Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines
For the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Child Nutrition Program
(Effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

The income guidelines below are from the USDA annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determine eligibility for free ad reduced-priced meals and free milk. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Special Milk Program (SMP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for the time period listed above.

Income Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs: July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027

Household size	Reduced Price Meals—185%					Free meals—130%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568	20,748	1,729	865	798	399
2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541
3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
4	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
For each additional family member, add	10,508	876	438	405	203	7,384	616	308	284	142

* **“Income”** means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources that would be available to pay the price of a child’s meal. ‘‘Income’’, as the term is used in this notice, does not include any income or benefits received under any Federal programs that are excluded from consideration as income by any statutory prohibition. Furthermore, the value of meals, milk, or EBT benefits to children shall not be considered as income to their households for other benefit programs in accordance with the prohibitions in section 12(e) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and section 11(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1760(e) and 1780(b)).

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