

Child & Adult Care Food Program

Income Eligibility Guidelines

The Income Eligibility Guidelines are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals in the Child & Adult Care Food Program and other Child Nutrition Programs. These income levels are updated annually based on changes to the Consumer Price Index, as required by the National School Lunch Act.

Alaska Income Eligibility Guidelines July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Household Size	Reduced Price Meals – 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines					Free Meals – 130 % of Federal Poverty Guidelines				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	24,050	2,005	1,003	925	463	16,900	1,409	705	650	325
2	32,375	2,698	1,349	1,246	623	22,750	1,896	948	875	438
3	40,700	3,392	1,696	1,566	783	28,600	2,384	1,192	1,110	550
4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943	34,450	2,871	1,436	1,325	663
5	57,350	4,780	2,390	2,206	1,103	40,300	3,359	1,680	1,550	775
6	65,675	5,473	2,737	2,526	1,263	46,150	3,846	1,923	1,775	888
7	74,000	6,167	3,084	2,847	1,424	52,000	4,334	2,167	2,000	1,000
8	82,325	6,861	3,431	3,167	1,584	57,850	4,821	2,411	2,225	1,113
For each additional family member add										
	8,325	694	347	321	161	5,850	488	244	225	113

Definitions

Family: A household or family is defined as a group of related or unrelated individuals who are living as one economic unit.

Income: The money received by **all members** of the household **before** such **deductions** as taxes and Social Security is considered income. It includes the following: salary or wages; earnings from self-employment, including fishing and farming; welfare and unemployment; child support and alimony; strike benefits; Social Security, pensions, retirement and disability payments; and other cash income received or withdrawn from any source which would be available for payment of a child's meal. All household members' Permanent Fund Dividend must be prorated as contributing to the total monthly household income. Food Stamp benefits are not included or considered as income.

Current income: The income received by all members of the household during the month prior to application, unless this income was much higher or lower than usual. If income is much higher or lower than usual, projected annual income is used.

Projected annual income: The expected income for this year. (total of 12 months of income, starting from the month prior to application) Self-employed and seasonal individuals such as fishermen and farmers should use projected annual income.

Acronyms for Public Assistance:

ATAP = Alaska Temporary Assistance Program

NFAP = Native Family Assistance Program

FS = Food Stamps