

Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee
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ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Background

Montanans are eligible for certain public assistance programs if they meet eligibility standards, including income limits that are usually set as a percentage of the federal poverty level (FPL). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services updates the poverty guidelines annually. The tables in this document show:

- the eligibility standards for various public assistance programs, including key Medicaid categories; and
- the income requirements for the various percentages of the federal poverty level.

Eligibility Standards

Medicaid Category	Income as % of FPL	Allowable Assets
Parent/Caretaker Relative	24%	Not Counted
Aged/Blind/Disabled	Individual: \$771/month ¹ Couple: \$1,157/month	Individual: \$2,000 Couple: \$3,000
Expansion Group (ages 19 to 64)	138%	Not Counted
Children Under 19	143%	Not Counted
Pregnant Women	157%	Not Counted
Children in Foster Care/ Subsidized Adoption	Varies	Foster Care: \$3,000 Sub Adopt: Not Counted
Breast/Cervical Cancer	250%	Not Counted
Workers with Disabilities (Buy-In Program)	250%	Individual: \$15,000 Couple: \$30,000

Other Programs	Income as % of FPL	Allowable Assets
Healthy Montana Kids Plan	144% to 261%	Not Counted
SNAP: Categorical Eligibility	TANF Cash Assistance or SSI Eligibility	Not Counted
SNAP: Expanded Categorical ²	200% (gross income)	Not Counted
TANF	30% of 2011 FPL	\$3,000

¹ Income standards for this eligibility group are set at the Social Security Supplemental Security Income level.

² Expanded eligibility is conferred through receipt of a TANF-funded brochure providing information on community resources.

Gross Yearly Income at Various Levels of Poverty

Family Size	24% M: Parents	30% (2011) TANF	100% SNAP	138% M: Expansion	143% M: Children	157% M: Pregnant Women	250% M: Buy-In Breast/Cervical Cancer	261% HMK
1	\$2,998	\$3,264	\$12,490	\$17,236	\$17,861	\$19,609	\$31,225	\$32,599
2	\$4,058	\$4,416	\$16,910	\$23,336	\$24,181	\$26,549	\$42,275	\$44,135
3	\$5,119	\$5,556	\$21,300	\$29,435	\$30,502	\$33,488	\$53,325	\$55,671
4	\$6,180	\$6,708	\$25,750	\$35,535	\$36,823	\$40,428	\$64,375	\$67,208
5	\$7,241	\$7,848	\$30,170	\$41,635	\$43,143	\$47,367	\$75,425	\$78,744
6	\$8,302	\$9,000	\$34,590	\$47,734	\$49,464	\$54,306	\$86,475	\$90,280
7	\$9,362	\$10,140	\$39,010	\$53,834	\$55,784	\$61,246	\$97,525	\$101,816
8	\$10,423	\$11,292	\$43,430	\$59,933	\$62,105	\$68,185	\$108,575	\$113,352

Gross Monthly Income at Various Levels of Poverty

Family Size	24% M: Parents	30% (2011) TANF	100% SNAP	138% M: Expansion	143% M: Children	157% M: Pregnant Women	250% M: Buy-In Breast/Cervical Cancer	261% HMK
1	\$250	\$272	\$1,041	\$1,436	\$1,488	\$1,634	\$2,603	\$2,717
2	\$338	\$368	\$1,409	\$1,945	\$2,015	\$2,212	\$3,523	\$3,678
3	\$427	\$463	\$1,778	\$2,453	\$2,542	\$2,791	\$4,444	\$4,639
4	\$515	\$559	\$2,146	\$2,961	\$3,069	\$3,369	\$5,365	\$5,601
5	\$603	\$654	\$2,514	\$3,470	\$3,595	\$3,947	\$6,285	\$6,562
6	\$692	\$750	\$2,883	\$3,978	\$4,122	\$4,526	\$7,207	\$7,523
7	\$780	\$845	\$3,251	\$4,486	\$4,649	\$5,104	\$8,128	\$8,485
8	\$869	\$941	\$3,619	\$4,994	\$5,175	\$5,682	\$9,048	\$9,446

*M = Medicaid.