

# NYC Benefits Screening Chart

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This indicates how different types of household information are used to screen for potential eligibility for public benefits, but this information does not represent an eligibility determination and is subject to change.

Program Name & Type		Income Expenses Unemployed Household Size Dependent of Benefits or Income Type Blind/Has Disabilities Relationship Student Pregnant Veteran Type of Building Rent/Own												Annotations Key	
Cash & Expenses		Finances			Conditions						Housing				
Cash Assistance	18 and older							1	2					This type of information is considered in the screening.	
Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit	Families with children under 13	10						1						These specific factors are considered in the screening.	
Child Tax Credit	Household with a member under 17							1							
Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE)	18 and older				3							9		1 Children living in the household	
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	25 and older, under 65, unless you have a child													2 18+ year old children living in the home who are full-time students	
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	18 and older	11													
School Tax Relief (STAR)	No age requirement											9		3 Supplemental Security Income; Social Security Disability Benefits	
Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)	65 and older											9			
Unemployment Insurance	No age requirement		8												
Veterans' Property Tax Exemption	No age requirement											9		4 Receiving Cash Assistance, Child Support, Social Security Survivor's Benefit, SSI, and/or unemployment benefit	
Cooling Assistance Benefit	No age requirement	11													
Fair Fares	18 and older, under 65														
NYC Free Tax Prep	No age requirement													5 Includes foster children	
Child Care															
EarlyLearn	Child is at least 6 weeks old and younger than 5, or child is younger than 18 if blind or disabled.													6 Dependent Care Cost, Child Support, Rent or Mortgage, Medical Expenses	
Head Start	Child is 2 years and 9 months and older, under 5.														
City ID Card														7 Supplemental Security Income or Cash Assistance	
IDNYC	10 and older														
Education														These specific factors are required for potential eligibility in the screening.	
Pre-K for All	Child is 4 by end of current year							1							
Enrichment														8 Worked in the last 18 months	
Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS NYC)	5 and older, under 21													9 A homeowner	
Family Services														10 Child care or dependent care costs	
Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)	10 and older, under 65				18						18			11 Heating Bill	
NYC Nurse-Family Partnership (NYC NFP)	Up to 28th week of pregnancy, and for first child										13			12 Primary renter with name on lease	
Food														13 Pregnant	
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	60 and older														
SchoolFood	under 22														
Community Meals	under 19														
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	No age requirement	6			7									14 Must have proof of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Benefits or Veterans Pension/Benefits for NYS Disability Benefits or Disability Related Medicaid	
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	Children under 5							5						15 A Housing Authority resident	
Health															
Health Insurance Assistance	18 and older														
Medicaid for Pregnant Women	Pregnant & new parents														
Home Care Services Program (HCSP)	No age requirement				18									16 A resident of these housing types: Rent-stabilized or Rent Controlled; Housing Development Fund Company (HDFC) Cooperative; Mitchell-Llama; Section 213 Cooperative	
Housing														17 Must spend more than 1/3 of income on Rent	
Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE)	18 and older							14				16	12		
Section 8 Housing	18 and older														
Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE)	62 and older	17										16	12	These specific factors are disqualifying for potential eligibility in the screening.	
Public Housing	18 and older														
Work														18 Medicaid or Family Health Plus Recipient	
Learn & Earn (formerly In-school Youth Employment (ISY))	14 and older, under 21				4			5						19 Are currently pregnant	
NYCHA Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability (REES)	18 and older											15			
Senior Employment Services (SES)	55 and older														
Summer Youth Employment Program (SVEP)	14 and older, under 25														
Workforce1	18 and older														
Train & Earn	16 and older, under 25														