BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

Broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE) is a policy in which households may become categorically eligible for SNAP because they qualify for a non-cash Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or State maintenance of effort (MOE) funded benefit. The chart below shows which States implement BBCE, the programs that confer BBCE, the asset limit of the TANF/MOE program, and the gross income limit of the TANF/MOE program.

BBCE cannot limit eligibility. Households that are not eligible for the program that confers categorical eligibility may apply for and receive SNAP under regular program rules. Under regular program rules, SNAP households with elderly or disabled members do not need to meet the gross income limit but must meet the net income limit.

States (44)	TANF/MOE Program Description	Asset Limit of TANF/MOE Program	Gross Income Limit of TANF/MOE Program[1]
Alabama	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	130%
Alaska	All households are eligible (Support for You and Your Family notice)	No limit on assets	200%
Arizona	All households are eligible (referral on application)	No limit on assets	200%
Arkansas	All elderly or disabled households are eligible (brochure)	$5,500[2]	165%
Arkansas	All non-elderly or disabled households are eligible (brochure)	$5,500[2]	130%
California	All households are eligible (pamphlet)	No limit on assets	200%
Colorado	All households are eligible (notice on application)	No limit on assets	200%
Connecticut	All households are eligible (Help for People in Need brochure)	No limit on assets	200%

[1] All income limits are percentages of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG).
[2] Arkansas' $5,500 asset limit is permitted for a 12-month consecutive period and can only be granted every five years. After the 12-month consecutive period, a $4,500 asset limit applies to elderly or disabled households and a $3,000 asset limit applies to non-elderly and disabled households.

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States (44)	TANF/MOE Program Description	Asset Limit of TANF/MOE Program	Gross Income Limit of TANF/MOE Program[1]
Delaware	All households are eligible (application refers to pregnancy prevention hotline)	No limit on assets	200%
District of Columbia	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Florida	All households are eligible (notice)	No limit on assets	200%
Georgia	All households are eligible (TANF Community Outreach Services brochure)	No limit on assets	130%
Guam	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	165%
Hawaii	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Illinois	All households are eligible (guide to services brochure)	No limit on assets	165%
Iowa	All households are eligible (notice of eligibility and brochure)	No limit on assets	160%
Kentucky	All households are eligible (resource guide)	No limit on assets	200%
Louisiana	All households are eligible (notice)	SNAP asset limit[3]	200%
Maine	All households are eligible (resource guide)	No limit on assets	200%
Maryland	All households are eligible (referral to services on application)	No limit on assets	200%
Massachusetts	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Michigan	All households are eligible (language on application and notice)	No limit on assets	200%

[3] The asset limit is $3,000 for households without an elderly or disabled member. The asset limit is $4,750 if at least one member of the household is age 60 or older or is disabled. These amounts are updated annually.

States (44)	TANF/MOE Program Description	Asset Limit of TANF/MOE Program	Gross Income Limit of TANF/MOE Program[1]
Minnesota	All households are eligible (domestic violence brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Montana	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Nebraska	All households are eligible (pamphlet, statement on notices and applications)	$25,000 for liquid assets	165%
Nevada	All households are eligible (pregnancy prevention information on application)	No limit on assets	200%
New Hampshire	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
New Jersey	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	185%
New Mexico	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
New York	Households with dependent care expenses are eligible ("Helping Hands" brochure mailed yearly)	No limit on assets	200%
New York	Households with earned income are eligible ("Helping Hands" brochure mailed yearly)	No limit on assets	150%
North Carolina	All households are eligible (statement on application/recertification forms)	No limit on assets	200%
North Dakota	All households are eligible (Statement on application/ recertification forms and pamphlet)	No limit on assets	200%
Ohio	All households are eligible (Ohio Benefit Bank info on approval notice)	No limit on assets	130%
Oklahoma	All households are eligible (2-1-1 number for information and referral to community services)	No limit on assets	130%

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Oregon	All households are eligible (pamphlet)	No limit on assets	200%
Pennsylvania	All households are eligible (pamphlet)	No limit on assets	200%
Rhode Island	All households are eligible (publication)	No limit on assets	185%
South Carolina	All households are eligible (pamphlet)	No limit on assets	130%
Texas	All households are eligible (Info on various services provided on application)	Asset limit of $5,000 (excludes 1 vehicle up to $22,000 & includes excess vehicle value)	165%
Vermont	All households are eligible (notice with language on website for services)	No limit on assets	185%
Virgin Islands	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Virginia	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Washington	All households are eligible (Info & Referral Services provided on approval letter)	No limit on assets	200%
West Virginia	All households are eligible (Information and Referral Services program brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Wisconsin	All households are eligible (Job Net Services language on approval and change notices)	No limit on assets	200%

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