

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES													
			Effective from				July 1, 2012	to	June 30, 2013				
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES		REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %						FREE MEALS - 130 %				
	ANNUAL		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES													
1	11,170		20,665	1,723	862	795	398		14,521	1,211	606	559	280
2	15,130		27,991	2,333	1,167	1,077	539		19,669	1,640	820	757	379
3	19,090		35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359	680		24,817	2,069	1,035	955	478
4	23,050		42,643	3,554	1,777	1,641	821		29,965	2,498	1,249	1,153	577
5	27,010		49,969	4,165	2,083	1,922	961		35,113	2,927	1,464	1,351	676
6	30,970		57,295	4,775	2,388	2,204	1,102		40,261	3,356	1,678	1,549	775
7	34,930		64,621	5,386	2,693	2,486	1,243		45,409	3,785	1,893	1,747	874
8	38,890		71,947	5,996	2,998	2,768	1,384		50,557	4,214	2,107	1,945	973
For each add'l family member, add	3,960		7,326	611	306	282	141		5,148	429	215	198	99
ALASKA													
1	13,970		25,845	2,154	1,077	995	498		18,161	1,514	757	699	350
2	18,920		35,002	2,917	1,459	1,347	674		24,596	2,050	1,025	946	473
3	23,870		44,160	3,680	1,840	1,699	850		31,031	2,586	1,293	1,194	597
4	28,820		53,317	4,444	2,222	2,051	1,026		37,466	3,123	1,562	1,441	721
5	33,770		62,475	5,207	2,604	2,403	1,202		43,901	3,659	1,830	1,689	845
6	38,720		71,632	5,970	2,985	2,756	1,378		50,336	4,195	2,098	1,936	968
7	43,670		80,790	6,733	3,367	3,108	1,554		56,771	4,731	2,366	2,184	1,092
8	48,620		89,947	7,496	3,748	3,460	1,730		63,206	5,268	2,634	2,431	1,216
For each add'l family member, add	4,950		9,158	764	382	353	177		6,435	537	269	248	124
HAWAII													
1	12,860		23,791	1,983	992	916	458		16,718	1,394	697	643	322
2	17,410		32,209	2,685	1,343	1,239	620		22,633	1,887	944	871	436
3	21,960		40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782		28,548	2,379	1,190	1,098	549
4	26,510		49,044	4,087	2,044	1,887	944		34,463	2,872	1,436	1,326	663
5	31,060		57,461	4,789	2,395	2,211	1,106		40,378	3,365	1,683	1,553	777
6	35,610		65,879	5,490	2,745	2,534	1,267		46,293	3,858	1,929	1,781	891
7	40,160		74,296	6,192	3,096	2,858	1,429		52,208	4,351	2,176	2,008	1,004
8	44,710		82,714	6,893	3,447	3,182	1,591		58,123	4,844	2,422	2,236	1,118
For each add'l family member, add	4,550		8,418	702	351	324	162		5,915	493	247	228	114

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Jeffrey J. Tribiano,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service
(FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations. **DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 1, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557, and is subject to the provisions of Executive

Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22676, May 31, 1984).

Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income eligible for the WIC Program only if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted. Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2012/2013 was published by the Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS) at 77 FR 4034, January 26, 2012. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the poverty guidelines.

Section 246.7(d)(1) of the WIC regulations (Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations) specifies that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for

reduced-price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar. At this time, the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with

the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid Program established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, *et seq.*). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, i.e., earlier in the year, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 2012.

State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on July 1, 2012. The first table of this Notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, and all Territories, including Guam.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
[Effective from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines—100%					Reduced price meals—185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
1	\$11,170	\$931	\$466	\$430	\$215	\$20,665	\$1,723	\$862	\$795	\$398
2	15,130	1,261	631	582	291	27,991	2,333	1,167	1,077	539
3	19,090	1,591	796	735	368	35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359	680
4	23,050	1,921	961	887	444	42,643	3,554	1,777	1,641	821
5	27,010	2,251	1,126	1,039	520	49,969	4,165	2,083	1,922	961
6	30,970	2,581	1,291	1,192	596	57,295	4,775	2,388	2,204	1,102
7	34,930	2,911	1,456	1,344	672	64,621	5,386	2,693	2,486	1,243
8	38,890	3,241	1,621	1,496	748	71,947	5,996	2,998	2,768	1,384
Each add'l family member add	+3,960	+330	+165	+153	+77	+7,326	+611	+306	+282	+141
Alaska										
1	13,970	1,165	583	538	269	25,845	2,154	1,077	995	498
2	18,920	1,577	789	728	364	35,002	2,917	1,459	1,347	674
3	23,870	1,990	995	919	460	44,160	3,680	1,840	1,699	850
4	28,820	2,402	1,201	1,109	555	53,317	4,444	2,222	2,051	1,026
5	33,770	2,815	1,408	1,299	650	62,475	5,207	2,604	2,403	1,202
6	38,720	3,227	1,614	1,490	745	71,632	5,970	2,985	2,756	1,378
7	43,670	3,640	1,820	1,680	840	80,790	6,733	3,367	3,108	1,554
8	48,620	4,052	2,026	1,870	935	89,947	7,496	3,748	3,460	1,730
Each add'l family member add	+4,950	+413	+207	+191	+96	+9,158	+764	+382	+353	+177
Hawaii										
1	12,860	1,072	536	495	248	23,791	1,983	992	916	458
2	17,410	1,451	726	670	335	32,209	2,685	1,343	1,239	620
3	21,960	1,830	915	845	423	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	26,510	2,210	1,105	1,020	510	49,044	4,087	2,044	1,887	944
5	31,060	2,589	1,295	1,195	598	57,461	4,789	2,395	2,211	1,106
6	35,610	2,968	1,484	1,370	685	65,879	5,490	2,745	2,534	1,267
7	40,160	3,347	1,674	1,545	773	74,296	6,192	3,096	2,858	1,429
8	44,710	3,726	1,863	1,720	860	82,714	6,893	3,447	3,182	1,591
Each add'l family member add	+4,550	+380	+190	+175	+88	+8,418	+702	+351	+324	+162

Because the poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States, separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been included for the convenience of the State agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

**Kootenai National Forest, Cabinet
Ranger District, Montana Pilgrim
Timber Sale Project**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.