



## Policy 614

### Income Eligibility: Current Income Guidelines

July 1, 2025

#### 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

- 1.0 WIC staff will use the current income guidelines provided by the state WIC program when determining income eligibility.
  - 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.
  - 1.2. 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.
  - 1.3. Local agencies will be notified when updates occur or if the annual updates are being delayed for any reason.
- 2.0 WIC income guidelines are public information. Local programs must give information about current WIC income guidelines to the public upon request.
  - 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.

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## POLICY HISTORY

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7/28/2010	Revision
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4/25/2022	Revision – updated IEG
4/20/2023	Revision – updated IEG
4/4/2024	Revision – updated IEG
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Release notes can be found in the corresponding document on the [Policy and Procedure Manual page](#).

**\*Major Revisions:** Significant content changes made to policy.

**Minor Revisions:** Minor edits, grammatical updates, clarifications, and/or formatting changes have occurred.

**Date of Origin:** Date policy was initially released

## APPENDIX A

### OREGON WIC PROGRAM Income Eligibility Criteria Effective July 1, 2025



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

Number of Person(s) In Household	Gross Household Income				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every 2 weeks	Weekly
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
Each additional household member add:	+\$10,175	+\$848	+\$424	+\$392	+\$196

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