

Empire Justice Center's Food Stamp Budget Worksheet for New York State

(Effective October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010)

No resource limit (categorical eligibility) for households except elderly/disabled household with income over 200% of FPL or household with sanctioned/disqualified member. For these households, resource limits remain \$2000 (\$3000 for aged or disabled).

A. GROSS INCOME

1. Monthly Gross Earned Income (salary, self-employment, etc.) _____
2. Monthly Income from Boarder/Lodger (exclude first **\$200** for one, **\$367** for two) _____
3. Total Gross Monthly EARNED Income (Lines 1 + 2) _____
4.
 - a. Monthly UNEARNED Public Assistance _____
 - b. Monthly UNEARNED SSA/SSI/SSD _____
 - c. Other Monthly UNEARNED (e.g. unemployment, child support) _____
 - d. Monthly RENTAL Income (after subtracting costs) _____
5. Total Gross Monthly UNEARNED (Line 4a + 4b + 4c + 4d) _____
6. Total Gross Monthly EARNED and UNEARNED Income (Line 3 + 5) _____
7. MINUS Legally Obligated Child Support _____
8. **ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME** (Line 6 - 7) **A.** _____

B. MAXIMUM GROSS MONTHLY INCOME: 130% of FPL; 200% FPL for households with dependent care costs and no gross income limit if household has elderly or disabled member. **B.** _____

C. DEDUCTIONS

8. 20% Deduction on Gross Earned Income (20% x Line 3) _____
9. Standard Deduction based on Household Size :
 1 - 3 people **\$141**; 4 people **\$153**; 5 people **\$179**; 6 or more people **\$205** _____
10. Child/Dependent Care Costs (actual) _____
11. Homeless Shelter Deduction: **\$143** (for undomiciled) _____
12. Unreimbursed Medical Costs (ONLY for elderly or disabled - exclude the first \$35) _____
- TOTAL DEDUCTIONS** (Lines 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12) **C.** _____

D. ADJUSTED INCOME (Line A minus Line C) 100% FPL limit if h'hold is not categorically eligible **D.** _____

E. MONTHLY SHELTER COSTS

13. Actual RENT/MORTGAGE Billed to Household _____
14. STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES: (Choose Level 1, 2 or 3) _____

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|----------------|----------------|-------|---|---|
| <u>LEVEL 1</u> | NYC | \$781 | } | Most households are now eligible for Level 1 SUA because they automatically receive at least \$1 in HEAP benefits |
| | L.I.: | \$727 | | |
| | Rest of State | \$645 | | |
| OR | | | | |
| <u>LEVEL 2</u> | NYC: | \$308 | } | Households with \$0 rent, no HT/AC costs but who pay for domestic utilities |
| | L.I.: | \$286 | | |
| | Rest of State | \$261 | | |
| OR | | | | |
| <u>LEVEL 3</u> | All districts: | \$33 | } | Phone SUA (Residents of DV/homeless shelters) |
15. Costs for Applicant Owned Property: (Property Taxes, Home Insurance, Repairs, etc.) _____
- TOTAL Shelter Costs** (Lines 13 + 14 + 15) **E.** _____

F. SHELTER DEDUCTIONS

16. Total Shelter Cost (Line E) _____

17. One-Half of Adjusted Income (Line D divided by 2) _____

18. Excess Shelter Costs (Line 16 minus 17): (If negative enter \$0) _____

Excess Shelter Deduction - Enter line 18 up to **maximum of \$459**. If household contains an elderly or disabled household member, enter full amount. **F.** _____

G. NET FOOD STAMP INCOME (must be at or below 100% FPL unless household is categorically

19. Adjusted Income (Line D) _____

20. Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction (Line F) _____

Monthly Net Food Stamp Income (Line 19 minus Line 20) (Negative = \$0) **G.** _____

H. FOOD STAMP ENTITLEMENT

21. Enter Thrifty Food Plan amount for Household size (chart, last column) _____

22. Multiply Net Food Stamp Income by 30% (Line G x .30) _____

ESTIMATED FOOD STAMP BENEFITS (lines 21 minus 22) **H.** _____

Note: 1 & 2 person households whose net income does not exceed 100% of FPL or who are categorically eligible automatically receive a minimum grant of \$16, even if line **H** is less than \$14. Households of 3 or more with grant of zero or less are ineligible.

| Household Size | 200% of Poverty | **Maximum Monthly Income of Household Living with Disabled Elderly (165% of Poverty) | Maximum Gross Monthly Income (130% of Poverty) | Maximum Net Monthly Income (100% of Poverty) | Thrifty Food Plan (Maximum Allotment) |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | \$1805 | \$1490 | \$ 1174 | \$ 903 | \$200 |
| 2 | 2428 | 2004 | 1579 | 1215 | 367 |
| 3 | 3052 | 2518 | 1984 | 1526 | 526 |
| 4 | 3675 | 3032 | 2389 | 1838 | 668 |
| 5 | 4298 | 3547 | 2794 | 2150 | 793 |
| 6 | 4922 | 4061 | 3200 | 2461 | 952 |
| 7 | 5545 | 4575 | 3605 | 2773 | 1052 |
| 8 | 6168 | 5089 | 4010 | 3085 | 1202 |
| Each Add'l Member | + \$623 | +515 | +406 | +312 | +150 |

*A disabled and elderly person (and spouse) living with others can be treated as a separate FS household even if unable to purchase and prepare meals separately, as long as the income of the household with which (s)he (or they) reside does not exceed 165%FPL. (A disabled person who has his food purchased and prepared separately, even if by someone in the household, is a separate FS household.)

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