

Are You Eligible?

- **WIC** - You may qualify if: 1) You live in Wisconsin; 2) You are pregnant, breast feeding or a new mother; 3) You have an infant or children under 5 years of age; 6) You or your children have a health or nutrition need; and 7) you have a household income (before tax deduction) that meets WIC income guidelines. **For more information about WIC, contact the** Ozaukee County Health Department at (262) 284-8170 or (262) 238-8170.
- **Food Stamps** - To get food stamps, households must meet certain tests, including resource and income tests. There are a number of allowable deductions that will affect net income. Household resources (such as a car) are also used in determining eligibility. **Call** Ozaukee Co. Dept. of Social Services at (262) 284-8200 or (262) 238-8200 **for more information.**
- **Healthy Start Insurance** - You qualify if you are pregnant and/or have a child under 19 years of age, or need help paying for health care for you and your children. Healthy Start is part of the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid). It pays for medical care for pregnant women, babies, and children. It covers most babies until they are one year of age, even if the family's income goes up. Families with health insurance may apply. If you are under-insured and/or you don't have health coverage for prenatal care services or the birth of the baby you may be eligible for Healthy Start. **Call the Maternal and Child Health Hotline at 1-800-722-2295 for more information.**
- **BadgerCare Health Insurance for Working Families** - To be eligible: 1) You must have children under age 19 living with you; 2) Your income must be within the guideline limits; 3) There is no limit on assets; and 4) You must not be covered by health insurance. **If you think you might be eligible, call 1-800-362-3002** or Ozaukee County Social Services at (262) 284-8200 or (262) 238-8200.

The Department of Health and Human Services issues the poverty guidelines each year. The guidelines are used to determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs.



Programs using the guidelines, or percentage multiples of the guidelines (for instance, 130% or 185% of the guidelines), include:

- The Food Stamp Program
- WIC
- The National School Lunch Program
- The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Healthy Start Children's Health Insurance Program
- BadgerCare Health Insurance for Wisconsin Working Families

Note: The Earned Income Tax Credit program does not use the poverty guidelines to determine eligibility. Each program may have additional requirements to determine eligibility. Call your local Extension office for information on any of these resources or other related to housing, health and income.

For basic information on nutrition programs, health insurance, energy assistance, child care, disabilities, economic support, job assistance and tax credits that limited income families may qualify for, visit the Wisconsin Connections web site at: www.uwex.edu/ces/connections

2003 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Web Site: <http://aspe.os.dhfs.gov/poverty/03poverty.htm>

Guidelines are based on Gross Income

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines			130% of Poverty			150% of Poverty			185% of Poverty		
	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$ 8,980	\$ 748	\$ 173	\$ 11,674	\$ 973	\$225	\$13,470	\$1,123	\$259	\$ 16,613	\$ 1,384	\$ 319
2	12,120	1,010	233	15,756	1,313	303	18,180	1,515	350	22,422	1,869	431
3	15,260	1,272	293	19,838	1,653	382	22,890	1,908	440	28,231	2,353	543
4	18,400	1,533	354	23,920	1,993	460	27,600	2,300	531	34,040	2,837	655
5	21,540	1,795	414	28,002	2,334	539	32,310	2,693	621	39,849	3,321	766
6	24,680	2,057	475	32,084	2,674	617	37,020	3,085	712	45,658	3,805	878
7	27,820	2,318	535	36,166	3,014	696	41,730	3,478	803	51,467	4,289	990
8	30,960	2,580	595	40,248	3,354	774	46,440	3,870	893	57,276	4,773	1,101
For each additional family member	+ \$3,140 per person	+ \$262 per person	+ \$60 per person	+ \$4,082 per person	+ \$340 per person	+ \$79 per person	+ \$4,710 per person	+ \$392 per person	+ \$91 per person	+ \$5,809 per person	+ \$485 per person	+ \$112 per person

Income is only one guideline used to determine eligibility. To see if you qualify, contact the specific program for details (see other side).

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