



# TANF 001 Monthly Income Standards

<b>Supersedes:</b>	TANF 001 (7/1/15)
<b>References:</b>	ARM 37.78.402, .406 and .420
<b>Overview:</b>	<p>Use the following income and benefit standards to determine income eligibility for TANF Cash Assistance based on the household size.</p> <p>The payment standards are used to determine grant amounts for eligible households.</p> <p>There are four sets of income standards. These standards are based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) and are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The gross monthly income standard, based on the <b>2011 FPL</b></li> <li>2. The benefit standard, based on the <b>2011 FPL</b></li> <li>3. The payment standard, based on the <b>2016 FPL</b></li> <li>4. The net monthly income standard, based on the <b>2011 FPL</b></li> </ol> <p>The filing/assistance unit's total countable income is tested against the gross monthly income (GMI), and after specific disregards, against the benefit standard.</p> <p>Both the GMI and the benefit standard income test must be passed in determining the filing/assistance unit's financial eligibility.</p> <p>Net countable income must be less than the benefit standard and the filing/assistance unit must meet all other eligibility requirements (resources, non-financial, etc.) to receive a TANF cash grant. The grant amount is determined by subtracting the net countable income from the appropriate payment standard.</p> <p>If the net countable income exceeds the benefit standard, the household is not eligible.</p>

<b>GROSS MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS</b> (Based on 30% of FY 2011 Federal Poverty Level)	Household Size	Gross Monthly Income (GMI)
	1	\$642
	2	867
	3	1,092
	4	1,317
	5	1,542
	6	1,767
	7	1,992
	8	2,217
	9	2,442
	10	2,667
	11	2,892
	12	3,117
13	3,342	

	14	3,567
	15	3,793
	16	4,018
	17	4,243
	18	4,468
	19	4,243
	20	4,468
<b>BENEFIT STANDARDS</b> (Based on 30% of the FY 2011 Federal Poverty Level)	<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Benefit Standards</b>
	1	\$272
	2	368
	3	463
	4	559
	5	654
	6	750
	7	845
	8	941
	9	1,036
	10	1,132
	11	1,227
	12	1,323
	13	1,418
	14	1,514
	15	1,609
	16	1,705
	17	1,801
	18	1,897
	19	1,993
20	2,089	
<b>PAYMENT STANDARDS</b> (Based on 35% of FY 2016 Federal Poverty Level)	<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Payment Standards</b>
	1	\$347
	2	467
	3	588
	4	709
	5	830
	6	950
	7	1,071
	8	1,193
	9	1,314
	10	1,435
	11	1,557
	12	1,678
13	1,799	

	14	1,921
	15	2,042
	16	2,163
	17	2,285
	18	2,406
	19	2,527
	20	2,649

<b>NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS</b> (Based on 30% of FY2011 Federal Poverty Level)	<b>Note: NMI standard used in deeming process only</b>	
	Household Size	Net Monthly Income (NMI)
	1	\$347
	2	468
	3	590
	4	712
	5	833
	6	955
	7	1,077
	8	1,198
	9	1,320
	10	1,442
	11	1,563
	12	1,685
	13	1,807
	14	1,928
	15	2,050
	16	2,172
	17	2,294
	18	2,416
19	2,538	
20	2,660	

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