



CALFRESH PROGRAM FACT SHEET



WHAT IS THE CALFRESH PROGRAM?

The new name for California's Food Stamp Program is "CalFresh." This name change is a result of a recent State law. The purpose of this program is to promote and safeguard the health and well-being of low-income households by increasing their food purchasing power and raising their levels of nutrition.

In California, the monthly CalFresh benefit is transferred to the household's Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card, known as Golden State Advantage Card, and is issued when the household's CalFresh case is approved.

WHO CAN GET CALFRESH?

Individuals or households whose income is low enough and meet other eligibility factors, can get CalFresh benefits. U.S. citizens, legal residents, and some qualified immigrants may receive CalFresh benefits. In California, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program recipients are not eligible for CalFresh.

APPLICATION PROCESSING AND EXPEDITED SERVICE

CalFresh applications are processed within 30 days. In emergency situations, a household may receive CalFresh benefits within three days from the date of their CalFresh application. It is DPSS policy to issue expedited CalFresh benefits on the day of application, whenever possible. The household must meet specified conditions which would render the household's situation emergent (e.g., monthly gross income is less than \$150 and with less than \$100 on hand).

HOW MUCH CALFRESH BENEFITS CAN A HOUSEHOLD RECEIVE?

The amount of CalFresh benefits depends on the household size and income. The less income a household receives, the more CalFresh benefits a household can get.

If a household has this many members ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
And makes less than this each month ... (gross income limit)	\$1,962	\$2,656	\$3,350	\$4,042	\$4,736	\$5,430	\$6,122	\$6,816
The household could get up to this much in benefits:*	\$194	\$357	\$511	\$649	\$771	\$925	\$1,022	\$1,169

* Actual amount depends on household's specific case situation

(Amounts Effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016)

ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOUSEHOLDS

The gross income limit is not used to determine eligibility for households that contain an elderly and/or disabled member. Instead, the net monthly income limit (gross income minus applicable deductions) is used to determine eligibility.

RESOURCES

Effective February 1, 2011, resources such as money and property are no longer counted when determining CalFresh eligibility. If a household is applying for cash aid (CalWORKs, General Relief or Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants [CAPI] or Non-MAGI Medi-Cal) resources will be counted for those programs.

HOW MANY PERSONS ARE RECEIVING CALFRESH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY?

Currently, the Department of Public Social Services provides CalFresh benefits to over 1.17 million individuals in Los Angeles County.

HOW TO APPLY

Online at www.dpssbenefits.lacounty.gov, or in person at any Department of Public Social Services Office or contracted partner sites, in person at some schools, community events, and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Offices, or by mail or fax.

For more information on how and where to apply, visit us online at <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/calfresh> or call 1(866) 613-3777.