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 48 States and the District of Columbia

NOTE: These tables are extended to meet the needs of certain categorically eligible households. Therefore, the amounts shown on the tables are higher than the net income limits for some household sizes. Households which are not categorically eligible for food stamps must have incomes below the appropriate income limits.

To determine a household's monthly food stamp coupon allotment using the Basis of Issuance tables:

- 1) Calculate the household's net monthly income. Households which are not categorically eligible for food stamps will have net monthly incomes which are lower than or equal to the amounts shown in Column C on this page.
- 2) Find the allotment by reading in the attached tables down to the appropriate income and across to the appropriate household size.
- 3) Persons in household sizes one and two and which are categorically eligible will be eligible for benefits of at least \$10, even if the tables do not show a benefit amount at their net income levels.

To calculate the allotment manually (in lieu of Step 2 above) or if the household is size 21 or larger:

- 1) Multiply the net monthly income by 30 percent.
- 2) Round the product up to the next whole dollar if it ends in 1-99¢.
- 3) To obtain the household's allotment, subtract the result from the Maximum Allotment (Column D) for the appropriate household size. However, if the computation results in \$1, \$3, or \$5, round up to \$2, \$4 or \$6, respectively.
- 4) If the allotment is for a one- or two-person household and is less than \$10, or is a negative number, round to the minimum allotment of \$10 for one- or two-person households.

Household Size	Monthly Income Elderly/Disabled Separate Household* 165% of Poverty Column A	Maximum Gross Monthly Income* 130% of Poverty Column B	Maximum Net Monthly Income* 100% of Poverty Column C	Maximum Allotment Column D
1	\$1,281	\$1,009	\$ 776	\$ 149
2	1,718	1,354	1,041	274
3	2,155	1,698	1,306	393
4	2,592	2,043	1,571	499
5	3,030	2,387	1,836	592
6	3,467	2,732	2,101	711
7	3,904	3,076	2,366	786
8	4,341	3,421	2,631	898
Each Additional Member	+438	+345	+265	+112

* Maximum Gross and Net Monthly Income figures are not used for computing the coupon allotment. They are included as a reference for determining the household's eligibility.