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The screenshot shows the landing page for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Pre-Screening Eligibility Tool. The page features the FNS and USDA logos at the top left, with navigation links for Home, Search, Sitemap, FNS Contacts, Reporting Fraud & Abuse, and FNS Programs. A "Español" link is located in the top right corner. The main heading is "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Pre-Screening Eligibility Tool". Below the heading is a "Start Tool" button. To the left of the text is a photograph of a diverse group of people, including a woman in a wheelchair. The text explains that the tool can be used to determine eligibility for SNAP benefits and provides instructions on how to use it. It also lists browser requirements: Netscape Navigator 4.7 or higher, Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher, and other compatible browsers that support frames, JavaScript, and cookies. At the bottom left, there is information about the OMB Control Number (0584-0519) and Expiration Date (1/31/2015), along with a public reporting burden estimate.

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Pre-Screening Eligibility Tool

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This Pre-Screening Tool can be used to determine if you may be eligible to receive SNAP benefits. This Pre-Screening Tool is not an application for SNAP. An application for SNAP benefits must be made at your local SNAP Office. Click [here](#) to find the office that serves your area.

Before you begin, you may want to look up the amounts of your earnings, rent or mortgage, utility bills, child support, day care expenses, medical bills (if you are 60 or older, or disable), child support payments or SSI, social security or VA payments. **Please note that if you live in California and receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because special rules may apply you may not be eligible for SNAP. For more information, you should contact your county assistance office.**

[How To Use This Tool](#)

[Internet Basics](#)

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Browser Requirements:

- Netscape Navigator 4.7 or higher
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- Other compatible browsers that support frames, JavaScript, and cookies.

The screenshot shows the "FNS SNAP Eligibility Screening Tool" interface. The page has a blue header with the FNS and USDA logos and navigation links. The main content area is titled "State Selection" and includes a "Where do you live?" label and a "Select a State/Territory" dropdown menu. Below the dropdown are "Exit", "Go Back", and "Go Forward" buttons. At the bottom, there is an "Interview Icons / Help" section with instructions on how to use the icons for help and required fields. The page number "Page 1 of 12" is displayed in the top right corner.

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Interview Icons / Help:
All underlined words or phrases link to definitions or other pages for more information.
 - Click these icons for help with specific questions or entries.
 - Click these icons to display a tutorial about how to enter information into fields (these icons will only appear at the first instance of each type of data input field. To access this information at anytime, click on the link above for tutorials, and then the "Enter information" tutorial).
 - Denotes a Required Field.

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How many people are in your household?

Is any household member a seasonal or migrant farm worker? Yes No

Is this household homeless or living in a shelter? Yes No

[Exit](#) [Go Back](#) [Continue](#)

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Enter the first name and age of each household member. Also indicate if a member is a U.S. citizen and if a member is disabled according to SNAP regulations.

If a member of your family is not a citizen, the other family members should consider applying separately. For more information on non-citizen eligibility for SNAP benefits click [here](#).

NOTE: If you host a roomer or boarder, that person is not in your household, unless he or she eats the same food that you do.

First Name	Age	Citizenship	Disabled?	Clear Row?
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Select a Status	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Clear Row"/>

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Select the first name of each member of your household that has a resource or asset (something of value) other than a motor vehicle. Select the type of resource or asset and then enter its dollar value. If a member has multiple assets, please list all of those assets, along with their value.

If no household member has Assets, please click 'Continue' to proceed with the screening.

NOTE: If you have a lot of assets, this can disqualify you from SNAP benefits. But some assets do not count. If your assets do not count, you will still be eligible. So if you have many assets, your results might not be right. If this pre-screening tool says you are not eligible, you should still check with your local SNAP office to make sure. You might still be eligible.

NOTE: If your whole household receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or other government benefits, you might be eligible for SNAP benefits even if your assets are high. This is because in that case, your assets don't count. This is called "Categorical Eligibility." The rules for Categorical Eligibility are different in each state. But TANF and SSI always give you Categorical Eligibility. So, if your whole household receives TANF or SSI, DO NOT fill in any assets on this page.

Even if you don't get TANF or SSI, you may have Categorical Eligibility in your state. For more information about this rule, click on the blue question mark to the right. ?

First Name	Type of Asset	Value	Clear Row?
Select a Member ?	Select an Asset Type ?	\$?	Clear ?
Select a Member ?	Select an Asset Type ?	\$	Clear
Select a Member ?	Select an Asset Type ?	\$	Clear

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Select the first name of each member of your household who owns a motor vehicle. Select the purpose of the vehicle. Enter the dollar amount of the fair market value of the vehicle. Enter the dollar amount of any outstanding debt on the vehicle. Click [here](#) to calculate your vehicles fair market value.

If no household member owns a Vehicle, please click 'Continue' to proceed with the screening.

NOTE: If you use a vehicle to get to work, it does not count as a job-related vehicle below. It counts only if you use the vehicle at your job.

Some States handle vehicles differently. Click [here](#) to view your State's specific rules on vehicles.

First Name	Vehicle Purpose	Fair Market Value	Outstanding Debt	Equity Value	Clear Row?
Select a Member ?	Select a Vehicle Purpose ?	\$?	\$?	\$?	Clear ?
Select a Member ?	Select a Vehicle Purpose ?	\$	\$	\$	Clear
Select a Member ?	Select a Vehicle Purpose ?	\$	\$	\$	Clear

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Click [here](#) to view Federal guidelines for vehicles.

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Select the first name of each member of your household who has earned income (income from a job or self-employment).
Select the type of earned income received. Enter the gross (before taxes) dollar amount received. Select how often the earned income is received.

If no household member has Earned Income, please click 'Continue' to proceed with the screening.

First Name	Type of Earned Income	Gross Amount Received	How Often?	Clear Row?
Select a Member	Select an Income Type	\$	Select How Often	
Select a Member	Select an Income Type	\$	Select How Often	
Select a Member	Select an Income Type	\$	Select How Often	

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Select the first name of each member of your household who has unearned income. Select the type of unearned income received. Enter the dollar amount received. Select how often the unearned income is received.

If no household member has Unearned Income, please click 'Continue' to proceed with the screening.

First Name	Type of Unearned Income	Amount Received	How Often?	Clear Row?
Select a Member	Select an Income Type	\$	Select How Often	
Select a Member	Select an Income Type	\$	Select How Often	
Select a Member	Select an Income Type	\$	Select How Often	

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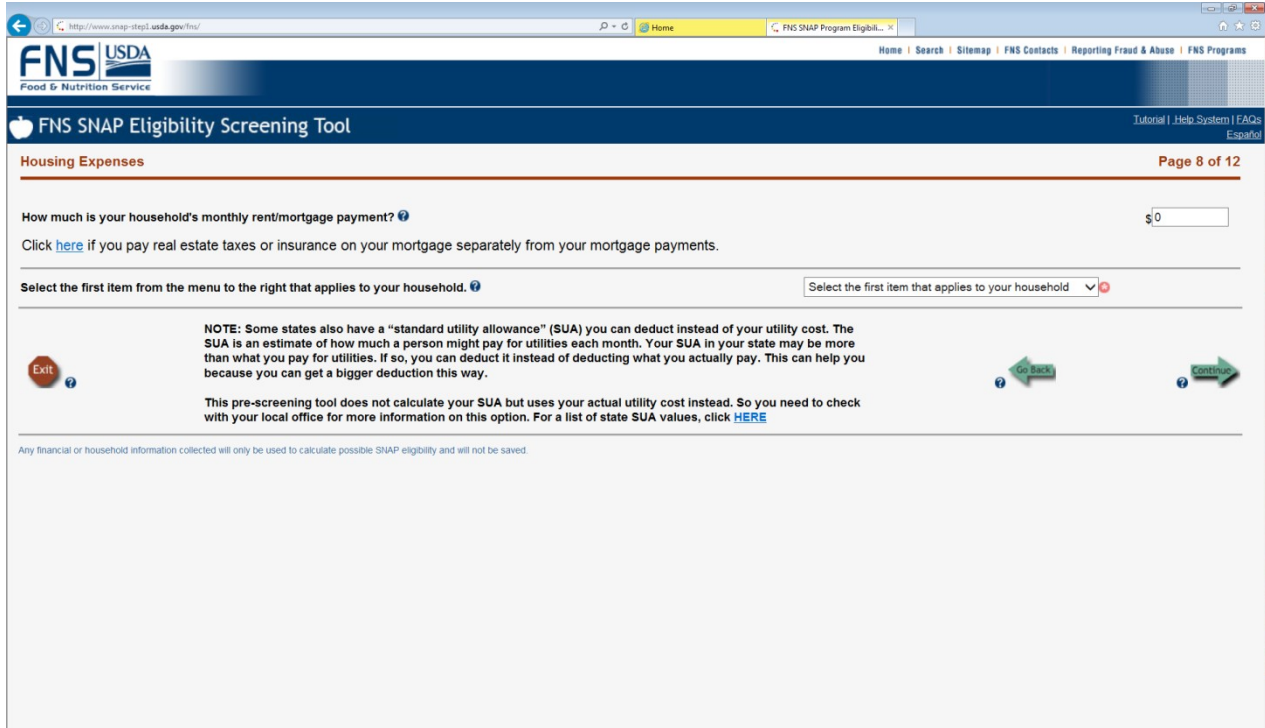
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How much is your household's monthly rent/mortgage payment?

Click [here](#) if you pay real estate taxes or insurance on your mortgage separately from your mortgage payments.

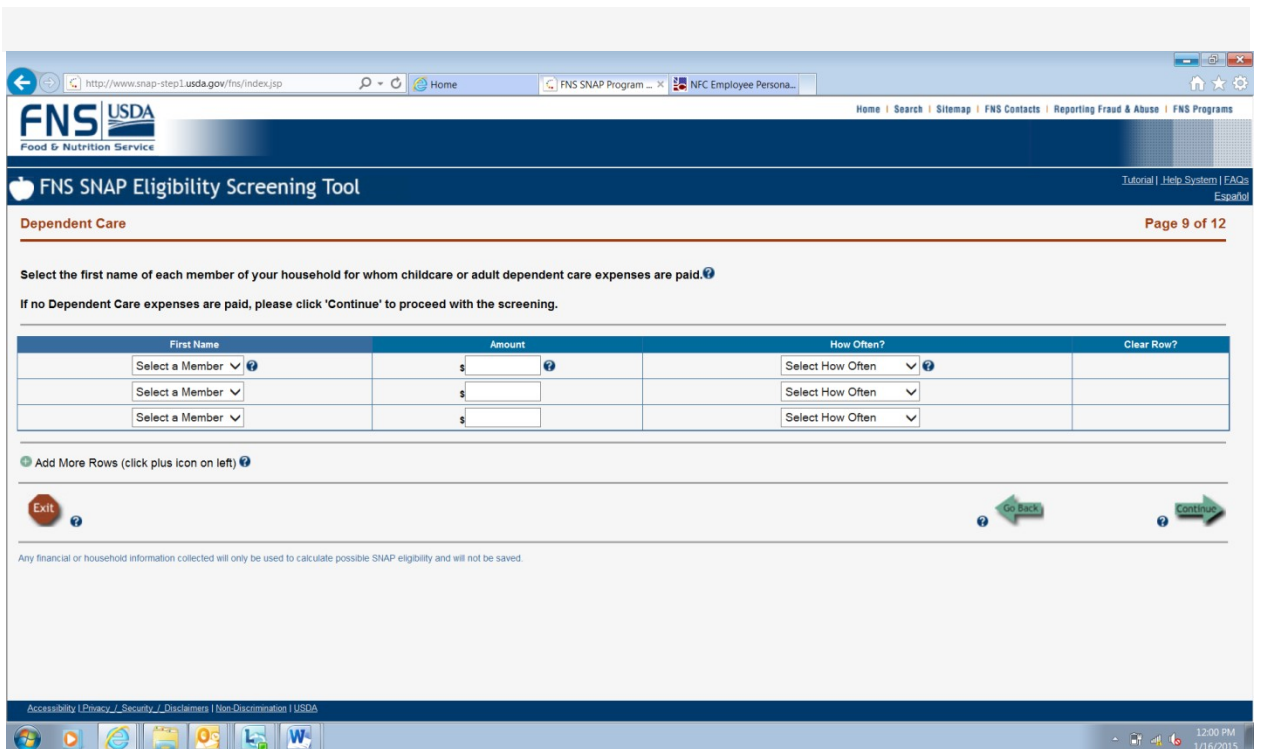
Select the first item from the menu to the right that applies to your household.

NOTE: Some states also have a "standard utility allowance" (SUA) you can deduct instead of your utility cost. The SUA is an estimate of how much a person might pay for utilities each month. Your SUA in your state may be more than what you pay for utilities. If so, you can deduct it instead of deducting what you actually pay. This can help you because you can get a bigger deduction this way.

This pre-screening tool does not calculate your SUA but uses your actual utility cost instead. So you need to check with your local office for more information on this option. For a list of state SUA values, click [HERE](#)

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Select the first name of each member of your household for whom childcare or adult dependent care expenses are paid.

If no Dependent Care expenses are paid, please click 'Continue' to proceed with the screening.

First Name	Amount	How Often?	Clear Row?
Select a Member	\$ <input type="text"/>	Select How Often	
Select a Member	\$ <input type="text"/>	Select How Often	
Select a Member	\$ <input type="text"/>	Select How Often	

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Select the first name of each member of your household who pays court ordered child support. Enter the amount paid and how often it is paid.

If no household member pays Child Support, please click 'Continue' to proceed with the screening.

First Name	Amount	How Often?	Clear Row?
Select a Member	\$	Select How Often	
Select a Member	\$	Select How Often	
Select a Member	\$	Select How Often	

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Select each household member who has a medical expense. (The list below contains only members who are age 60 or older or are disabled according to SNAP Regulations.) Enter an expense that is not covered by another source. Also enter the amount paid for each expense and select how often the expense occurs.

If you have any questions on what counts as a medical expense, click on the blue question mark next to the "Type of Medical Expense" box.

The only medical expenses that count as deductions for the SNAP are expenses for people over 60 or disabled people. That is why these are the only people in you household listed below. If you pay more than \$35 each month on medical expenses for these people, that money does not count as income or assets because it is a deduction.

If no household member has Medical Expenses, please click 'Continue' to proceed with the screening.

First Name	Type of Medical Expense	Amount of Expense	How Often?	Clear Row?
Select a Member		\$	Select How Often	
Select a Member		\$	Select How Often	
Select a Member		\$	Select How Often	

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It appears that you may be eligible for SNAP benefits. Based on the information you provided, you may be eligible for between \$179 to \$189 in SNAP benefits per month.

Based on your answers, you may be eligible for "expedited service." Households entitled to expedited service must receive their benefits not later than 7 days after you complete the application. This is much faster than for most people. (The normal waiting time for SNAP benefits can be up to 30 days.) This is because your resources are very low. So you could probably use SNAP benefits right away.

You may qualify for expedited service if you have income less than \$150 this month and/or assets less than \$100 a month. You also qualify if your income for this month and your assets are not enough to pay for your shelter.

Call your local SNAP office right away to see if you are eligible for expedited service. If you are, then you will get your SNAP benefits more quickly than other people who are not eligible.

Contact your [local office](#) for specific information and to fill out an application.

You can also click [here](#) for a listing of State SNAP Information/Hotline Numbers.

For more information about the next step to filling your grocery bag through the SNAP, please click here: http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant_recipients/10steps.htm.


NOTE: Please remember that the results you received today are only an ESTIMATE. The results might not be right. You might get more or less SNAP benefits than the estimate shows. If these results say you are NOT eligible for SNAP benefits, you COULD still get them. Every state's rules for SNAP are a little different.

SNAP workers are the only people that can officially determine whether or not a person is eligible for SNAP benefits. To find out if you or others are eligible, complete a SNAP application form and apply at a local SNAP office.

You might be eligible to receive other benefits too, like these:

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
Child Nutrition	Disaster Food Programs	

To find out about many other benefits you may be eligible for, you can use the GovBenefits pre-screening tool. This tool is available [here](#).

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