



**FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS  
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES  
(Effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)**

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
<b>1</b>	\$15,678	\$1,307	\$ 654	\$603	\$302	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$930	\$859	\$430
<b>2</b>	21,112	1,760	880	812	406	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
<b>3</b>	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
<b>4</b>	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
<b>5</b>	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
<b>6</b>	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
<b>7</b>	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
<b>8</b>	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
For each additional family member add . . .	\$5,434	\$453	\$227	\$209	\$105	\$7,733	\$645	\$323	\$298	\$149

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:

- If a household has only one income source, or if all sources are the same frequency, do not use conversion factors. Compare the income, or the sum of incomes, to the published IEG for the appropriate frequency and household size to make the eligibility determination.
- 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.