

ADC Standard of Need and Payment Maximum

Number in unit	1	2	3	4	5	Per additional person:
Current Standard of Need (SON)	\$601	\$741	\$881	\$1,021	\$1,161	+\$140
Maximum Payment (55% SON)	\$331	\$408	\$485	\$562	\$639	+\$77
100% FPL	\$1,132.50	\$1,525.50	\$1,918.50	\$2,311.50	\$2,705.50	+\$393
SON as a percent of FPL	53%	49%	46%	44%	43%	
Max Payment as % FPL	29%	26%	25%	24%	24%	

Standard of Need (SON): The initial income test in ADC - if a household's net earned income is lower than the Standard of Need for their household size, then the household is eligible for ADC benefits. The Standard of Need is supposed to represent the monthly combined cost of food, clothing, sundries, home supplies, utilities, laundry, and shelter, including taxes and insurance. As shown in the chart above, the current Standard of Need is well below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL); compare this to other public benefits programs like SNAP and Child Care Subsidies, which currently have eligibility levels at 165% and 185% FPL. **The current Standard of Need is \$601 for one individual, plus an additional \$140 for each additional member of the household.**¹

Federal Poverty Level (FPL): The federal poverty guidelines are used for administrative purposes such as determining financial eligibility for certain federal programs. The poverty guidelines, known as the FPL, are issued each year in the Federal Register by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and are a simplified version of the federal poverty thresholds, which are issued by the Census Bureau. In 2022, 100% FPL for a household of one was \$1,132.50 per month, plus an additional \$393 for each additional member of the household.²

¹ 468 NAC 000-209 <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/468-000-209.pdf>

² Based on an annual 100% FPL of \$13,590 for one individual, plus \$4,720 for each additional person. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>