

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
 Division of Child and Family Well-Being, Community Nutrition Services Section
 CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FY 2026



The following household size and incomes are used to determine CACFP eligibility categories of Free, Reduced, or Paid/Denied. Dollar amounts below show the upper end of the Free and Reduced income categories. Incomes below the dollar amount in the Free column are classified as Free. If the family income is over the dollar amount in the Free column, but less than the dollar amount in the Reduced column, the income eligibility is classified as Reduced. Incomes over the Reduced dollar amount in the Reduced column are classified as Paid/Denied.

Effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL		MONTHLY		TWICE PER MONTH		EVERY TWO WEEKS		WEEKLY	
	Free No greater than	Reduced No greater than								
1	\$20,345	\$28,953	\$1,696	\$2,413	\$848	\$1,207	\$783	\$1,114	\$392	\$557
2	\$27,495	\$39,128	\$2,292	\$3,261	\$1,146	\$1,631	\$1,058	\$1,505	\$529	\$753
3	\$34,645	\$49,303	\$2,888	\$4,109	\$1,444	\$2,055	\$1,333	\$1,897	\$667	\$949
4	\$41,795	\$59,478	\$3,483	\$4,957	\$1,742	\$2,479	\$1,608	\$2,288	\$804	\$1,144
5	\$48,945	\$69,653	\$4,079	\$5,805	\$2,040	\$2,903	\$1,883	\$2,679	\$942	\$1,340
6	\$56,095	\$79,828	\$4,675	\$6,653	\$2,338	\$3,327	\$2,158	\$3,071	\$1,079	\$1,536
7	\$63,245	\$90,003	\$5,271	\$7,501	\$2,636	\$3,751	\$2,433	\$3,462	\$1,217	\$1,731
8	\$70,395	\$100,178	\$5,867	\$8,349	\$2,934	\$4,175	\$2,708	\$3,853	\$1,354	\$1,927
For each additional family member, add:	\$7,150	\$10,175	\$596	\$848	\$298	\$424	\$275	\$392	\$138	\$196

Example: A household of 4 with a yearly income of \$42,000 would be classified as Reduced.