

Household

- ◆ A person or group of people, related or not, who usually (though not necessarily) live together and whose income and consumption of goods and services are related.
- ◆ When determining the size of household for a pregnant WIC applicant, count each fetus as an additional household member, unless the woman specifically waives the increase in number.

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).
- ◆ Individuals who can prove they are certified as fully eligible for Medicaid (the Oregon Health Plan), TANF, SNAP or FDPIR are considered automatically income eligible for WIC.

Income Includes:

1. Cash from salary (including overtime), wages, fees.
2. Net income from farm and non-farm self-employment.
3. Social security.
4. Dividends or interest on savings or bonds, estates, trusts, or net rental income.
5. Public assistance or TANF payments.
6. Unemployment compensation.
7. Government civilian employee or military retirement payments, or veteran's payments.
8. Private pensions or annuities.
9. Alimony or child support payment.
10. Regular contributions from persons not living in the household.
11. Net royalties.
12. Student loan amounts in excess of attendance costs. Attendance costs are regular tuition and fees for students carrying at least a half-time workload as determined by the institution, and allowance for books, supplies, and transportation required by the course of study.
13. Other cash income or allowances from any resources that are readily available to the household.

See WIC Policies 610 – 616 for more information about income eligibility.

