

According to the website Access HRA in NYC, you are eligible for SNAP if your household has less than \$100 in cash or other available resources, and you will have less than \$150 in gross income (before taxes) during the month that you apply. Your combined income and available resources in the month that you apply are less than the total of your rent or mortgage plus heat, utilities, and phone bills. When I utilized the Snap estimator, I reported an income of 1200.00 a month with rental payments of 263.00; no dependents were reported. The results were: You may be eligible for SNAP benefits. If you apply and are approved, your benefit may be \$697 per month. When I changed the income to 2,000 monthly with monthly rent being 1,500 and having three dependents my results were: You may be eligible for SNAP benefits. If you apply and are approved, your benefit may be \$505 per month. Although expenditure the income increased, the number of dependents increased as well as the monthly expenditure the amount of SNAP decreased.

During my research I noticed that in the state of NY the allotted amount of SNAP benefits is based on your income. The more income you receive the less amount of SNAP benefits you will be eligible for. The number of dependents as well as your monthly expenses seem to make very little difference. When my income was estimated at 1200.00 monthly and my monthly expenses were 263.00, The eligibility was 687 per month in SNAP benefits, Although the individual still had 937.00 of their paychecks to utilize for food or any other expense. When the income information was changed, and the monthly income was now 2,000 with the monthly expenses of 1500 the approval amount was now 505.00 which was 192 dollars less in SNAP than the previous approval. The fact that this family had less income to utilize for food and expenses

as well as three dependents made very little difference in the approval. Once the income went above a certain guideline the approval amount was less per person. (ACCESS NYC, n.d.)

The minimum benefit amount a person can be eligible for is as low as \$20. The maximum that a person is eligible for is also determined by the size of the household as well as monthly income. The max number of household members that you can add on an application is 15. If your household income is between 3,000- 4,000 a month and your household consist of 15 members the most you are eligible for if you apply and are approved, your benefit may be \$3014 per month. The level that made people ineligible was when the amount of monthly income was above 98,000 with no dependents and the monthly expenditure was low or zero. Part of the SNAP eligibility criteria are a household's net income, which means the household's total income minus some specific deductions for things like rent or mortgage payments, utility expenses, and medical expenses in some cases. (ACCESS NYC, n.d.)

References

ACCESS NYC. (n.d.). ACCESS NYC. <https://access.nyc.gov/>