

MANUALLY CALCULATING A FOOD STAMP BUDGET

(Or...How **did** FAMIS get that food stamp amount?)

The following calculations are displayed on the Food Stamp Budget Summary (FM4A) screen.

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		
Plus	Unearned Income		
Plus	Gross 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 EU size		Standard Deduction 1-4 persons \$134 5 persons \$157 6 or more persons \$179
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 Maximum allowed per child under 2 is \$200. Maximum allowed per child 2 and older is \$175. Transportation is included in the maximums.
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"> <i>If Shelter Expenses are less than half of Adjusted Income, there is no Excess Shelter.</i> <i>If the EU is not Elderly/Disabled, allow the Possible Excess Shelter up to the maximum (\$400).</i> <i>If EU is Elderly/Disabled, allow the full Excess Shelter.</i>
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.

Compare the EU size and Net Income 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		-134.00
Minus	Medical Expense		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		692.02
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	346.01
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-802.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-455.99
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-400.00 (maximum)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	292.02

4 Person EU, Net income 292, allotment = 418

Example 2: 5 persons, \$731 wages, \$509 SSA, \$136 unemployment, \$100 rent, \$50 week child care expense for child over 2 (\$50x4.333=215.650, 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		-157.00
Minus	Medical Expense after \$35 Deduction		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-175.00 (maximum)
Equals	Adjusted Income		897.80
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	448.90
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-352.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	0.00
Subtract	Excess Shelter		0.00 (1/2 income > shelter expense)
Equals	Net Income		897.80

5 Person EU, Net income \$898, allotment = 331

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		-134.00
Minus	Medical Expense	166.92 -35.00	-131.92
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		460.08
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	230.04
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-652.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-421.96
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-421.96
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)	38.12

2 Person EU, Net income 38, allotment = 266

Example 4: 3 persons, \$234 Temporary Assistance, \$434.50 SSI, rent \$275, heat expense (SUA).

	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit		234.00
Plus	Unearned Income		+434.50
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		668.50
Minus	Standard Deduction		-134.00
	Medical Expense after \$35 Deduction		-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income		534.50
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	267.25
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-527.00
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-159.75
Subtract	Excess Shelter		-259.75
Equals	Net Income		274.75

3 Person EU, Net income \$275, allotment = 316