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Maine TANF Benefits Estimator (PTLA)

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## **Calculation Details**

### **Step 1: About Your Household**

Number of children in household: {{ HHChildren }}

Number of adults in household: {{ HHAdults }}

Total TANF household size: {{ HHTotal }}

### **Step 2: About Your Income**

**Gross Unearned Income Input**:

Monthly ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(MUI) }}

Biweekly ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(biWUI) }} ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(biWUIC) }} (Converted to Monthly)

Weekly ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(WUI) }} ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(WUIC) }} (Converted to Monthly)

Gross Monthly Unearned Income Total: ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(GMUI) }}

**Gross Earned Income Input:**

Monthly ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(MEI) }}

Biweekly ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(biWEI) }} ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(biWEIC) }} (Converted to Monthly)

Weekly ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(WEI) }} ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(WEIC) }} (Converted to Monthly)

**Income Totals**

Gross Monthly Earned Income Total: ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(GMEI) }}

Countable Monthly Earned Income: ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(CMEI) }}

Child Support Paid Outside the Household: ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(CSP) }}

Total Income (Countable Earned Income + Unearned Income – Child Support Paid): ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(TI) }}

### **Step 3: Eligibility & Shelter Costs**

Standard of Need (SON) Test: {{ SONResult }}

{%p if SONResult == “FAILED” %}

**Results**

It seems that you are not eligible for TANF benefits. This is because your income is higher than the ‘standard of need’ for your household size as set by DHHS.

This is only an estimate – if you have questions or think this result may be wrong, you can [contact Maine Equal Justice](https://maineequaljustice.org/contact-us/).

{%p endif %}

{%p if SONResult == “PASSED” %}

Basic TANF Grant Amount: ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(BasicGrant) }}

*(This number may be different from the Final Estimated TANF Benefit)*

Income for Special Need Housing Allowance purposes: ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(SNHAI) }}

*(Basic TANF grant + Total Income + Child Support Received\*)*

*\*We do not ask about child support you receive in this tool because DHHS does complex calculations about families getting child support and how it is ‘passed through’ DHHS. When you first apply, they will almost always set the amount to ‘0’ until they are able to do these ‘pass through’ calculations.*

Shelter costs: ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(SC) }}

Eligible for Special Need Housing Allowance?: {{ SNHAResult }}

Amount of Special Needs Housing Allowance ${{ SNHAAmount }}

*(To be eligible for the Special Need Housing Allowance your shelter costs must be 50% of your ‘Income for Special Need Housing Allowance purposes’ or higher. If you are eligible, the difference between your shelter costs and income for SNHA purposes, up to $300, will be added to your Estimated TANF Benefits Amount.)*

### **Results – Final TANF Benefits Estimate**

**Final Estimated TANF Benefit Amount:** ${{ ‘{:,.0f}’.format(FinalResult) }}

{%p endif %}