

## Journal 7 Social Welfare

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?

In order to qualify for SNAP benefits in New York City you must meet certain eligibility factors which include having documentation for identity (Prove you are U.S Citizen or legal alien with a resident card), Proof of address, age, income and have a valid social security number. As of October 2022, the maximum income is \$1,473 a month for one person with annual gross income of \$17,676. I know for New York the average snap benefit for one person is a maximum of \$281 per month and during the pandemic the person received \$95 extra every month till March 2023 because of additional state funding. People become ineligible depending if they don't have documentation for example an immigrant with a US citizen child will only qualify for benefits because of the child and not herself because she doesn't have valid social security. The smallest amount of benefit a person can receive depends on the person resources that count as assets. The largest amount depends on the household composition and how many people in the household will qualify for it. Example a household of four a working mom and her children will get more benefits then the person with one child. The household size affects benefit amount because they calculate everyone's income.