

STATE

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CHANGES IN MAXIMUM MONTHLY FOOD STAMP BENEFITS AND INCOME STANDARDS

The following are the new Maximum Monthly Food Stamp Benefits as well as the revised income standards. These standards are effective October 1, 2007 and will be in effect through September 30, 2008.

FS Unit Size	Maximum Food Stamp Benefit	Maximum Gross Income Standards	Maximum Net Income Standards	Elderly Disabled Gross Income Standard
	This amount is issued if the individual(s) have no income. The amount of Food Stamps issued reduces as the income increases.	If there is no one in the house who is elderly or disabled, this is the standard used. If gross income is above the amount listed, Food Stamp benefits will be denied with no further calculation.	This income amount is used when there is a member of the household who is disabled or elderly (65+). The state staff needs to apply all appropriate deductions to the household's gross income to arrive at the Net amount.	This is income level is used when family members purchase food for an elderly disabled individual who lives in the home. If the families Gross Monthly Income is below the amount listed, the elderly disabled person is potentially eligible to receive FS as a separate household.
1 Person	\$ 162	\$1,107	\$ 851	\$1,404
2 Persons	298	1,484	1,141	1,883
3 Persons	426	1,861	1,431	2,361
4 Persons	542	2,238	1,721	2,840
5 Persons	643	2,615	2,011	3,318
6 Persons	772	2,992	2,301	3,797
7 Persons	853	3,369	2,591	4,275
8 Persons	975	3,746	2,881	4,754
9 Persons	1,097	4,123	3,171	5,233
10Persons	1,219	4,500	3,461	5,712
Each Add'l Member	+122	+ 377	+ 290	+ 479

If you are not sure about whether an individual may qualify for Food Stamps you can use the on-line benefit calculator by going to:

<http://www.dhs.state.il.us:8080/FSCalc/FSInputCalc.do?lang=en>