

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)



Household Size	Free Meals					Reduced-Price Meals				
	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
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2	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
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The Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for free meals/milk and reduced-price meals are developed and published in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The guidelines were obtained by multiplying the federal income poverty guidelines by 130 percent and 185 percent, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar. Weekly and monthly guidelines were computed by dividing annual income by 52 and 12, respectively, and by rounding upward to the next whole dollar.

Use the following procedures for evaluating household income on free and reduced-price meal applications when comparing to the IEGs:

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- If a household reports income sources at more than one frequency, annualize all income by multiplying weekly income by 52, income received every two weeks by 26, income received twice a month by 24, and income received monthly by 12. Do NOT round the values resulting from each conversion. Sum all the unrounded converted values and compare the unrounded total to the IEGs for annual income for the appropriate household size.

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