



Food and Nutrition
Service

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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year 2022 Cost-of-Living Adjustments Without
Maximum Allotments

TO: All State Agencies
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memorandum provides the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), income eligibility standards, and deductions for the 48 contiguous States and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, COLAs are effective as of October 1, 2021.

Please note that this memorandum does not include the SNAP maximum allotment adjustments. FNS acknowledges that the maximum allotment adjustments are necessary for States to implement the COLAs by October 1, 2021. FNS is working to finalize those figures and will release them separately.

The shelter cap value increased by \$11 to \$597 for the 48 States and D.C. The shelter cap values for Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands also increased. The homeless shelter deduction increased to \$159.73 for the 48 States, D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The standard deduction for household sizes 1 through 3 increased to \$177 a month for the 48 States and D.C. The standard deduction amounts for Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands also increased.

The resource limit for households will increase by \$250 to \$2,500 for the 48 States and the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The resource limit for households where at least one person is age 60 or older, or is disabled, will also increase by \$250 to \$3,750.

Regional Offices should ensure that their States are apprised of these changes. State agencies with questions regarding these adjustments should contact their respective Regional Office representatives. Regional Office staff with questions should contact Arpan Dasgupta at Arpan.Dasgupta@usda.gov.

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Attachment(s)

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS
OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

**Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards
(100 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,074	\$1,341	\$1,235
2	\$1,452	\$1,815	\$1,670
3	\$1,830	\$2,288	\$2,105
4	\$2,209	\$2,761	\$2,540
5	\$2,587	\$3,235	\$2,975
6	\$2,965	\$3,708	\$3,410
7	\$3,344	\$4,181	\$3,845
8	\$3,722	\$4,655	\$4,280
Each additional member	\$379	\$474	\$435

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards
(130 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,396	\$1,744	\$1,606
2	\$1,888	\$2,359	\$2,171
3	\$2,379	\$2,974	\$2,737
4	\$2,871	\$3,590	\$3,302
5	\$3,363	\$4,205	\$3,868
6	\$3,855	\$4,820	\$4,433
7	\$4,347	\$5,436	\$4,999
8	\$4,839	\$6,051	\$5,564
Each additional member	\$492	\$616	\$566

**Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards for Households
Where Elderly Disabled Are a Separate Household
(165 Percent of Poverty Level)**

Household Size	48 States, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$1,771	\$2,213	\$2,038
2	\$2,396	\$2,994	\$2,756
3	\$3,020	\$3,775	\$3,474
4	\$3,644	\$4,556	\$4,191
5	\$4,268	\$5,337	\$4,909
6	\$4,893	\$6,118	\$5,627
7	\$5,517	\$6,899	\$6,345
8	\$6,141	\$7,680	\$7,062
Each additional member	\$625	\$781	\$718

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Standard Deductions

Area	Household Size				
	1 -2	3	4	5	6+
48 States and DC	\$177	\$177	\$184	\$215	\$246
Alaska	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$308
Hawaii	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$283
Guam	\$356	\$356	\$367	\$430	\$493
Virgin Islands	\$156	\$156	\$184	\$215	\$246

Maximum Shelter Deductions

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$597
Alaska	\$954
Hawaii	\$805
Guam	\$701
Virgin Islands	\$471

Homeless Shelter Deductions

Area	Maximum Amount
48 States and DC	\$159.73
Alaska	\$159.73
Hawaii	\$159.73
Guam	\$159.73
Virgin Islands	\$159.73

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MAXIMUM ASSET LIMITS
OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Household Type	Maximum Amount
Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled*	\$3,750
All other households	\$2,500

*The asset limit for elderly or disabled households also serves as the threshold for substantial lottery or gambling winnings.

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Threshold for Required Reporting of Changes in Household Income*
OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Area	Reporting Requirement Threshold
48 States and DC	\$125
Alaska	\$125
Hawaii	\$125
Guam	\$125
Virgin Islands	\$125

*Applies only to households assigned to change reporting.