

**Do you qualify? Go to the SNAP website (<https://www.snap-step1.usda.gov/fns/>) and use their benefits estimator, noting that each state has its website to apply for benefits. Change the income and asset levels and see how the expected benefits change. At what level are people ineligible? What is the smallest amount of benefits a person may receive? What is the largest amount of benefits a person may receive? Change the household size. How does this affect the benefits?**

Through using the SNAP Estimator for NYC, I found that the people that were considered ineligible were those whose household consist of one person with a monthly household income before taxes of \$2000 and over from jobs or self-employment. An ineligible person household also has no member who is 60 or older or someone who is disabled. The ineligible person according to the estimator may include a person who has 6 people in their household with a monthly income of \$6500, a monthly household income from other sources of \$1000, a monthly dependent care cost of \$500, and a monthly rent of \$1800.

The smallest amount a person can receive for SNAP benefits per month is \$23.00. This amount is possible for a person whose monthly household income is \$1200, with no other source of income, disabilities, dependents, etc. The largest amount a person can receive is \$3168 per month. This is likely to occur when the person's household size is 15 people with a monthly household income of \$1000, a monthly dependent care cost of \$500, and monthly rent of \$1700.00. Changes in household size can lead to an increase or decrease amount of benefits a person may receive monthly. When I used the SNAP estimator to calculate my monthly benefits, the results showed that I was ineligible.