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Key components of the project include a household survey and studies of policies in 13 states, available at the Urban Institute's web site, <http://www.urban.org>. This paper is one in a series of discussion papers analyzing information from these and other sources.

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## **Policies as of July 2000**



## **Initial Eligibility**











































































































## **Benefits**





















**Table II.A.3 Benefit Standards, July 2000**

State	Payment Standard		Statutory Maximum Benefit	
	State Name	Amount for Family of Three	State Name	Amount for Family of Three
Alabama	Payment Standard	\$164	—	—
Alaska	Need Standard	\$1,118	Maximum Benefit	\$923
Arizona				
All, except JOBSTART	Payment Benefit	\$347	—	—
JOBSTART	Payment Benefit and Food Stamps <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—
Arkansas	Maximum Payment Level	\$204	—	—
California				
Nonexempt	Maximum Aid Payment	\$626	—	—
Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment	\$699	—	—
Colorado	Need Standard	\$421	—	—
Connecticut				
Time-Limited Units	Payment Standard	\$543	—	—
Time-Limited Exempt	Need Standard	\$745	—	—
Delaware	Need Standard	\$867	Maximum Benefit	\$338
D.C.	Payment Level	\$379	—	—
Florida	Payment Standard	\$303	—	—
Georgia	Standard of Need	\$424	Family Maximum	\$280
Hawaii	Standard of Assistance	\$570 <sup>2</sup>	—	—
Idaho	Work Incentive Allowance	\$382	Maximum Benefit	\$293
Illinois	Payment Standard	\$377	—	—
Indiana	Need Standard	\$320	Maximum Payment	\$288
Iowa	Payment Standard	\$426	—	—
Kansas	Budgetary Standards	\$429	—	—
Kentucky	Standard of Need	\$526	Maximum Benefit	\$262
Louisiana	Flat Grant Amount	\$240	—	—
Maine	Standard of Need	\$596	Maximum Benefit	\$461
Maryland	Allowable Payment	\$417	—	—
Massachusetts				
Exempt	Need Standard	\$633	—	—
Nonexempt	Need Standard	\$618	—	—
Michigan	Payment Standard	\$459	—	—
Minnesota	Transitional Standard	\$789 (532) <sup>3</sup>	—	—
	Family Wage Level	\$868	—	—
	Food Portion of MFIP	\$257	—	—
Mississippi	Need Standard and Payment Standard	\$368	Maximum Benefit	\$170
Missouri	Payment Standard	\$292	—	—
Montana				
Pathways/Community Service Program	Benefit Standard	\$477	—	—
Job Supplement Program	None	—	—	—
Nebraska	Need Standard	\$535	Payment Maximum	\$364
Nevada	Payment Allowance	\$348	—	—
New Hampshire	Payment Standard	\$600	—	—
New Jersey	Maximum Benefit Payment Schedule	\$424	—	—
New Mexico	Payment Standard	\$439 <sup>4</sup>	—	—
New York	Need Standard	\$577	—	—









# **Requirements**



































































































































































