

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - Poverty Level Guidelines
Effective October 1, 2016:

The following standard, maximum allotment amounts will be used as part of the annual SNAP re-budgeting in Erie County, effective October 1, 2016. It should be noted that these amounts are based upon SNAP standards effective October 1, 2015. A SNAP budget must be calculated for a household in order to determine SNAP eligibility and benefit amount.

Household Size	Maximum Allotment
1	\$194
2	\$357
3	\$511
4	\$649
5	\$771
6	\$925
7	\$1,022
8	\$1,169
Each additional member	+\$146

If a household's gross income is less than these amounts, a client may be eligible for SNAP benefits; however, it does not necessarily ensure a benefit. A SNAP budget must be calculated for a household in order to determine eligibility and benefit amount. The only way to determine a household's eligibility for SNAP benefits is to apply.

The following table contains Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) thresholds for eligible households:

Household Size	Max. Gross Income - 150% of FPL	Max. Gross Income - 130% of FPL
1	\$1,485	\$1,287
2	\$2,003	\$1,736
3	\$2,250	\$2,184
4	\$3,038	\$2,633
5	\$3,555	\$3,081
6	\$4,073	\$3,530
7	\$4,592	\$3,980
8	\$5,112	\$4,430
Each additional member	+\$520	+\$451

SNAP households having any aged or disabled members, and households that pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, that pass the 200 percent FPL gross income test and do not contain a SNAP-sanctioned or Intentional Program Violation (IPV) member, are categorically eligible for SNAP, meaning that households are not subject to a resource test. Elderly (60 years or older) or household members (and their spouses) who are incapable of buying food or preparing meals due to a disability may apply as a separate food unit if the income of those with whom the

individual resides (excluding the income of the elderly and disabled person and his/her spouse) do not exceed the 165 percent FPL amount.

SNAP households with earned income budgeted for the purpose of determining SNAP eligibility and benefit amount that do not contain a household member that is sanctioned or disqualified for an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), failure to comply with work rules or voluntary job quit, that do not contain an aged or disabled member, and that do not pay out-of-pocket dependent care costs, must pass the 150 percent FPL gross income test.

It should be noted that, per USDA rules, all households of three or more people, after the applicable Gross and/or Net Income Tests are passed, must have their monthly Net Income calculate out to a positive SNAP Allotment to be eligible to receive benefits.

Recertification:

If you already receive SNAP benefits in New York State, as long as you do not also receive Temporary Assistance (cash) benefits, you can re-certify (renew) your benefits without coming into the social services office. Two months prior to the end of the re-certification period, you will receive a re-certification packet in the mail that includes a SNAP application and a scheduled interview appointment.

Re-Certification process steps:

- Submit a re-certification application before you can be interviewed on your scheduled interview appointment shown on page one of your certification packet. You can submit your SNAP re-certification application by mail, from your home by using the Internet (www.mybenefits.ny.gov), by fax, or in person at the Erie County Department of Social Services, 95 Franklin St., Buffalo, NY 14202).
- After you submit your application, you must be interviewed. If you submit your application AFTER the scheduled interview appointment on page one of your recertification packet, then it is YOUR responsibility to re-schedule your interview appointment before the end of your re-certification period.
- After your interview, you may be asked to submit additional documents related to your income or circumstances.

Contact:

For more information about SNAP, contact your local department of social services or call the toll-free OTDA hotline at 1-800-342-3009. To find out the location of your nearest SNAP office, contact your local department of social services.

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