



Policy 614 – Income Eligibility: Current Income Guidelines

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Policy

Local WIC staff will use the current income guidelines when determining income eligibility.

Purpose

To ensure that income eligible applicants and participants receive WIC services.

Relevant Regulations

§246.7 ¶(d)(1)(ii)—Annual adjustments in the income guideline

§246.7 ¶(d)(1)(iii)—Implementation of the income guideline annually

Oregon WIC PPM References

◆ [611—Income Eligibility: Determining Income Eligibility](#)

Appendices

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Definitions

Annual Income Guidelines: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) updates the federal poverty income levels annually. Local programs will implement the new guidelines according to State instructions. The statewide WIC income eligibility standard is 185% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Household Size: A person or group of people, related or not, who usually (though not necessarily) live together, and whose income and consumption of goods or services are related and who are not residents of an institution. The key consideration in determining when individuals or groups are a household (or economic unit) is whether they generate the income which sustains them, i.e., room, board and medical care. When determining a household size of a pregnant person applying for WIC, first determine income eligibility by counting the pregnant person as one. If they do not meet income eligibility requirements, local program staff may count both the pregnant person and the unborn baby as members of the household. When the person is pregnant with multiple fetuses, count each fetus as an additional member of the household. The pregnant person may waive this increase in household size.

Income: Gross income, including overtime, before deductions for income taxes, employees' social security taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, etc. The determination of the amount of a household's gross income shall not be considered reduced for any reason (e.g. financial hardships, medical bills, child support). Farmers and self-employed use net income. Net income is determined by subtracting the operating expenses from the gross income.

Procedure

1. Income guidelines

- 1.1 WIC staff will use the current income guidelines provided by the state WIC program when determining income eligibility.
 - 1.1.1 The data system automatically calculates income using the current income guidelines. When unsure if printed sources are current, use the income guidelines posted on the Oregon WIC web page.
 - 1.1.2 Income guidelines are generally updated once a year, usually in April or May. When new guidelines are provided all printed materials, local web pages, or outreach materials must be updated or replaced with new versions.
 - 1.1.3 Local agencies will be notified when updates occur or if the annual updates are being delayed for any reason.
- 1.2 WIC income guidelines are public information. Local programs must give information about current WIC income guidelines to the public upon request.
 - 1.2.1 The WIC income guidelines are also posted on the Oregon WIC web page. Direct the public to:
<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HealthyPeopleFamilies/wic/Pages/income.aspx> for more information.

Policy History

Policy History Table

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7/28/2010	Revision
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4/20/2023	Revision – updated IEG
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7/01/2026	Minor Revision

The date at the top of the policy is the date of the most recent release. Policies become effective on the release date. Policy changes become compliance findings 6 months from the release date.

Major Revision: Policies with content changes that impact local agency functions. Please review all policies with major revisions. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) reviewed and approved these changes.

Minor Revision: Changes in policy that have small impacts on local agency functions. Minor edits, grammatical updates, clarifications, and/or formatting changes have occurred in these policies.

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Reviewed: The policy was checked for accuracy. Minor formatting changes may have been made.

Date of Origin: Date policy was initially released.

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Appendix A

OREGON WIC PROGRAM

Income Eligibility Criteria

Effective July 1, 2026



Gross Household Income

The WIC income standard is 185% of the federal poverty level.

Number of Person(s) In Household	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every 2 weeks	Weekly
1	\$29,526	\$2,461	\$1,231	\$1,136	\$568
2	\$40,034	\$3,337	\$1,669	\$1,540	\$770
3	\$50,542	\$4,212	\$2,106	\$1,944	\$972
4	\$61,050	\$5,088	\$2,544	\$2,349	\$1,175
5	\$71,558	\$5,964	\$2,982	\$2,753	\$1,377
6	\$82,066	\$6,839	\$3,420	\$3,157	\$1,579
7	\$92,574	\$7,715	\$3,858	\$3,561	\$1,781
8	\$103,082	\$8,591	\$4,296	\$3,965	\$1,983
Each additional household member add:	+\$10,508	+\$876	+\$438	+\$405	+\$203

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