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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

2021 INCOME STANDARDS

BACKGROUND

Montanans are eligible for various public assistance programs if they meet eligibility standards specific to the program, 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 income and resource standards for various public assistance programs; and
- the income requirements for various percentages of the federal poverty level.

Medicaid Category	Income as % of FPL	Allowable Assets
Parent/Caretaker Relative	24%*	Not Counted
Aged/Blind/Disabled	Individual: \$794/month** Couple: \$1,191	Individual: \$2,000 Couple: \$3,000
Expansion Group (ages 19 through 64)	133%*	Not Counted
Children Under 19 Years of Age	143%*	Not Counted
Pregnant Women	157%*	Not Counted
Breast/Cervical Cancer	250%	Not Counted
Workers with Disabilities (Buy-In Program)	250%	Individuals: \$15,000 Couple: \$30,000
Other Programs		
Healthy Montana Kids Plan (HMK)	144% to 261%*	Not Counted
SNAP: Categorical Eligibility	TANF Cash Assistance or SSI Eligibility	Not Counted
SNAP: Expanded Eligibility	200% (Gross Income)***	Not Counted
TANF	30% of 2011 FPL**** (Net Income)	\$3,000

* An additional 5% income disregard effectively raises the eligibility standard for this category by 5% from the listed level.

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

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

The tables below reflect the effective eligibility standards and related annual and monthly dollar amounts for the various programs; some income levels are slightly higher than the chart on Page 1 because of the 5% income disregard allowed for people who are eligible based on modified adjusted gross income.

GROSS YEARLY INCOME

Family Size	29% M: Parents	30% (2011) TANF	100% SNAP	138% M: Expansion	148% M: Children	162% M: Pregnant Women	250% M: Buy-In Breast/Cervical Cancer	266% HMK
1	\$3,735	\$3,267	\$12,880	\$17,774	\$19,062	\$20,866	\$32,200	\$34,261
2	\$5,052	\$4,413	\$17,420	\$24,040	\$25,782	\$28,220	\$43,550	\$46,337
3	\$6,368	\$5,559	\$21,960	\$30,305	\$32,501	\$35,575	\$54,900	\$58,414
4	\$7,685	\$6,705	\$26,500	\$36,570	\$39,220	\$42,930	\$66,250	\$70,490
5	\$9,002	\$7,851	\$31,040	\$42,835	\$45,939	\$50,285	\$77,600	\$82,566
6	\$10,318	\$8,997	\$35,580	\$49,100	\$52,658	\$57,640	\$88,950	\$94,643
7	\$11,635	\$10,143	\$40,120	\$55,366	\$59,378	\$64,994	\$100,300	\$106,719
8	\$12,951	\$11,289	\$44,660	\$61,631	\$66,097	\$72,349	\$111,650	\$118,796

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME

Family Size	29% M: Parents	30% (2011) TANF	100% SNAP	138% M: Expansion	148% M: Children	162% M: Pregnant Women	250% M: Buy-In Breast/Cervical Cancer	266% HMK
1	\$311	\$272	\$1,073	\$1,481	\$1,588	\$1,738	\$2,683	\$2,854
2	\$421	\$368	\$1,452	\$2,004	\$2,149	\$2,352	\$3,630	\$3,862
3	\$531	\$463	\$1,830	\$2,525	\$2,708	\$2,965	\$4,575	\$4,868
4	\$640	\$559	\$2,208	\$3,047	\$3,268	\$3,577	\$5,520	\$5,873
5	\$750	\$654	\$2,587	\$3,570	\$3,829	\$4,191	\$6,468	\$6,881
6	\$860	\$750	\$2,965	\$4,092	\$4,388	\$4,803	\$7,413	\$7,887
7	\$969	\$845	\$3,343	\$4,613	\$4,948	\$5,416	\$8,358	\$8,892
	\$1,079	\$941	\$3,722	\$5,136	\$5,509	\$6,030	\$9,305	\$9,901

