

## MANUALLY CALCULATING A FOOD STAMP BUDGET

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The chart below shows how we determine how many food stamps a household will receive.

	Temporary Assistance Benefit		
Plus	Unearned Income		
Plus	Gross Earned Income		
Minus	Court Ordered Child Support		
Minus	Farm Loss		
Minus	Earned Income Deduction (Gross Earned Income x 20%)		
<b>Equals</b>	<b>Total Income</b>		
Minus	Standard Deduction based upon household size		<b>Standard Deduction</b> 1-3 persons \$142 4 persons \$153 5 persons \$179 6 or more persons \$205
Minus	Medical Expense after Deduction		<b>Medical Expense Calculation</b> Medical Expense is calculated by subtracting \$35 from the total allowable medical expenses for the EU.
Minus	Dependent Care Expense		<b>Dependent Care Expense Maximums</b> Total amount of costs billed or incurred for care and transportation costs.
<b>Equals</b>	<b>Adjusted Income</b>		
	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 <b>Adjusted Income</b>		Determining allowable Excess Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If Shelter Expenses are less than half of the adjusted income, there is no excess shelter.</li> <li>• If the household is not Elderly/Disabled, allow the Possible Excess Shelter up to the maximum of \$458.</li> <li>• If the household is Elderly/Disabled, allow the full Excess Shelter.</li> </ul>
<b>Equals</b>	<b>Net Income</b>		<b>Net Income Rounding</b> Net income is rounded to the closest dollar. \$173.50 is rounded up to \$174. \$173.49 is rounded down to \$173.

The household size and net income are compared to determine the benefit using the [Basis of Issuance Tables](#).

<b>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.</b>				
	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			<b>826.02</b>
Minus	Standard Deduction			-153.00
Minus	Medical Expense			-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense			-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income			<b>673.02</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	336.51	
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-812.00	
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-475.49	
Subtract	Excess Shelter			-458.00 (Maximum)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)		<b>215.02</b>
4 Person EU, Net Income \$233.00, allotment = \$603				

<b>Example 2: 5 persons, \$731 wages, \$509 SSA, \$136 unemployment, \$100 rent, \$50 week child care expense for child over 2 (\$50x4.333=\$216.65), and received EA (SUA).</b>				
	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			<b>1229.80</b>
Minus	Standard Deduction			-179.00
Minus	Medical Expense			-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense			-216.65
Equals	Adjusted Income			<b>834.15</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	417.07	
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-362.00	
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	0.00	
Subtract	Excess Shelter			0.00 (1/2 income > shelter expense)
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)		<b>834.15</b>
5 Person EU, Net Income \$834, allotment = \$542				

<b>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).</b>				
	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			<b>726.00</b>
Minus	Standard Deduction			-142.00
Minus	Medical Expense	166.92 -35.00		-131.92
Minus	Dependent Care Expense			-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income			<b>452.08</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	226.54	
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-662.00	
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-435.46	
Subtract	Excess Shelter			-435.46
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)		<b>16.62</b>
2 Person EU, Net Income \$18, allotment = \$361				

<b>Example 4: 3 persons, \$234 Temporary Assistance, \$637.00 SSI, rent \$275, heat expense (SUA).</b>				
	UI Temporary Assistance Benefit			234.00
Plus	Unearned Income			+637.00
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			<b>871.00</b>
Minus	Standard Deduction			-142.00
Minus	Medical Expense			-0.00
Minus	Dependent Care Expense			-0.00
Equals	Adjusted Income			<b>729.00</b>
	Divide	Adjusted Income by two (2)	365.00	
	Subtract	Total Shelter Expense	-537.00	
	Equals	Possible Excess Shelter	-172.00	
Subtract	Excess Shelter			-172.00
Equals	Net Income	(Cannot be Less than Zero)		<b>557.00</b>
3 Person EU, Net Income \$558, allotment = \$358				