

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIHEAP SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAM 2009

The Fuel Assistance Program (FAP) in New Hampshire

Primary FAP benefits are calculated taking into account household income, energy costs, number of degree-days within a region and housing type. This targeting allows those households with the lowest incomes (below 75% FPG) and highest energy costs to receive the highest benefits.

The income level and annual energy costs are combined through the use of the following double matrix:

FPG	A under 75% FPG	B between 75% and 100% FPG	C between 100% and 125% FPG	D between 125% and 150% FPG	E between 150% and 175% FPG	F between 175% and 60% SMI
AA annual heating costs above \$1200	\$975	\$825	\$675	\$525	\$375	\$300
BB annual heating costs \$901- \$1200	\$780	\$660	\$540	\$420	\$300	\$240
CC annual heating costs \$601- \$900	\$585	\$495	\$405	\$315	\$225	\$180
DD annual heating costs \$100- \$600	\$390	\$330	\$270	\$210	\$150	\$120

Based on this matrix, the average NH LIHEAP primary benefit is \$600. This benefit matrix is based on annual energy costs and the available funding in PY 2003.

The NH Supplemental benefit program DOUBLED the original FAP PY 09 benefit for all eligible households with incomes up to 60% SMI that pay for their heat through a fuel vendor and heat with oil, kerosene, propane and wood.

Supplemental benefits were allocated to households based on poverty level and annual energy costs. Households with the lowest incomes and highest energy costs received the highest benefits.

Supplemental benefits were targeted to households heating with oil, kerosene, propane and wood due to the increased cost and the vulnerability of heating with an unregulated deliverable fuel.

The current primary FAP benefit matrix has been in use since PY 2003. Between PY 03 and PY 08, fuel prices increased:

Oil: 152%
Kerosene: 136%
Propane: 86%
Natural Gas: 59%
Electric: 17%
Wood: 100%

70% of all certified eligible FAP PY 09 households heat with oil, kerosene, or propane. Another 1% of households heat with wood.

The average household in NH heating with oil uses 800 gallons a year.

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July 2008

\$4000 annual heating costs (\$5.00 average gallon)	\$975 benefit 24%	\$825 benefit 20%	\$675 benefit 17%	\$525 benefit 13%	\$375 benefit 9%	\$300 benefit 1%
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SUPPLEMENTAL November 2008

\$2400 annual heating costs (\$3.00 gallon)	\$1950 benefit 81%	\$1650 benefit 69%	\$1350 benefit 56%	\$1050 benefit 44%	\$750 benefit 31%	\$600 benefit 25%
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Actual PY 2009

\$2000 annual heating costs (\$2.50 average gallon)	\$1950 benefit 98%	\$1650 benefit 83%	\$1350 benefit 68%	\$1050 benefit 53%	\$750 benefit 37%	\$600 benefit 30%
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