



# Maximum Cash Assistance Benefit Amounts

As of December 1998

State	Family Type	Family Size			
		1	2	3	4
Alabama	All families	\$111	\$137	\$164	\$194
Alaska	All families except child-only assistance units	\$514	\$821	\$923	\$1025
	Child-only assistance units	\$452	\$554	\$656	\$758
Arizona	Families with a shelter cost obligation	\$204	\$275	\$347	\$418
	Families with no shelter cost obligation	\$128	\$173	\$218	\$263
Arkansas	Families with gross monthly income below \$446	\$81	\$162	\$204	\$247
	Families with gross monthly income of \$446 or more	\$41	\$81	\$102	\$124
California	* ** Non-exempt families: Families in which no adult caretaker in the assistance unit is receiving disability-related benefits or services (for temporary or permanent disabilities)	\$302	\$493	\$611	\$728
	Exempt families: All other families	\$336	\$551	\$682	\$811

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Colorado	Single-parent families	\$214	\$280	\$356	\$432
	Two-parent families	N/A	\$302	\$372	\$451
	Child-only assistance units	\$99	\$207	\$311	\$415
	Note: Counties have the option to provide higher benefits.				
Connecticut *	Families living in unsubsidized housing	\$333	\$443	\$543	\$639
	Families that receive government housing subsidies	\$306	\$407	\$500	\$588
Delaware	All families	\$201	\$270	\$338	\$407
District of Columbia	All families	\$239	\$298	\$379	\$463
Florida	Families with a shelter cost obligation greater than \$50	\$180	\$241	\$303	\$364
	Families with a shelter cost obligation greater than zero but not more than \$50	\$153	\$205	\$258	\$309
	Families with no shelter cost obligation, and teen parents	\$95	\$158	\$198	\$254
Georgia	All families	\$155	\$235	\$280	\$330

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Hawaii	Families subject to the work requirement, after receiving benefits for two months	\$335	\$452	\$570	\$687
	Families in the first two months of assistance, and all families exempt from the work requirement	\$418	\$565	\$712	\$859
Idaho	All families	\$276	\$276	\$276	\$276
Illinois	* All families except child-only assistance units	\$212	\$278	\$377	\$414
	Child-only assistance units	\$102	\$201	\$249	\$319
Indiana	All families except child-only assistance units	\$139	\$229	\$288	\$346
	Child-only assistance units	\$139	\$198	\$256	\$315
Iowa	All families	\$183	\$361	\$426	\$495
Kansas	* All families except those sharing housing with persons not in the assistance unit	\$241	\$326	\$403	\$471
	Families sharing housing with persons not in the assistance unit	\$175	\$271	\$359	\$432

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Kentucky	All families	\$186	\$225	\$262	\$328
Louisiana	All families	\$72	\$138	\$190	\$234
Maine	** Families with no earned income	\$208	\$328	\$439	\$553
	Families with earned income	\$198	\$312	\$418	\$526
	Child-only assistance units with no earned income	\$124	\$237	\$349	\$460
	Child-only assistance units in which a caretaker (not in the assistance unit) has earned income	\$118	\$225	\$332	\$438
	Note: Families with a shelter cost obligation exceeding 75% of income receive \$50 more than the above groups.				
Maryland	All families	\$177	\$313	\$399	\$481
Massachusetts	Families subject to state's time limit living in unsubsidized housing	\$383	\$474	\$565	\$651
	Families not subject to state's time limit living in unsubsidized housing	\$392	\$486	\$579	\$668
	Note: Families that receive government housing subsidies or that have no shelter cost obligation receive \$40 less than the above groups. Families in homeless shelters receive \$149 less than the above groups.				

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Michigan	*	All families except child-only assistance units	\$276	\$371	\$459	\$563
		Child-only assistance units	\$96	\$184	\$288	\$384
Minnesota		Families with no earned income	\$351	\$609	\$763	\$903
		Families with earned income	\$386	\$670	\$839	\$993
		Note: These amounts include food stamp benefits.				
Mississippi	**	All families	\$60	\$96	\$120	\$144
Missouri		All families	\$136	\$234	\$292	\$342
Montana	**	Families with a shelter cost obligation (except child-only assistance units)	\$272	\$366	\$461	\$555
		Families with no shelter cost obligation (except child-only assistance units)	\$98	\$161	\$221	\$282
		Child-only assistance units	\$98	\$196	\$295	\$394
Nebraska		All families	\$222	\$293	\$364	\$435

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Nevada	All families	\$230	\$289	\$348	\$407
New Hampshire	All families	\$414	\$481	\$550	\$619
New Jersey	All families	\$162	\$322	\$424	\$488
New Mexico	** Families living in unsubsidized housing	\$331	\$410	\$489	\$569
	Families that receive government housing subsidies	\$231	\$310	\$389	\$469
New York	* All families except those in the Child Assistance Program	\$352	\$467	\$577	\$687
	Families in the Child Assistance Program	N/A	\$350	\$443	\$536
North Carolina	All families	\$181	\$236	\$272	\$297
North Dakota	All families except child-only assistance units	\$271	\$363	\$457	\$549
	Child-only assistance units	\$205	\$276	\$346	\$417

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Ohio	All families	\$216	\$296	\$362	\$447
Oklahoma	All families except child-only assistance units	\$180	\$225	\$292	\$361
	Child-only assistance units	\$87	\$171	\$241	\$311
Oregon	Families participating in the JOBS program	\$336	\$427	\$503	\$617
	Families not participating in the JOBS program	\$310	\$395	\$460	\$565
Pennsylvania*	All families	\$205	\$316	\$403	\$497
Rhode Island	Families living in unsubsidized housing; families that are new state residents	\$327	\$449	\$554	\$634
	Families that receive government housing subsidies	\$277	\$399	\$504	\$584
South Carolina	All families	\$119	\$160	\$201	\$242

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South Dakota	All families living in unsubsidized housing in which a caretaker has sole responsibility for shelter costs, except families living with an SSI recipient	\$304	\$380	\$430	\$478
	All other families, except child-only assistance units	\$173	\$250	\$300	\$350
	Child-only assistance units not placed by a placement agency	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$399
	Child-only assistance units placed by child placement agency	\$300	\$350	\$399	\$448
Tennessee	** All families	\$95	\$142	\$185	\$226
Texas	** Single-parent families	\$78	\$163	\$188	\$226
	Child-only assistance units	\$64	\$92	\$130	\$154
	Two-parent families	N/A	\$125	\$206	\$231
Utah	All families	\$261	\$362	\$451	\$528
Vermont	* All families	\$407	\$513	\$617	\$699
Virginia	* All families	\$157	\$231	\$291	\$347

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Washington	Families with a shelter cost obligation	\$349	\$440	\$546	\$642
	Families with no shelter cost obligation	\$212	\$268	\$332	\$391
West Virginia **	All families except those sharing housing with persons not in the assistance unit	\$149	\$201	\$253	\$312
	Families sharing housing with persons not in the assistance unit	\$112	\$151	\$190	\$234
	Families in which there is a legal marriage	\$164	\$221	\$278	\$343
Wisconsin	Families with a Community Service Jobs participant	N/A	\$673	\$673	\$673
	Families with a Transitional Jobs participant	N/A	\$628	\$628	\$628
Wyoming	Families with a shelter cost obligation	\$195	\$320	\$340	\$340
	Families with no shelter cost obligation and families living with a relative who receives SSI	\$115	\$205	\$235	\$235

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