

BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

Broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE) is a policy that makes most households categorically eligible for SNAP because they qualify for a non-cash Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or State maintenance of effort (MOE) funded benefit. The chart below shows which States implemented BBCE, the programs that confer BBCE, the asset limit of the TANF/MOE program, and the gross income limit of the TANF/MOE program.

BBCE cannot limit eligibility. Households with seniors or disabled members that are not eligible for the program that confers categorical eligibility may apply for and receive SNAP under regular SNAP rules. Under regular program rules, households with elderly or disabled members do not need to meet the gross income limit, but must meet the net income limit.

States (43)	TANF/MOE Program Description	Asset Limit of TANF/MOE Program	Gross Income Limit of TANF/MOE Program ¹
Alabama	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Arizona	All households are eligible (referral on application)	No limit on assets	200%
California	All households are eligible (pamphlet)	No limit on assets	130%
Colorado	All households are eligible (notice on application)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Connecticut	All households are eligible (Help for People in Need brochure)	No limit on assets	185%
Delaware	All households are eligible (application refers to pregnancy prevention hotline)	No limit on assets	200%
District of Columbia	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Florida	All households are eligible (notice)	No limit on assets	200%
Georgia	All households are eligible (TANF Community Outreach Services brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Guam	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	165%
Hawaii	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Idaho	All households are eligible (flyer about referral service)	\$5,000	130%

¹ This column represents the gross income limit for the TANF-funded benefit for households with no elderly or disabled members. All income limits are percentages of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG).

² In these states, households with seniors or people with disabilities and gross income under 200 percent of poverty do not face an asset limit. Those over 200 percent of poverty are not categorically eligible and do face a \$3,000 asset limit.

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Illinois	All households (guide to services brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Iowa	All households are eligible (notice of eligibility)	No limit on assets	160%
Kentucky	All households (resource guide)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Louisiana	All households (information handout)	No limit on assets	130%
Maine	All households (resource guide)	No limit on assets	185%
Maryland	All households (referral to services on application)	No limit on assets	200%
Massachusetts	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets ²	200% ³
Michigan	All households are eligible (notice on application)	\$5,000 (first vehicle is excluded; other vehicles with fair market value over \$15,000 are counted)	200%
Minnesota	All households are eligible (domestic violence brochure)	No limit on assets	165%
Mississippi	All households are eligible (language on notice)	No limit on assets	130%
Montana	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Nebraska	All households are eligible (pamphlet)	\$25,000 for liquid assets	130%
Nevada	All households are eligible (pregnancy prevention information on application)	No limit on assets	200%
New Hampshire	Households with at least one dependent child (brochure)	No limit on assets	185%
New Mexico	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	165%
New Jersey	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	185%
New York	Households with dependent care expenses are eligible (brochure mailed yearly)	No limit on assets ²	130%
North Carolina	All households are eligible	No limit on assets	200%
North Dakota	All households are eligible (Statement on application/recertification forms and pamphlet)	No limit on assets	200%
Ohio	All households (Ohio Benefit Bank info on approval notice)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Oklahoma	All households (certification	No limit on assets	130%

³ Households without children (age 18 or younger) have a gross income limit of 130 percent of FPG.

States (43)	TANF/MOE Program Description	Asset Limit of TANF/MOE Program	Gross Income Limit of TANF/MOE Program¹
	notice has website & 800-number about marriage classes)		
Oregon	All households (pamphlet)	No limit on assets	185%
Pennsylvania	All households (pamphlet)	\$9,000 for elderly and disabled; \$5,000 for all other households ²	160%
Rhode Island	All households (publication)	No limit on assets ²	185%
South Carolina	All households (pamphlet)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Texas	All households (Info on various services provided on application)	Asset limit of \$5,000 (excludes 1 vehicle & includes excess vehicle value)	165%
Vermont	All households (bookmark with telephone number and website for services)	No limit on assets	185%
Virgin Islands	All households (brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Washington	All households (Info & Referral Services provided on approval letter)	No limit on assets	200%
West Virginia	All households (Information and Referral Services program brochure)	No limit on assets	130%
Wisconsin	All households (Job Net Services language on approval and change notices)	No limit on assets	200%

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