

Income Eligibility Scales for School Year 2025–26

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Effective from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

Households with income at or below the following levels may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. The household size and income Eligibility Guidelines charts below have been prepared for you to copy and paste them into the Public Media Release and Letter to Households. Please note that the size of these charts will need to be adjusted manually.

National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

- Both free and reduced-price eligibility scales must appear in the Public Media Release
- Only the reduced-price eligibility scale must appear in the Letter to Households

Special Milk Program

- Only the free eligibility scale must appear in the Public Media Release and Letter to Households

Free Eligibility Scale Meals, Snacks, and Milk

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 20,345	\$ 1,696	\$ 848	\$ 783	\$ 392
2	\$ 27,495	\$ 2,292	\$ 1,146	\$ 1,058	\$ 529

Reduced-price Eligibility Scale Meals and Snacks

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 28,953	\$ 2,413	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,114	\$ 557
2	\$ 39,128	\$ 3,261	\$ 1,631	\$ 1,505	\$ 753
3	\$ 49,303	\$ 4,109	\$ 2,055	\$ 1,897	\$ 949
4	\$ 59,478	\$ 4,957	\$ 2,479	\$ 2,288	\$ 1,144
5	\$ 69,653	\$ 5,805	\$ 2,903	\$ 2,679	\$ 1,340
6	\$ 79,828	\$ 6,653	\$ 3,327	\$ 3,071	\$ 1,536
7	\$ 90,003	\$ 7,501	\$ 3,751	\$ 3,462	\$ 1,731

**For each additional
family member, add:**

\$ 7,150	\$ 596	\$ 298	\$ 275	\$ 138
\$ 70,395	\$ 5,867	\$ 2,934	\$ 2,708	\$ 1,354
\$ 63,245	\$ 5,271	\$ 2,636	\$ 2,433	\$ 1,217
\$ 56,095	\$ 4,675	\$ 2,338	\$ 2,158	\$ 1,079
\$ 48,945	\$ 4,079	\$ 2,040	\$ 1,883	\$ 942
\$ 41,795	\$ 3,483	\$ 1,742	\$ 1,608	\$ 804
\$ 34,645	\$ 2,888	\$ 1,444	\$ 1,333	\$ 667

\$ 100,178	\$ 8,349	\$ 4,175	\$ 3,853	\$ 1,927
For each additional family member, add:				
\$ 10,175	\$ 848	\$ 424	\$ 392	\$ 196

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