

## Important Changes about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or Food Stamps)

Effective October 1, 2018, SNAP federal guidelines for income and deductions and benefit amounts are changing. Based on the information in your case, you may see an increase or a decrease in your SNAP benefit. Your SNAP eligibility is calculated with different deductions depending on your household's circumstances.

Effective October 1, 2018, the Standard Deduction is increasing for all households. Everyone receives a Standard Deduction. Based on this increase, you may see an increase to your SNAP benefit.

- Household size of one to three will increase from \$160 to \$164
- Household size of four will increase from \$170 to \$174
- Household size of five will increase from \$199 to \$204
- Household size of six or more will increase from \$228 to \$234

Effective October 1, 2018, the Utility allowances are changing. Higher deduction amounts may lead to an increase in SNAP benefits. A lower deduction amount may lead to a SNAP benefit decrease.

- The Standard Utility Allowance is decreasing from \$365 to \$360
- The Without Heating Allowance is decreasing from \$285 to \$283
- The Telephone Only Allowance is decreasing from \$65 to \$64

Effective October 1, 2018, the income limits for SNAP are increasing. Please go to **[jobs.utah.gov/customereducation/services/foodstamps/deductions.html](https://jobs.utah.gov/customereducation/services/foodstamps/deductions.html)** on October 1, to view the new income limits. Increased income limits could mean your household is eligible for SNAP benefits. You may apply at any time online at **[jobs.utah.gov/myCase](https://jobs.utah.gov/myCase)**.



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