

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM CHANGES*
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

By law, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) adjusts the income eligibility limits and Food Stamp benefits annually on October 1. Maximum gross and net monthly income of households of various sizes are as follows:

Household size	Gross monthly income	Net monthly income
1	\$1316	\$1012
2	\$1784	\$1372
3	\$2252	\$1732
4	\$2720	\$2092
5	\$3188	\$2452
6	\$3656	\$2812
7	\$4124	\$3172
8	\$4592	\$3532
Each additional member	+ \$468	+ \$360

The **maximum** amounts of Food Stamp benefits are listed below. The actual amount of Food Stamps for which a household is eligible depends on the household net income after allowable deductions.

Household size	Maximum monthly benefit
1	\$192
2	\$353
3	\$505
4	\$642
5	\$762
6	\$914
7	\$1011
8	\$1155
Each additional member	\$144

DEDUCTIONS

- The standard deduction, which is deducted from all households' income, is:
 - \$164 with 1-3 household members
 - \$174 with 4 household members
 - \$204 with 5 household members
 - \$234 with 6 or more household members
- The maximum deduction for high housing and utility expense is \$552.
- Households with elderly or disabled members may be eligible for additional deductions.
- Households who pay court ordered child support are also eligible for an additional deduction.
- Households who pay dependent care expense may be eligible for an additional deduction.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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*Effective October 1, 2008, the Federal program is named the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In Missouri, the program is still called the Food Stamp Program.