



# Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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## General Information System (GIS) Message

### Section 1

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<b>To:</b>	Subscribers
<b>Suggested Distribution:</b>	Commissioners, TA Directors, SNAP Directors, Employment Coordinators, WMS Coordinators, MA Directors
<b>From:</b>	Alison Maura, Director of Temporary Assistance and HEAP Employment and Income Support Programs
<b>Subject:</b>	Updated Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Standards Beginning October 2021
<b>Effective Date:</b>	October 1, 2021
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<b>Attachments:</b>	<a href="#">Attachment 1 – 2021 Thrifty Notice</a> <a href="#">Attachment 2 – LDSS-5006 Notice to All SNAP Recipients</a>

### Section 2

In compliance with federal requirements 7 CFR 273.9(a)(3), effective October 1, 2021, the SNAP standards will be as follows:

The standard deduction amounts that will be used in the annual SNAP mass re-budgeting for October 1, 2021:

Household Size	Standard Deduction
1	\$177
2	\$177
3	\$177
4	\$184
5	\$215
6+	\$246

The minimum allotment for one and two-person households will be \$20.

Maximum Excess Shelter Deductions:	<b>\$597</b>
Homeless Shelter Deduction:	<b>\$159.73</b>
Boarder/Lodger Exclusion:	<b>\$250 for 1 person; or \$459 for 2 persons</b>

The “Thrifty Food Plan” (TFP) is the maximum amount of SNAP benefits, per household size. As a result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 the FFY 2021 TFP amounts were raised by 15% on January 1, 2021. **These increased maximum benefits expire on September 30, 2021.**

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
FFY 2021 Maximum Allotment	\$204	\$374	\$535	\$680	\$807	\$969	\$1,071	\$1,224
FFY 2021 Maximum Allotment with 15% increase, through 9/30/21	\$234	\$430	\$616	\$782	\$929	\$1,114	\$1,232	\$1,408

*Each additional household member add \$146.00*

The new Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) thresholds are as follows effective October 1, 2021:

Household size	200% of FPL*	165% of FPL**	150% of FPL***	Maximum Gross Monthly Income 130% of FPL	Maximum Net Monthly Income 100% of FPL	Maximum Allotment
1	\$2,147	\$1,771	\$1,610	\$1,396	\$1,074	\$250
2	\$2,903	\$2,396	\$2,178	\$1,888	\$1,452	\$459
3	\$3,660	\$3,020	\$2,745	\$2,379	\$1,830	\$658
4	\$4,417	\$3,644	\$3,313	\$2,871	\$2,209	\$835
5	\$5,173	\$4,268	\$3,880	\$3,363	\$2,587	\$992
6	\$5,930	\$4,893	\$4,448	\$3,855	\$2,965	\$1190
7	\$6,687	\$5,517	\$5,015	\$4,347	\$3,344	\$1316
8	\$7,443	\$6,141	\$5,583	\$4,839	\$3,722	\$1504
Each Add'l Member	\$757	\$625	\$568	\$492	\$379	+\$188

\*SNAP households containing any aged or disabled members, and households that pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, that pass the 200% FPL gross income test and do not contain a SNAP-sanctioned or an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) member are categorically eligible for SNAP, meaning that such households are not subject to a resource test, and that such households of one or two persons are, minimally, eligible to receive the \$20 minimum allotment for households of one or two persons.

\*\*Elderly (60 years of age or older) or household members (and their spouses) who are incapable of buying food or preparing meals due to a disability may apply as a separate food unit if the income of the others with whom the individual resides (excluding the income of the elderly and disabled individual and his/her spouse) do not exceed the 165% FPL amount.

\*\*\*SNAP households with earned income budgeted for the purpose of determining SNAP eligibility and benefit amount that do not contain a household member that is sanctioned or disqualified for an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), failure to comply with work rules or voluntary job quit, that do not contain an aged or disabled member, and that do not pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, must pass the 150% FPL gross income test.

It should be noted that, per USDA rules, all households of three or more people, after the applicable Gross and/or Net Income Test(s) are passed, must have their monthly Net Income calculate out to a positive SNAP Allotment to be eligible to receive benefits.

Additionally, effective October 1, 2021 the resource limit for households will increase from \$2250 to \$2,500, and the resource limit for households where at least one person is age 60 or older, or is disabled, will increase from \$3,500 to \$3,750. A resource test continues to apply only in situations where the household is not considered to be categorically eligible.

There will be changes to the amounts of the Heating/Air Conditioning Standard Utility Allowance (“HT/AC” SUA in Upstate ABEL) as well as the Utility SUA (UTIL in Upstate ABEL), and “Combined Heat/Utility/Phone SUA” in NYC ABEL) as well as the Utility (UTIL) SUA (“Limited Utility Allowance” or “LUA” in NYC ABEL). The Phone SUA will be:

Geographic Area	HT/AC SUA	UTIL SUA	PHONE SUA
NYC	\$852	\$336	\$31
Nassau & Suffolk	\$792	\$311	\$31
Rest of State	\$703	\$285	\$31

**NOTE: The SUA values other than the Phone SUA include amounts for water, sewage and trash collection.**

**NYSNIP BENEFITS MATRIX BY SHELTER TYPES**  
Effective 10/01/21 – 09/30/22

HOUSEHOLD		SNAP/FOOD STAMP MONTHLY BENEFIT		
		New York	Nassau/Suffolk	Upstate
Shelter Type 94 (High Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$250	\$250	\$250
	Other Income	\$250	\$250	\$250
Shelter Type 95 (Low Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$250	\$250	\$223
	Other Income	\$250	\$241	\$214
Shelter Type 96 (High Shelter/ SUA/\$21 HEAP)	SSI Only	\$250	\$250	\$250
	Other Income	\$250	\$250	\$250
Shelter Type 96 (High Shelter/ No SUA)	SSI Only	\$64	\$64	\$64
	Other Income	\$55	\$55	\$55
Shelter Type 97 (Low Shelter/ SUA/\$21 HEAP)	SSI Only	\$250	\$250	\$223
	Other Income	\$250	\$241	\$214
Shelter Type 97 (Low Shelter/ No SUA)	SSI Only	\$38	\$38	\$38
	Other Income	\$32	\$32	\$32
Shelter Type 98 (No Shelter or SUA Data)	SSI Only	\$38	\$38	\$38
	Other Income	\$32	\$32	\$32

**Notices**

Federal regulations do not require individual notice regarding mass changes. Therefore, districts should immediately post the attached public notice in English and Spanish regarding the October 2021 SNAP standards. The posters must be displayed in certification offices, issuance locations, and other sites frequented by certified households to ensure households are informed of the change. OTDA will not be printing and drop shipping copies of the posters.

Districts are encouraged to either post the link to the [poster](#) or add the poster directly to their district’s website.