

## Quick Food Stamp Screener

These two quick questions will tell you if you may qualify for Food Stamps.

1. *How many people live in your home and buy and prepare food together?*

→ This is the size of your household.

2. *About how much does your family have in income each month/year BEFORE TAXES?*

→ If your gross income is under the limit (130% of the Federal Poverty Level), you may be eligible and should apply!

FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY LEVELS October 2009 – September 2010		
People in Household	130% of Federal Poverty Level Gross Monthly Income Limits	130% of Federal Poverty Level Gross Annual Income Limits
1	\$1,174	\$14,088
2	1,579	18,984
3	1,984	23,808
4	2,389	28,668
5	2,794	33,528
6	3,200	38,400
7	3,605	43,260
8	4,010	48,120
Each additional person	406	4,872

**But wait!** Under an exciting new rule, food stamps are available to even more people. There is no longer an asset test. And, if your household has income over 130% of the Federal Poverty Level, but less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, you may be *categorically eligible* for food stamps, **especially if you have high housing and/or child care costs**. Contact D.C. Hunger Solutions at (202) 986-2200 x3042 or Bread for the City at (202) 386-7077 to learn more.



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FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY LEVELS March 15, 2010 – September 2010		
People in Household	200% of Federal Poverty Level Gross Monthly Income Limits	200% of Federal Poverty Level Gross Annual Income Limits
1	\$1,805	\$21,660
2	2,428	29,140
3	3,052	36,620
4	3,675	44,100
5	4,298	51,580
6	4,922	59,060
7	5,545	66,540
8	6,168	74,020
Each additional person	623	7,480

### How much will I get each month?

Your benefit level depends on your *net income* (your gross income minus certain deductions) and could range from \$16 (minimum benefit level) to the maximum benefit for you household size (see below). In July 2009, the average benefit per person in D.C. was \$139.

Households with three or more members who are categorically eligible but who have a relatively high net income may have a very low benefit level or a benefit of \$0. However, these households can report changes (i.e. increase in housing or child care costs, loss of a job, addition or loss of a household member) and possibly receive increased benefits without applying again.

FOOD STAMP MAXIMUM BENEFIT LEVELS October 2009 – September 2010	
People in Household	Maximum Benefit
1	\$200
2	367
3	526
4	668
5	793
6	952
7	1,052
8	1,202
Each additional person	add 150



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**To Apply for Food Stamps:**

You can go to the nearest food stamp office to pick up and complete a food stamp application OR you can mail a completed application to any of the IMA service centers. For an electronic copy of the combined application, visit

<http://dhs.dc.gov/dhs/cwp/view,a,3,q,568277,dhsNav,%7C30980%7C.asp>.

<b>Food Stamp Offices</b>		
<b>Hours:</b> M - F: 8:15am - 4:45pm; Wed: 8:15am - 8pm. - Some offices may open at 7:30am.		
<b>Office</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Anacostia	2100 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE	645-4614
Congress Heights	4001 South Capitol Street, SW	645-4546
Fort Davis	3851 Alabama Avenue, SE	645-4500
H Street	645 H Street, NE	698-4350
Taylor Street	1207 Taylor Street, NW	576-8000

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