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Standard Utility Credit Information

What is a standard utility credit?

A standard utility credit is a fixed dollar amount that is subtracted from your household's gross income used to determine the amount of FoodShare benefits you get. You get a standard utility credit when you pay for certain types of utilities, such as heat, water, telephone, or electric, separately from your rent.

During your FoodShare interview, you should report to your worker which types of utilities you pay. You may be asked to provide proof of the utilities you pay in the form of bills or statements from the utility company.

Wisconsin calculates standard utility credits yearly based on average utility costs in the state.

What standard utility credit am I eligible for?

The types of utilities you pay will determine which standard utility credit you are eligible for. You only get one standard utility credit per year, so if you are eligible for multiple credits, you will get the highest credit available.

For example, if you pay a heating bill and a phone bill, you will get the heating standard utility credit of \$457. If you pay both a water bill and a cell phone bill, you will get the limited utility credit of \$307.

Note: Cable and internet are not counted as allowable utilities. Please see the table on page 2 for more details on standard utility credits.

How do standard utility credits affect the amount of FoodShare benefits I get?

If you are eligible for a standard utility credit, the credit amount is subtracted from your household's gross monthly income. Additional credits for shelter, dependent care, and child support may also be subtracted from your household's gross monthly income to get your net income. Your FoodShare benefit amount is based on your net income and the number of people in your home.

Where can I get more information?

You can get more information about energy assistance on the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) website at homeenergyplus.wi.gov/.

You can get more information about FoodShare by going to the FoodShare website at dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/index.htm or by contacting your agency (see page 3).

Standard Utility Credits

Utility Credit Type	Credit Amount	Eligibility Requirement
Heating Utility Credit Note: This is the maximum utility credit.	\$457	You will get a WHEAP payment in the current month, you got a WHEAP payment in the past 12 months, or you pay a separate utility cost (that is not included in your rent) for heating your home with one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coal • Electricity • Fuel oil • Kerosene • Liquid propane gas • Natural gas • Wood
Limited Utility Credit	\$307	You pay at least two of the following utilities, and they are not used for heating your home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity • Fuel oil • Installation • Kerosene • Phone (includes cell phone bills) • Sewer • Water • Trash removal
Electricity Utility Credit	\$123	You only pay an electricity bill and do not use electricity to heat your home.
Water or Sewer Utility Credit	\$81	You only pay a water or sewer bill.
Cooking Fuel Utility Credit	\$35	You only pay for fuel used for cooking.
Phone Utility Credit	\$29	You only pay a phone bill (includes cell phone bills).
Trash Utility Credit	\$21	You only pay a trash or garbage removal bill.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Agency Contact Information Reference

The Agency Contact Information Reference lists income maintenance agencies alphabetically and includes each agency's telephone number as well as the counties (if applicable) that make up each agency.

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	715-682-7127
Bay Lake	1-888-794-5747
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Brown <li style="width: 33%;">• Marinette <li style="width: 33%;">• Shawano <li style="width: 33%;">• Door <li style="width: 33%;">• Oconto 	
Capital	1-888-794-5556
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Adams <li style="width: 33%;">• Dodge <li style="width: 33%;">• Sauk <li style="width: 33%;">• Columbia <li style="width: 33%;">• Juneau <li style="width: 33%;">• Sheboygan <li style="width: 33%;">• Dane <li style="width: 33%;">• Richland 	
Central	1-888-445-1621
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Langlade <li style="width: 33%;">• Oneida <li style="width: 33%;">• Marathon <li style="width: 33%;">• Portage 	
East Central Income Maintenance Partnership	1-888-256-4563
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Calumet <li style="width: 33%;">• Manitowoc <li style="width: 33%;">• Waupaca <li style="width: 33%;">• Green Lake <li style="width: 33%;">• Marquette <li style="width: 33%;">• Waushara <li style="width: 33%;">• Kewaunee <li style="width: 33%;">• Outagamie <li style="width: 33%;">• Winnebago 	
Forest County Potawatomi Community	715-478-4433
Great Rivers	1-888-283-0012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Barron <li style="width: 33%;">• Dunn <li style="width: 33%;">• Polk <li style="width: 33%;">• Burnett <li style="width: 33%;">• Eau Claire <li style="width: 33%;">• St. Croix <li style="width: 33%;">• Chippewa <li style="width: 33%;">• Pierce <li style="width: 33%;">• Washburn <li style="width: 33%;">• Douglas 	
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	715-634-8934
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	715-588-4235
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	715-799-5137
MiLES	1-888-947-6583
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milwaukee 	
Moraine Lakes	1-888-446-1239
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Fond du Lac <li style="width: 33%;">• Washington <li style="width: 33%;">• Waukesha <li style="width: 33%;">• Ozaukee <li style="width: 33%;">• Walworth 	
Northern	1-888-794-5722
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Ashland <li style="width: 33%;">• Iron <li style="width: 33%;">• Sawyer <li style="width: 33%;">• Bayfield <li style="width: 33%;">• Lincoln <li style="width: 33%;">• Taylor <li style="width: 33%;">• Florence <li style="width: 33%;">• Price <li style="width: 33%;">• Vilas <li style="width: 33%;">• Forest <li style="width: 33%;">• Rusk <li style="width: 33%;">• Wood 	
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin	920-490-6800
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	715-779-3706
Sokaogon Chippewa Community	715-478-3265
Southern	1-888-794-5780
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Crawford <li style="width: 33%;">• Iowa <li style="width: 33%;">• Lafayette <li style="width: 33%;">• Grant <li style="width: 33%;">• Jefferson <li style="width: 33%;">• Rock <li style="width: 33%;">• Green 	
Stockbridge-Munsee Community	715-793-4885
Western Region for Economic Assistance	1-888-627-0430
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">• Buffalo <li style="width: 33%;">• La Crosse <li style="width: 33%;">• Trempealeau <li style="width: 33%;">• Clark <li style="width: 33%;">• Monroe <li style="width: 33%;">• Vernon <li style="width: 33%;">• Jackson <li style="width: 33%;">• Pepin 	
Wisconsin's Kenosha Racine Partnership (WKRP)	1-888-794-5820
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenosha • Racine 	

