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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 own 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?

I tried the NY SNAP benefits estimator using my income. I do not qualify for benefits because I have no eligible dependents. A single individual with my income does not qualify for SNAP. I used the same income (\$3,091 monthly) for a family of 4. With a family of 4, paying a monthly rent of \$1300, and paying for childcare, \$300, I qualify for SNAP in the amount of \$142 monthly.

The second time an individual with an elderly or disabled member with an income of \$1200 monthly and living in a shelter with no other income, I'll receive benefits in the amount of a \$335 allotment.

One is eligible when the gross income exceeds the maximum monthly allotment. I received fewer benefits for working and paying rent and childcare out of pocket than a disabled person with an income of \$1200 monthly and living in a shelter.

The smallest amount a person can receive is \$23. When calculating using my income, if I had included a child, I would have \$23 in SNAP benefits I will receive. The maximum for SNAP benefits for a household of 8 is \$1691, and \$281 for each additional.

The size of the household matters. A single mother with one child is not going to get the same amount in SNAP benefits compared to a Single mother of two unless the mother of two is working and earning more than minimum wage; income is also significant.