



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**  
 (Effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

**Tier 1**  
**FREE MEALS**  
**Income Less Than or Equal to the Numbers Below**

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	15,782	1,316	658	607	304
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060
For each additional Family member.	5,616	468	234	216	108

**REDUCED MEALS**  
**Income Greater Than Free and Less Than Paid**

**Tier 2**  
**PAID MEALS**  
**Income Greater Than the Numbers Below**

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each additional Family member.	7,992	666	333	308	154

**NOTICE:** Unless the Income Eligibility Form indicates that the participant is eligible for SNAP, FDPIR, or TANF, all information requested on the Income Eligibility Form (with the exception of the individual's race) must be completed in order to classify the participant in the "Free" or "Reduced" category. If a parent or guardian chooses not to give this information, classify the family in the "Paid" category.

**Family Size/Household Size:** This means all the participants and adults (related or unrelated) who live in the household and share living expenses or meals.

**Household Monthly Gross Income:** Monthly income received by each household member must be listed separately on the lines provided. Income includes:

1. Gross wages, salaries, commissions and fees.
2. Social Security, welfare, pension or unemployment payments.
3. Dividends and interest payments.
4. Alimony, child support or other regular contributions from persons outside the household.
5. Other cash income.
6. Government, civilian or military retirement, or veteran's payment.
7. Private pensions or annuities.
8. Net income from self-employment, including farming.
9. Net income from rent or royalties.

**TO DETERMINE CATEGORY:**

1. Review the income eligibility form for completeness. In order to place children in the "Free" or "Reduced" category the forms must contain:
  - a. Names of children enrolled.
  - b. Gross income received by each household member, or case number for SNAP [Food stamps], FDPIR, or TANF/FAIM.
  - c. Signature of parent/guardian and the last four digits of their Social Security Number.
2. Find the line on the chart that corresponds to the total number of children and adults in the household. Follow across the page until you come to the figure that includes the household's total monthly income. This will identify the appropriate category (free, reduced or paid eligibility).