



Rhode Island Department of Human Services

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Rhode Island Works (RIW) is a cash assistance program for families with children under age 18 or children who live with their caretaker relatives. Benefit eligibility is determined by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS). Use this screening tool to help determine whether you might be eligible for RI Works benefits. Please note only DHS can determine eligibility.

1. Does your family have children under age 18, live in Rhode Island, and need cash assistance while supporting your work and education goals?

You may be eligible for RI Works, or cash assistance. Families eligible for RI Works may get a cash payment, transportation, child care, and employment training assistance as part of a broader support to strengthen and stabilize their household. Parents will receive case management support to help them complete their education, skill/credential obtainment, and/or help with creating a pathway to a well-paying job.

2. Will your family be eligible for RI Works?

Only DHS can determine whether you will be able to receive cash assistance, but the questions below may help you to decide if you want to apply.

1. Does the parent or adult in the household have legal custody/guardianship of the child(ren)? Yes No

3. Does your family have less than \$5,000 in resources (money in the bank, second cars, second home, retirement plans)? Yes No

2. Is your family income below the amount in the chart below (include both earned and unearned income)? Yes No

4. Are the children in your household U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents or refugees? Yes No

Family Size	Monthly Benefit	*Approx. Earned Income Limit/Month
1	\$510	\$1,547
2	\$701	\$1,929
3	\$865	\$2,257
4	\$990	\$2,507
5	\$1,115	\$2,757
Each Additional Family Member Add	\$125	~ \$250

See the chart for countable income limits. If all income is unearned, the total must be less than the payment amount in the chart. *Some earned income may not be counted in deciding eligibility. check to see whether

If you answered, YES, to all the questions above you may be eligible for RI Works.

Learn about special RIW eligibility rules, General Public Assistance (GPA), SNAP E&T and other education and work-related supports here: <https://dhs.ri.gov/regulations>.

Have More Questions?

Visit our website: www.dhs.ri.gov

Call: 1-855-MY-RIDHS (1-855-697-4347) Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, except holidays, from 8:30AM-3:00PM

Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Customer Service: 1-888-979-9939

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