

MANUALLY CALCULATING A FOOD STAMP BUDGET

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The chart below shows how we determine how many food stamps a household will receive.

	Temporary Assistance Benefit	
Plus	Unearned Income	
Plus	Gross Earned Income	
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support	
Minus	Farm Loss	
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Gross Earned Income x 20%)	
Equals	Total Income	
Minus	Standard Deduction based upon household size	Standard Deduction 1-3 persons \$141 4 persons \$153 5 persons \$179 6 or more persons \$205
Minus	Medical Expense after Deduction	Medical Expense Calculation Medical Expense is calculated by subtracting \$35 from the total allowable medical expenses for the EU.
Minus	Dependent Care Expense	Dependent Care Expense Maximums Total amount of costs billed or incurred for care and transportation costs.
Equals	Adjusted Income	
	Divide	Adjusted income by two (2)
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense from the Adjusted Income/2 to arrive at the Possible Excess Shelter.
Subtract	Excess Shelter as defined to the right, from the Adjusted Income	Determining allowable Excess Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Shelter Expenses are less than half of the adjusted income, there is no excess shelter. If the household is not Elderly/Disabled, allow the Possible Excess Shelter up to the maximum of \$459. If the household is Elderly/Disabled, allow the full Excess Shelter.
Equals	Net Income	Net Income Rounding Net income is rounded to the closest dollar. \$173.50 is rounded up to \$174. \$173.49 is rounded down to \$173.

The household size and net income are compared to determine the benefit using the [Basis of Issuance Tables](#).

Example 1: 4 persons, \$720.02 earned income, \$250 child support income, \$550 rent, and \$196 propane heat expense (SUA). No medical expense, no child support expense, no farm loss, and not elderly/disabled.

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		0.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+250.00
Plus	Gross Earned Income		+720.02
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		-0.00
Minus	Farm Loss		-0.00
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Earned Income x 20%)		-144.00
Equals	Total Income		826.02
Minus	Standard Deduction		-153.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		673.02
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	336.51
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-812.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-475.49
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-459.00 (Maximum)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	214.02

4 Person EU, Net Income \$233.00, allotment = \$603

Example 2: 5 persons, \$731 wages, \$509 SSA, \$136 unemployment, \$100 rent, \$50 week child care expense for child over 2 (\$50x4.333=216.65), and received EA (SUA).

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		0.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+645.00
Plus	Gross Earned Income		+731.00
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		-0.00
Minus	Farm Loss		-0.00
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Earned Income x 20%)		-146.20
Equals	Total Income		1229.80
Minus	Standard Deduction		-179.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-216.65
Equals	Adjusted Income		834.15
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	417.07
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-362.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	0.00
Subtract	Excess Shelter		0.00 (1/2 income > shelter expense)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	834.15

5 Person EU, Net Income \$834, allotment = \$542

Example 3: 2 persons, \$726 unearned income, \$106.92 medical expense for first disabled individual and \$60 medical expense for second disabled individual. \$200 house trailer payment, \$200 lot rent, \$175 electricity for heat (SUA).

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		0.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+726.00
Plus	Gross Earned Income		+0.00
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		-0.00
Minus	Farm Loss		-0.00
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Earned Income x 20%)		-0.00
Equals	Total Income		726.00
Minus	Standard Deduction		-141.00
Minus	Medical Expense	166.92 -35.00	-131.92
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		453.08
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	226.54
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-662.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-435.46
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-435.46
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	17.62

2 Person EU, Net Income \$18, allotment = \$361

Example 4: 3 persons, \$234 Temporary Assistance, \$637.00 SSI, rent \$275, heat expense (SUA).

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		234.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+637.00
Plus	Gross Earned Income		+0.00
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		-0.00
Minus	Farm Loss		-0.00
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Earned Income x 20%)		-0.00
Equals	Total Income		871.00
Minus	Standard Deduction		-141.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		730.00
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	365.00
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-537.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-172.00
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-172.00
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	558.00

3 Person EU, Net Income \$558, allotment = \$358