



Food and
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SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Income Guidelines for 2020

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CSFP State Agencies and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs)

This memorandum transmits the 2020 Income Guidelines (IGs) for State agencies and ITOs in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in CSFP. These guidelines should be used in conjunction with CSFP regulations, at 7 CFR Part 247. The Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79, the Farm Bill) amended CSFP's eligibility requirements to phase out the participation of women, infants, and children (w-i-c) in the program, transitioning it to a seniors-only program. All women and infants have since phased out of CSFP and the few remaining children in the program will phase out by February 2020. Accordingly, the 2020 IGs are only applicable to elderly individuals 60 years of age and older.

Program regulations establish household income limits. To be eligible for the program, elderly persons must have household income at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (Poverty Guidelines) published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in accordance with 7 CFR Part 247.9(c). The 2020 IGs in the attached tables contain the maximum income limits by household size to be used for eligibility determinations in CSFP. To establish annual income limits of 130 percent, the Poverty Guidelines are multiplied by 1.30, and the results are rounded up to the next whole dollar. From these results, weekly and monthly income limits are calculated. The first table contains the income limits for households residing in the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Separate income limits for Alaska and Hawaii are established and published annually by HHS, which are reflected in the second and third tables.

Pursuant to program regulations, CSFP State agencies and ITOs must implement the 2020 IGs immediately upon receipt of this memorandum for elderly participants. The guidelines remain in effect until notification of the CSFP IGs for 2021.

CSFP regulations at 7 CFR Part 247.9(e)(1) define "income" as gross income before deductions for such items as income taxes, employees' social security taxes, insurance premiums, and bonds. Income exclusions are listed in Parts 247.9(e)(2) and (e)(3) and via policy memoranda available online at the Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/csfp>. States and ITOs may also authorize local agencies to

consider the household's average income during the previous 12 months and current household income to determine which more accurately reflects the household's status, in accordance with 7 CFR Part 247.9(e)(4).

State agencies should direct any questions they may have regarding the 2020 IGs to their respective FNS Regional Offices.

/s/ Original Signature on File

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Attachment

ATTACHMENT
CSFP INCOME GUIDELINES--2020

48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*					
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%		Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual		Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$12,760		\$16,588	\$1,383	\$319
2.....	17,240		22,412	1,868	431
3.....	21,720		28,236	2,353	543
4.....	26,200		34,060	2,839	655
5.....	30,680		39,884	3,324	767
6.....	35,160		45,708	3,809	879
7.....	39,640		51,532	4,295	991
8.....	44,120		57,356	4,780	1,103
For each add'l household member, add...	4,480		5,824	486	112

ALASKA					
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%		Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual		Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$15,950		\$20,735	\$1,728	\$399
2.....	21,550		28,015	2,335	539
3.....	27,150		35,295	2,942	679
4.....	32,750		42,575	3,548	819
5.....	38,350		49,855	4,155	959
6.....	43,950		57,135	4,762	1,099
7.....	49,550		64,415	5,368	1,239
8.....	55,150		71,695	5,975	1,379
For each add'l household member, add...	5,600		7,280	607	140

HAWAII					
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%		Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual		Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$14,680		\$19,084	\$1,591	\$367
2.....	19,830		25,779	2,149	496
3.....	24,980		32,474	2,707	625
4.....	30,130		39,169	3,265	754
5.....	35,280		45,864	3,822	882
6.....	40,430		52,559	4,380	1,011
7.....	45,580		59,254	4,938	1,140
8.....	50,730		65,949	5,496	1,269
For each add'l household member, add...	5,150		6,695	558	129

*CSFP State agencies must implement the adjusted income guidelines for elderly applicants immediately upon receipt. The Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79, the Farm Bill) amended CSFP's eligibility requirements to phase out the participation of women, infants, and children (w-i-c) in the program, transitioning it to a seniors-only program. All women and infants have since phased out of CSFP and the few remaining children in the program will phase out by February 2020. Accordingly, the 2020 IGs are only applicable to elderly individuals 60 years of age and older.