

GROSS INCOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING RENT DIFFERENTIALS is the actual income for the twelve-month period preceding the date of determination of income (First RAP Call) from all sources received by the family head (even if temporarily absent) and each additional member of the family household who is over 18 years of age (and not attending school full time - except for the head of the house and the spouse).

Income shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Salaries (gross) including wages, tips, commission, bonuses, and business income.
 2. Government retirement/disability/unemployment benefits [e.g., social security, supplemental security income (SSI), railroad pensions, workers compensation, severance pay, veteran's benefits, UI & DI payments, SDI].
 3. Public Assistance. (Exclusive of any amount specifically designated for shelter and utilities which is subject to adjustment by the public assistance agency.)
 4. Periodic and determinable allowances such as alimony and child support payments, and regular contributions or gifts received from persons not residing in the dwelling.
 5. The net income from operation of a business or profession or from rental of real or personal property. (Expenses for a business expansion or amortization of capital indebtedness shall not be deducted to determine the net income from a business.)
 6. Income from assets (includes interest and dividends, net income from rental of real or personal property, or net income from other capital investments).
 7. Periodic payments received from annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits, and other similar types of periodic receipts.
 8. All regular pay, special pay, and allowances of a member of the armed forces (whether or not living in the dwelling) who is head of the family, or their spouse.
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The following items shall not be considered as income:

1. Casual, sporadic, or irregular gifts.
 2. Amounts which are specifically for reimbursement of the cost of medical expenses.
 3. Lump-sum payments (e.g., inheritances, health or accidental insurance payments, capital gains, and settlement for personal or property losses).
 4. Amounts of educational scholarships paid directly to the student or to the educational institution, and amounts paid by the government to a veteran for use in meeting the costs of tuition, fees, books, and equipment.
 5. The special pay to a serviceman head of a family away from home and exposed to hostile fire.
 6. Relocation payments made pursuant to Federal, State, or local relocation law.
 7. Foster child care payments; or any child care provided or arranged under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990.
 8. The value of coupon allotments for the purchase of food pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1964 which is in excess of the amount actually charged the eligible household.
 9. Payments received pursuant to participation in a National Volunteer Antipoverty programs (e.g., VISTA, service learning programs), AmericaCorps participants under the National and Community Service Act of 1990, or National Older American Volunteer programs [e.g., Foster Grandparent Program, Older American Community Services Program, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)].
 10. Earned Income Credit (EITC) refund payments.
 11. Payments received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, or payments by the Indian Claims Commission to the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Yakima Indian Nation or the Apache Tribe of Mescalero Reservation.
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12. Income derived from certain submarginal land of the United States that is held in trust for certain Indian tribes, or from the disposition of funds to the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians.
 13. Payments or allowances made under the Department of Health and Human Services' Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
 14. Payments received under programs funded in whole or in part under the Job Training Partnership Act or the Workforce Investment Act.
 15. The first \$2,000 of per capita shares received from judgment funds awarded by the Indian Claims Commission or the U.S. Claims Court, the interests of individual Indians in trust or restricted lands, including the first \$2,000 per year of income received by individual Indians from funds derived from interests held in such trust of restricted lands.
 16. Amounts of scholarships funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, including awards under Federal work-study program or under the Bureau of Indian Affairs student assistance programs.
 17. Payments received from the Agent Orange Settlement Fund or any other fund established pursuant to the settlement in "in Re Agent-product liability litigation."
 18. Any allowance paid under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1805 to a child suffering from spina bifida who is the child of a Vietnam Veteran.
 19. Any amount of crime victim compensation under the Victims of Crime Act received through crime victim assistance as determined under the Victims of Crime Act because of the commission of a crime against the applicant under the Victims of Crime Act.
 20. Allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating in programs under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

Note: Exclusions were established by FHWA and updated by Federal Register dated April 20, 2001 (issued by the Office of the Secretary, Housing and Urban Development).
