

of the CCMAS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies
- Endorsement of methods of analysis provisions and sampling plans in Codex standards
- Review of methods of analysis in CXS 234
- Cocoa products and chocolate workable package
- Fruit juices workable package
- Testing methods: nitrates and nitrites in certain food matrices
- Testing methods: Precautionary allergen labelling
- Harmonization of names and format for principles
- Information document: General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50–2004) e-book with sampling plans applications
- Other business and future work

#### Public Meeting

At the April 10, 2025 public meeting, agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Dr. Patrick Gray, U.S. Delegate to the 44th Session of the CCMAS, at [Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 44th Session of the CCMAS.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication online through the USDA Codex web page located at: <https://www.usda.gov/codex>.

Done at Washington, DC, on March 5, 2025.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program; 2025 Benefit Levels

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the levels of monthly benefits in the Summer

Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) Program. These adjustments reflect changes in the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

**DATES:** These benefit levels are in effect January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Fiala, Director, Summer EBT Program Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Suite 401, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, (703) 305–2590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 10.646 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

#### Summary

Section 13A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1762 established the value of Summer EBT benefits in 2024 at \$40 per child for each month of the summer and requires the Secretary to annually adjust the Summer EBT benefit amounts beginning in calendar year 2025, to reflect changes in the cost of food as measured by TFP rounded down to the nearest dollar increment.

USDA adjusted the Summer EBT benefit levels to reflect the differences between the costs of providing meals and supplements in the outlying areas (Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) and the 48 states and the District of Columbia, as consistent with law and other nutrition assistance programs. The benefit levels for the outlying areas were established in 2024 and are also annually adjusted. This notice provides the 2025 Summer EBT monthly and total summer benefit levels. The law requires the adjusted level to be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount. The total summer benefit level is the rounded down monthly level multiplied by three.

#### Calculation of Benefit Levels

**Contiguous States and Indian Tribal Organizations:** The adjustment is based on the monthly Thrifty Food Plan cost for a reference family of four. The change for the 12-month period ending on November 30th of the preceding calendar year is used to adjust the benefit level from the previous year. The November 2023 to November 2024 percent change is 1.55 percent, which results in a monthly benefit level of \$40 (rounded down from \$40.62). This adjustment results in no change in monthly benefit levels for 2025 as monthly benefits. The benefits for 2025 remain at \$40 monthly and \$120 total.

**Alaska:** The adjustments are based on the Alaska monthly Thrifty Food Plan cost for a reference family of four. The change for the 12-month period ending on November 30th of the preceding calendar year is used to adjust the benefit levels for the three Alaska geographic areas from the previous year. The November 2023 to November 2024 percent change is 1.56 percent. This percent change is applied to the Urban, Rural I, and Rural II benefit levels from the prior year and rounded down to the nearest dollar increment. The adjusted 2025 monthly benefit for Urban Alaska is \$52 (rounded down from \$52.51 and for Rural 1 Alaska is \$66; (rounded down from \$66.96); these are unchanged from 2024 as are the total summer benefits (\$156 and \$198, respectively). The monthly benefit for Rural 2 Alaska increases slightly from \$80 in 2024 to \$81 (rounded down from \$81.49) while total summer benefits increase to \$243 in 2025 from \$240 in 2024).

**Hawaii:** The adjustment is based on the Hawaii monthly Thrifty Food Plan cost for a reference family of four. The change for the 12-month period ending on November 30th of the preceding calendar year is used to adjust the benefit level from the previous year. The November 2023 to November 2024 percent change is 1.46 percent. The 2025 monthly benefit of \$59 (rounded down from \$59.71) and total summer benefits of \$177 are unchanged from 2024.

**U.S. Territories (Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands):** Monthly TFP costs for Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands are not currently produced and Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands do not participate in SNAP. Therefore, the adjustments are based on the same increase in monthly Thrifty Food Plan cost for the contiguous states

for a reference family of four. The change for the 12-month period ending on November 30th of the preceding calendar year is used to adjust the

benefit level from the previous year. The November 2023 to November 2024 percent change is 1.55 percent. The monthly 2025 benefits of \$59 (rounded

down from \$59.87) and \$177 for total are unchanged from 2024.

The 2025 benefit levels are presented below, along with the 2024 benefits.

TABLE OF 2025 BENEFIT LEVELS

	2024 Monthly	2025 Monthly	2024 Summer	2025 Summer
48 States and the District of Columbia .....	\$40	\$40	\$120	\$120
Alaska:				
Urban .....	52	52	156	156
Rural 1 .....	66	66	198	198
Rural 2 .....	80	81	240	243
Hawaii .....	59	59	177	177
Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands .....	59	59	177	177

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): 2025/2026 Income Eligibility Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (“Department”) announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

**DATES:** Applicable date July 1, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Post, Chief, WIC Administration, Benefits, and Certification Branch, Policy Division, FNS, USDA, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, 703-457-7708.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Executive Order 12866

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

##### Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C.

601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

#### Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, 48 FR 29100, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22675, May 31, 1984).

#### Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person’s eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income-eligible for the WIC Program if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted. Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2025 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 90 FR 5917 on January 17, 2025. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the “poverty guidelines.”

Program Regulations at 7 CFR 246.7(d)(1) specify that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals, or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for reduced-price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

Currently, the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid Program established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, *et seq.*). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, *i.e.*, earlier in the year, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 2025. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on or before July 1, 2025.