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Go to [Cash Benefits, Cash Assistance, Qualifying for Cash Assistance, Income](#), for an explanation of the NYC Monthly Cash Assistance Income Guidelines, as well as an explanation of the chart below.

NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) Cash Assistance Income Eligibility Chart for Households with Children						
HH Size	185% Standard of Need Test	100% FPL Test	Basic CA Allowance	Home Energy Allowance	Maximum Shelter Allowance	Maximum CA Grant or Standard of Need (SON)
1	\$851.19	\$1,041	\$158	\$25.10	\$277.00	\$460.10
2	\$1,062.83	\$1,409	\$252	\$39.50	\$283.00	\$574.50
3	\$1,459.65	\$1,778	\$336	\$53.00	\$400.00	\$789.00
4	\$1,760.65	\$2,146	\$433	\$68.70	\$450.00	\$951.70
5	\$2,071.45	\$2,514	\$534	\$84.70	\$501.00	\$1,119.70
6	\$2,290.67	\$2,883	\$617	\$97.20	\$524.00	\$1,238.20
7	\$2,511.75	\$3,251	\$702	\$109.70	\$546.00	\$1,357.70
8	\$2,692.12	\$3,619	\$787	\$122.20	\$546.00	\$1,455.20
Add \$85.00 for each additional person for Basic CA Allowance. Add \$12.50 for each additional person for Home Energy Allowance.						

NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) Cash Assistance Income Eligibility Chart for Households without Children						
HH Size	185% Standard of Need Test	100% FPL Test	Basic CA Allowance	Home Energy Allowance	Maximum Shelter Allowance	Maximum CA Grant or SON
1	\$736.49	\$1,005	\$158	\$25.10	\$215.00	\$398.10
2	\$1,001.78	\$1,353	\$252	\$39.50	\$250.00	\$541.50
3	\$1,248.75	\$1,702	\$336	\$53.00	\$286.00	\$675.00
4	\$1,505.35	\$2,050	\$433	\$68.70	\$312.00	\$813.70

Cash Assistance Resource Limits

All households: \$2,000

Households with a member age 60 and over: \$3,000.



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Go to [Cash Benefits, Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\), Qualifying for SSI, Income](#), for more information on NYS Living Arrangements, as well as common income disregards for SSI.

SSI Benefit Rate 2021						
NYS Living Arrangement	Individual			Couple		
	Federal	NYS	Total	Federal	NYS	Total
Living Alone	\$794	\$87	<b>\$881</b>	\$1,191	\$104	<b>\$1,295</b>
Living with Others	\$794	\$23	<b>\$817</b>	\$1,191	\$46	<b>\$1,237</b>
Living in the Household of Another	\$529.34	\$23	<b>\$552.34</b>	\$794	\$46	<b>\$840</b>

SSI Resource Limits

An Individual: \$2,000

A Couple: \$3,000



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Go to *Cash Benefits*, [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](#), [Budgeting SSI Recipients in Congregate Care facilities](#), for an explanation of Congregate Care Facilities

SSI Benefit Rate for Congregate Care Facilities in NYS 2021						
NYS Living Arrangement	Individual			Couple		
	Federal SSI Rate	NYS SSP	Maximum Amount	Federal SSI Rate	NYS SSP	Maximum Amount
<u><b>Congregate Care Level 1 – Family Care</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYC, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester</li> <li>• Rest of the State</li> <li>• Personal Needs Allowance</li> </ul>	\$794	\$266.48	\$1,060.48	\$1,191	\$923.96	\$2,114.96
	\$794	\$228.48	\$1,022.48 \$152	\$1,191	\$847.96	\$2,038.96 \$152 each
<u><b>Congregate Care Level 2 – Residential Care</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYC, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester</li> <li>• Rest of the State</li> <li>• Personal Needs Allowance</li> </ul>	\$794	\$435	\$1,229	\$1,191	\$1,261	\$2,452
	\$794	\$405	\$1,199 \$176	\$1,191	\$1,201	\$2,392 \$176 each
<u><b>Congregate Care Level 3 – School for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entire State</li> <li>• Personal Needs Allowance</li> </ul>	\$794	\$694	\$1,488 \$210	\$1,191	\$1,779	\$2,970 \$210 each



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Go to [Cash Benefits](#), [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](#), [Budgeting Income](#), for an explanation of the deeming rules (Spouse to Spouse and Parent to Child) and resource limits.

Spouse to Spouse Deeming New York's 2021 Break-Even Points		
Number of Ineligible Children	Earned Income	Unearned Income
0 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$879.02 \$ 2,529.50	\$417.01 \$1,242.25
1 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$1,276.02 \$2,926.50	\$814.01 \$1,639.25
2 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$1,673.02 \$3,323.50	\$1,211.01 \$2,036.25
3 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$2,070.02 \$3,720.50	\$1,608.01 \$2,433.25
4 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$2,467.02 \$4,117.50	\$2,005.01 \$2,830.25
5 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$2,864.02 \$4,514.50	\$2,402.01 \$3,227.25



Parent to Child Deeming New York's 2021 Break-Even Points				
Number of Ineligible Children	All Income is Earned		All Income is Unearned	
	One Parent	Two Parents	One Parent	Two Parents
0 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$1,713.02 \$3,363.50	\$2,507.02 \$4,157.50	\$834.01 \$1,659.25	\$1,231.01 \$2,056.25
1 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$2,110.02 \$3,760.50	\$2,904.02 \$4,554.50	\$1,231.01 \$2,056.25	\$1,628.01 \$2,453.25
2 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$2,507.02 \$4,157.50	\$3,301.02 \$4,951.50	\$1,628.01 \$2,453.25	\$2,025.01 \$2,850.25
3 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$2,904.02 \$4,554.50	\$3,698.02 \$5,348.50	\$2,025.01 \$2,850.25	\$2,422.01 \$3,247.25
4 Reduction Begins Eligibility Ceases	\$3,301.02 \$4,951.50	\$4,095.02 \$5,745.50	\$2,422.01 \$3,247.25	\$2,819.01 \$3,644.25



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Go to [Cash Benefits, Home Energy Assistance Program \(HEAP\), Qualifying for HEAP](#), for an additional eligibility information.

Individuals must have a household income at or below HEAP guidelines (Tier 2) to be eligible.

- Tier 1 Guidelines

These guidelines are set at 130% of the federal poverty level. Households with incomes below the Tier 1 income guidelines receive a slightly higher HEAP benefit amount than those households with incomes below the Tier 2 guidelines.

- Tier 2 Guidelines

For household sizes 1-10, guidelines are based on 60% of the state median income. For households with 11 members or more, the income guidelines are set at 150% of the federal poverty level.

<b>HEAP Maximum Monthly Income Guidelines and Tiers 2020-2021 Heating Season</b>		
Household Size	Tier 1 (130% FPL)	Tier 2
1	\$1,382	\$2,610
2	\$1,868	\$3,413
3	\$2,353	\$4,216
4	\$2,838	\$5,019
5	\$3,324	\$5,822
6	\$3,809	\$6,625
7	\$4,294	\$6,775
8	\$4,780	\$6,926
9	\$5,265	\$7,077
10	\$5,750	\$7,227
11	\$6,235	\$7,378
11+	+ \$485 each additional member	+ \$560 each additional member

There are no asset/resource limitations for regular HEAP benefits.