Islands	\$156.74

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MAXIMUM ASSET LIMITS

OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Household Type	Maximum Amount
Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled*	\$3,500
All other households	\$2,250

*The asset limit for elderly or disabled households also serves as the threshold for substantial lottery or gambling winnings.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Threshold for Required Reporting of Changes in Household Income*

OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Area	Reporting Requirement Threshold
48 States and DC	\$100
Alaska	\$100
Hawaii	\$100
Guam	\$100
Virgin Islands	\$100

*Applies only to households assigned to change reporting.