

Income Verification using Tax Return Forms

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Now that we are in tax season, it is a good time to remind WIC staff what information to use from the Federal Tax filing forms when confirming participants' income.

If a participant is using their federal tax return for income verification, reference the line (which may vary by form and year-to-year), that includes all income sources such as wages, interest, dividends, pensions, social security benefits and capital gains. It is typically labeled **Total Income**.

- For Tax Year 2025, use **line 9** on the 1040 form.

See [Section 5.2.4 Certification Procedures Income](#). Please share this information with all staff who verify participant income.

Questions? Contact your State WIC Consultant for more information.

Reference - complete listing of hyperlinks

[Section 5.2.4 Certification Procedures Income](#)

(https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/localagency/program/mom/chsctns/ch5/sctn5_2_4.pdf)

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