

210. Income Requirement

An applicant/participant must meet specific income guidelines to participate in WIC. The sections which follow contain the Ohio WIC program income guidelines and definitions of an economic unit, earned income, and unearned income. These sections provide information about determining applicable income. This information includes treatment of public assistance income, income that is not counted, verification of earned and unearned income, and calculating countable income.

211. Ohio WIC Program Income Guidelines

Ohio WIC program income guidelines are based on FNS income guidelines for reduced-priced school meals established under Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act. FNS adjusts its income guidelines on or before July 1st of each year based on annual adjustments in the revised poverty income guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). FNS multiplies the HHS poverty income guidelines and increment for each additional economic unit member by a factor of 1.85, and rounds the results upward to the nearest whole dollar amount. As a result of using this formula, the Ohio WIC program income guidelines are equal to 185% of the HHS poverty income guidelines.

In order to be eligible for WIC, the gross countable income of the economic unit, of which the applicant/participant is a member, must be less than or equal to the Ohio WIC program income guidelines for economic unit size provided in the chart on the following page.

OHIO WIC CERTIFICATION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**OHIO WIC PROGRAM INCOME GUIDELINES**

Economic Unit	Annual	Monthly	Twice Monthly	Biweekly	Weekly
1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$1,048	\$967	\$484
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
9	94,998	7,917	3,959	3,654	1,827
10	103,730	8,645	4,323	3,990	1,995
11	112,462	9,372	4,686	4,326	2,163
12	121,194	10,100	5,050	4,662	2,331
13	129,926	10,828	5,414	4,998	2,499
14	138,658	11,555	5,778	5,333	2,667
15	147,390	12,283	6,142	5,669	2,835
16	156,122	13,011	6,506	6,005	3,003