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IMPORTANT UPDATE: U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – Department of Human Services announces SNAP Benefits Increase effective October 1, 2025

U.S. Virgin Islands - The Department of Human Services (VIDHS) Division Family Assistance (**DFA**), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**SNAP**) advises the public that, **effective October 1, 2025**, households receiving **SNAP** benefits—formerly known as Food Stamps—will see an increase in their monthly allotments. SNAP provides benefits to eligible low-income individuals and households. Each year, at the beginning of the federal fiscal year, the United States Department of Agriculture (**USDA**) adjusts the SNAP maximum allotments, deductions, and income eligibility requirements. The exact increase **will vary** depending on household size.

The income limit for households to qualify for SNAP benefits has increased to 175% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIGs). This change does not affect reporting rules, which remain based on the 130% FPIG threshold. Households receiving Categorical Eligibility (CATEL) must still notify DHS if their total gross income rises above 130% of the federal poverty level. The U.S. Virgin Islands continues to operate under Simplified Reporting Requirements. The attached chart shows the updated benefit amounts by household size.

SNAP households that **do not see** an increase in their benefits and have questions should contact their caseworker using the local SNAP office numbers listed below:

- St. Croix (340) 772-7100; Ext. 7066, 7067, 7072 or 7159
- St. Thomas (340) 774-0930; Ext. 4303 or (340) 774-2399
- St. John (340) 776-6334

Additional Information: Options to contact our offices and/or to return your documents: St. Croix District

- In person at: Department of Human Services, 41-B Mars Hill, Frederiksted, VI 00820
- Via mail carrier at: Department of Human Services, 4102 Mars Hill, Frederiksted, VI 00840-3376
- E-Mail certoffice.stx@dhs.vi.gov
- Drop box located at: Department of Human Services, 41-B Mars Hill, Frederiksted, VI 00820

St. Thomas and St. John District

- In person or via mail carrier at: Department of Human Services, 1303 Hospital Ground, St. Thomas, VI 00802
- E-Mail <u>certoffice.stt@dhs.vi.gov</u>
- Drop Box located at: Department of Human Services, 1303 Hospital Ground, St. Thomas, VI 00802
- Drop Box located at: DHS, Multipurpose Building, 307 Enighed, Contant, Cruz Bay, VI 00830

Clients can also check their card balance by calling 1-866-884-2868 and follow the prompts; or by logging on to the EBT APP at www.fisglobal.com/ebtedgemobile.

For general information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, www.dhs.gov.vi or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Family Assistance

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS AND DEDUCTIONS

October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026

MONTHLY INCOME

	Maximum Net	Gross Monthly	Elderly/Disabled	Maximum Gross	Elderly/Disabled	Maximum
	Monthly	Household	Separate	Monthly Income	200% of Poverty	Allotment
Household	Income 100%	130% of Poverty	Household	175% of Poverty		
Size	of Poverty		165% of Poverty			
1	\$1,305	\$1,696	\$2,152	\$2,284	\$2,610	\$383
2	1,763	2,292	2,909	3,085	3,526	703
3	2,221	2,888	3,665	3,887	4,442	1,009
4	2,680	3,483	4,421	4,690	5,360	1,278
5	3,138	4,079	5,177	5,492	6,276	1,521
6	3,596	4,675	5,934	6,293	7,192	1,827
7	4,055	5,271	6,690	7,096	8,110	2,019
8	4,513	5,867	7,446	7,898	9,026	2,300
Each						
Additional	+459	+596	+757	+802	+916	+281
Member						

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1 – 2	3	4	5	6+
\$184	\$185	\$223	\$261	\$299

MAXIMUM SHELTER DEDUCTION		
\$586.00		
TELEPHONE DEDUCTION		
\$34.00		
HOMELESS SHELTER DEDUCTION		
\$198.99		
MINIMUM ALLOTMENT		
1-2 Households	\$31	

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Division Family Assistance Program Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SIMPLIFIED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All SNAP HOUSEHOLDS ARE ON SIMPLIFIED REPORTING

You must report when your SNAP household's total monthly gross income is greater than the amount listed on table below, However, if at time of certification your household's gross income was greater than the amount listed in the table below you are not required to report. (Review the notice of decision your household received to verify the gross monthly income used to certify your household).

OCTOBER 1, 2025, to SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Number of persons you get SNAP for	130% Poverty Gross Income Limit
1	\$1,696
2	\$2,292
3	\$2,888
4	\$3,483
5	\$4,079
6	\$4,675
7	\$5,271
8	\$5,867
9	\$6,463
10	\$7,059
Each additional person add:	\$583

Here is how you calculate your household's income and what your household needs to do:

- At the end of each month, <u>add</u> up all your pay stubs <u>plus</u> any other income you may have received. Do this for <u>each household member over the age of 18.</u> Then <u>total</u> the income for <u>all household members</u> and compare it to the table above for your household size. Use the household size that you had when you applied for benefits.
- If your household's income has increased for your household size from what it was at the time of certification, you must report the increase. You must report it to the SNAP office within ten (10) days after the end of the month.
- You will need to provide pay stubs and/or proof of the income change(s).
- The <u>ONLY</u> other change your household is required to report is, if any member of the SNAP household received a single winning of \$4,500 or greater from lottery or gambling winnings. Reporting other changes is optional, however households are encouraged to report any changes that the household believe would increase their household's SNAP benefits.
- Your household will be notified via a notice of decision if the reported change(s) increased or decreased the household benefits.

HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING CASH ASSISTANCE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ALL CHANGES BY THE 10^{TH} DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH THAT THE CHANGE OCCURRED.