

## MA HOUSEHOLD SIZE

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### ADULT

When determining the household size for an adult, include all of the following:

- Spouse, if living together.
- Biological or adoptive children under the age of 21 who live with the person or are considered temporarily absent from the parental home.
- Biological or adoptive children of the person's spouse under the age of 21, who live in the household with the MA applicant and spouse or are considered temporarily absent.  
*Exception: Do not include emancipated children.*
- An unborn child or children (if a multiple pregnancy is verified) if the person is a pregnant woman or the spouse of a pregnant woman.
- An unborn child or children (if a multiple pregnancy is verified) if the applicant is married to a pregnant woman.

**Do not include:** Children other than biological or adoptive children of the person or person's spouse (such as grandchildren, nieces, nephews).

### CHILD

When determining the household size for a child, include all of the following:

- Parents.
- Other children who are included in the parent's household size.  
*Exception: Do not include parent or their other children if the child is emancipated.*
- A stepparent if a biological or adoptive parent also lives in the home.

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- Children of a stepparent who live in the home or are temporarily absent.
- Unborn siblings or half siblings with whom the child shares a legally established common parent. Count multiple siblings if a multiple pregnancy is verified.
- Child's spouse.
- Child's minor children and unborn children if child is pregnant.

**Note:** Base the determination of a child's home on current circumstances and only use the custody information from a court order in contested cases.

Use a household size of 1 if:

- The person's eligibility is based solely on the person's income. This includes:
  - ▶ A child with TEFRA eligibility.
  - ▶ A blind or disabled child age 18 through 20 whose eligibility is based only on the child's income (SSI)
- The child does not live with natural or adoptive parents even if the child lives with siblings.