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Summary:	<i>This memo is inform FNS Regional Offices and state agencies of the release of the 2021-2022 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Income Eligibility Guidelines. The 2021-2022 Income Eligibility Guidelines are used by state agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in WIC. These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.</i>
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<i>Body of guidance document follows.</i>	

This policy memorandum transmits the 2021-2022 Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) that were published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2021, at 86 FR 12903.

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the establishment of income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. Income eligibility for the WIC program is determined using income standards as prescribed under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). The income limit is 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted. Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2021 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 86 FR 7732, on February 1, 2021. In accordance with the established income guidance, the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC regulations at 7 CFR 246.7(d).

WIC state agencies may implement the revised IEGs concurrently with the implementation of IEGs under the Medicaid Program. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the Medicaid program must implement the revised WIC IEGs no later than July 1, 2021.

WIC state agencies must ensure that Management Information Systems incorporate the 2021-2022 changes accordingly.

A supplemental chart is attached for state agencies to use in determining the annual, monthly, twice-monthly, biweekly and weekly income limits. There is also a chart for families greater than eight.



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Income Eligibility Guidelines
(Effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
1	\$12,880	\$1,074	\$537	\$496	\$248	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$993	\$917	\$459
2	17,420	1,452	726	670	335	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	21,960	1,830	915	845	423	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	26,500	2,209	1,105	1,020	510	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	31,040	2,587	1,294	1,194	597	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	35,580	2,965	1,483	1,369	685	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	40,120	3,344	1,672	1,544	772	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	44,660	3,722	1,861	1,718	859	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,540	+ \$379	+ \$190	+ \$175	+ \$88	+ \$8,399	+ \$700	+ \$350	+ \$324	+ \$162
Alaska										
1	\$16,090	\$1,341	\$671	\$619	\$310	\$29,767	\$2,481	\$1,241	\$1,145	\$573
2	21,770	1,815	908	838	419	40,275	3,357	1,679	1,550	775
3	27,450	2,288	1,144	1,056	528	50,783	4,232	2,116	1,954	977
4	33,130	2,761	1,381	1,275	638	61,291	5,108	2,554	2,358	1,179
5	38,810	3,235	1,618	1,493	747	71,799	5,984	2,992	2,762	1,381
6	44,490	3,708	1,854	1,712	856	82,307	6,859	3,430	3,166	1,583
7	50,170	4,181	2,091	1,930	965	92,815	7,735	3,868	3,570	1,785
8	55,850	4,655	2,328	2,149	1,075	103,323	8,611	4,306	3,974	1,987
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,680	+ \$474	+ \$237	+ \$219	+ \$110	+ \$10,508	+ \$876	+ \$438	+ \$405	+ \$203
Hawaii										
1	\$14,820	\$1,235	\$618	\$570	\$285	\$27,417	\$2,285	\$1,143	\$1,055	\$528
2	20,040	1,670	835	771	386	37,074	3,090	1,545	1,426	713
3	25,260	2,105	1,053	972	486	46,731	3,895	1,948	1,798	899
4	30,480	2,540	1,270	1,173	587	56,388	4,699	2,350	2,169	1,085
5	35,700	2,975	1,488	1,374	687	66,045	5,504	2,752	2,541	1,271
6	40,920	3,410	1,705	1,574	787	75,702	6,309	3,155	2,912	1,456
7	46,140	3,845	1,923	1,775	888	85,359	7,114	3,557	3,284	1,642
8	51,360	4,280	2,140	1,976	988	95,016	7,918	3,959	3,655	1,828
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,220	+ \$435	+ \$218	+ \$201	+ \$101	+ \$9,657	+ \$805	+ \$403	+ \$372	+ \$186

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Income Eligibility Guidelines
(Effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)
Household Size Larger Than 8

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	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
9	\$49,200	\$4,100	\$2,050	\$1,893	\$947	\$91,020	\$7,585	\$3,793	\$3,501	\$1,751
10	53,740	4,479	2,240	2,067	1,034	99,419	8,285	4,143	3,824	1,912
11	58,280	4,857	2,429	2,242	1,121	107,818	8,985	4,493	4,147	2,074
12	62,820	5,235	2,618	2,417	1,209	116,217	9,685	4,843	4,470	2,235
13	67,360	5,614	2,807	2,591	1,296	124,616	10,385	5,193	4,793	2,397
14	71,900	5,992	2,996	2,766	1,383	133,015	11,085	5,543	5,116	2,558
15	76,440	6,370	3,185	2,940	1,470	141,414	11,785	5,893	5,439	2,720
16	80,980	6,749	3,375	3,115	1,558	149,813	12,485	6,243	5,763	2,882
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,540	+ \$379	+ \$190	+ \$175	+ \$88	+ \$8,399	+ \$700	+ \$350	+ \$324	+ \$162
Alaska										
9	\$61,530	\$5,128	\$2,564	\$2,367	\$1,184	\$113,831	\$9,486	\$4,743	\$4,379	\$2,190
10	67,210	5,601	2,801	2,585	1,293	124,339	10,362	5,181	4,783	2,392
11	72,890	6,075	3,038	2,804	1,402	134,847	11,238	5,619	5,187	2,594
12	78,570	6,548	3,274	3,022	1,511	145,355	12,113	6,057	5,591	2,796
13	84,250	7,021	3,511	3,241	1,621	155,863	12,989	6,495	5,995	2,998
14	89,930	7,495	3,748	3,459	1,730	166,371	13,865	6,933	6,399	3,200
15	95,610	7,968	3,984	3,678	1,839	176,879	14,740	7,370	6,804	3,402
16	101,290	8,441	4,221	3,896	1,948	187,387	15,616	7,808	7,208	3,604
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,680	+ \$474	+ \$237	+ \$219	+ \$110	+ \$10,508	+ \$876	+ \$438	+ \$405	+ \$203
Hawaii										
9	\$56,580	\$4,715	\$2,358	\$2,177	\$1,089	\$104,673	\$8,723	\$4,362	\$4,026	\$2,013
10	61,800	5,150	2,575	2,377	1,189	114,330	9,528	4,764	4,398	2,199
11	67,020	5,585	2,793	2,578	1,289	123,987	10,333	5,167	4,769	2,385
12	72,240	6,020	3,010	2,779	1,390	133,644	11,137	5,569	5,141	2,571
13	77,460	6,455	3,228	2,980	1,490	143,301	11,942	5,971	5,512	2,756
14	82,680	6,890	3,445	3,180	1,590	152,958	12,747	6,374	5,883	2,942
15	87,900	7,325	3,663	3,381	1,691	162,615	13,552	6,776	6,255	3,128
16	93,120	7,760	3,880	3,582	1,791	172,272	14,356	7,178	6,626	3,313
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