Public Assistance Eligibility Criteria

Income & Resource Standards for:

- Medicaid, Medicaid Expansion
- Healthy Montana Kids (HMK)
- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program
- Best Beginnings Child Care Assistance
- Low-Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP)



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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY 2021 INCOME STANDARDS

BACKGROUND

Montanans are eligible for various public assistance programs if they meet eligibility standards specific to the program, including income limits that are usually set as a percentage of the federal poverty level (FPL). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services updates the poverty guidelines annually.

The tables in this document show:

- the income and resource standards for various public assistance; and
- the income requirements for various percentages of the federal poverty level.

Medicaid Category	Income as % of FPL	Allowable Assets
Parent/Caretaker Relative	24%*	Not Counted
Aged/Blind/Disabled	Individual: \$794/month** Couple: \$1,191	Individual: \$2,000 Couple: \$3,000
Expansion Group (ages 19 through 64)	133%*	Not Counted
Children Under 19 Years of Age	143%*	Not Counted
Pregnant Women	157%*	Not Counted
Breast/Cervical Cancer	250%	Not Counted
Workers with Disabilities (Buy-In Program)	250%	Individuals: \$15,000 Couple: \$30,000
Other Programs		
Healthy Montana Kids Plan (HMK)	144% to 261%*	Not Counted
SNAP: Categorical Eligibility	TANF Cash Assistance or SSI Eligibility	Not Counted
SNAP: Expanded Eligibility	200% (Gross Income)***	Not Counted
TANF	30% of 2011 FPL**** (Net Income)	\$3,000

^{*} An additional 5% income disregard effectively raises the eligibility standard for this category by 5% from the listed level.

^{**} Income standards for this eligibility group are set at the Social Security Supplemental Income level.

^{***} Expanded eligibility is conferred through receipt of a TANF-funded brochure on community resources.

The tables below reflect the effective eligibility standards and related annual and monthly dollar amounts for the various programs; some income levels are slightly higher than the chart on Page 1 because of the 5% income disregard allowed for people who are eligible based on modified adjusted gross income.

GROSS YEARLY INCOME

266% HMK	\$34,261	\$46,337	\$58,414	\$70,490	\$82,566	\$94,643	\$106,719	\$118,796
250% M: Buy-In Breast/Cervical Cancer	\$32,200	\$43,550	\$54,900	\$66,250	\$77,600	\$88,950	\$100,300	\$111,650
162% M: Pregnant Women	\$20,866	\$28,220	\$35,575	\$42,930	\$50,285	\$57,640	\$64,994	\$72,349
148% M: Children	\$19,062	\$25,782	\$32,501	\$39,220	\$45,939	\$52,658	\$59,378	\$66,097
138% M: Expansion	\$17,774	\$24,040	\$30,305	\$36,570	\$42,835	\$49,100	\$55,366	\$61,631
100% SNAP	\$12,880	\$17,420	\$21,960	\$26,500	\$31,040	\$35,580	\$40,120	\$44,660
30% (2011) TANF	\$3,267	\$4,413	\$5,559	\$6,705	\$7,851	\$8,997	\$10,143	\$11,289
29% M: Parents	\$3,735	\$5,052	\$6,368	\$7,685	\$9,002	\$10,318	\$11,635	\$12,951
Family Size	1	2	3	4	7.	9	7	8

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME

Family Size	29% M: Parents	30% (2011) TANF	100% SNAP	138% M: Expansion	148% M: Children	162% M: Pregnant Women	250% M: Buy-In Breast/Cervical Cancer	266% HMK
1	\$311	\$272	\$1,073	\$1,481	\$1,588	\$1,738	\$2,683	\$2,854
2	\$421	\$368	\$1,452	\$2,004	\$2,149	\$2,352	\$3,630	\$3,862
3	\$531	\$463	\$1,830	\$2,525	\$2,708	\$2,965	\$4,575	\$4,868
4	\$640	\$559	\$2,208	\$3,047	\$3,268	\$3,577	\$5,520	\$5,873
5	\$750	\$654	\$2,587	\$3,570	\$3,829	\$4,191	\$6,468	\$6,881
9	\$860	\$750	\$2,965	\$4,092	\$4,388	\$4,803	\$7,413	\$7,887
7	\$969	\$845	\$3,343	\$4,613	\$4,948	\$5,416	\$8,358	\$8,892
	\$1,079	\$941	\$3,722	\$5,136	\$5,509	\$6,030	\$9,305	\$9,901



SNAP 001

Gross and Net Income: Standards/Thrifty Food Plan

Supersedes: SNAP 001 (10/01/20)

References: 7 CFR 273.9(a)(1)(i) and (a)(2)(i), 7 CFR 273.10(e)(4)(ii)

Overview: SNAP participation is limited to households with income not exceeding the following gross

and net monthly income standards. October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR EXPANDED CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE (ECE) HOUSEHOLDS (200% of Poverty Level)

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$2,128
2	\$2,874
3	\$3,620
4	\$4,368
5	\$5,114
6	\$5,860
7	\$6,608
8	\$7,354
Each Additional Member	+ \$748

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS (130% of Poverty Level)

<u>Household Size</u>	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,383
2	\$1,868
3	\$2,353
4	\$2,839
5	\$3,324
6	\$3,809
7	\$4,295
8	\$4,780
Each Additional Member	+ \$486

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WHERE ELDERLY/DISABLED ARE A SEPARATE HOUSEHOLD (165% of Poverty Level)

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,755
2	\$2,371
3	\$2,987
4	\$3,603
5	\$4,219
6	\$4,835
7	\$5,451
8	\$6,067
Each Additional Member	+ \$616

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME TEST EXCEPTIONS:

The gross monthly income test does not apply to households who:

- Are categorically eligible because all members are receiving or are authorized to receive TANF cash assistance, TANF Post Employment, Tribal TANF, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.
- 2. Include a member who is disabled or age 60 or older. An individual is considered elderly the month he/she turns 60 years old. **NOTE:** Households are subject to the 130% GMI test when an elderly or disabled member is disqualified for any of the following reasons:
 - a. intentional program violation;
 - b. fleeing felon or probation/parole violation;
 - c. convicted of receiving duplicate benefits;
 - d. convicted of trading benefits for weapons, ammunition, explosives, or drugs
 - e. convicted of buying or selling benefits of \$500 or more; or,
 - f. convicted after 08/22/96 of a federal or state felony for possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- 3. Include a member who is disabled or age 60 or older and do not pass the ECE gross income test.
 - Households with income less than the gross monthly income standard (GMI) have their net income evaluated according to the net monthly income standard (NMI).

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS (100% of Poverty Level)

Household Size	Net Monthly Income
1	\$1,064
2	\$1,437
3	\$1,810
4	\$2,184
5	\$2,557
6	\$2,930
7	\$3,304
8	\$3,677
Each Additional Member	+ \$374

NET MONTHLY INCOME EXCEPTIONS:

Households are exempt from the net monthly income test if the household is CE/ECE.

THRIFTY FOOD PLAN

The monthly allotment is equal to the Thrifty Food Plan for the household's size reduced by 30 percent of the net monthly income. The Thrifty Food Plan is based on 100% of the federal poverty level. Minimum SNAP Allotment is \$16.

Maximum SNAP Allotments:

Household Size	Thrifty Food Plan
1	\$204
2	\$374
3	\$535
4	\$680
5	\$807
6	\$969
7	\$1,071
8	\$1,224
Each Additional Member	+ \$153

Effective Date: October 1, 2020



TANF 001 Monthly Income Standards

Supersedes: TANF 001 (7/1/18)

Reference: ARM 37.78.420

Overview: The tables of standards contain the income and benefit standards used to determine financial eligibility for TANF cash assistance. These standards are based on the number of persons in the assistance unit and set the financial eligibility requirement for the filing/assistance unit as a whole.

The tables of standards also contain the payment standards which are based on the number of persons in the assistance unit for the TANF cash assistance program and are a set amount for the Post-Employment Program.

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS: (Based on 30% of 2011 FPL)

Household	Gross Monthly Income
Size	(GMI)
1	\$642
2	867
3	1092
4	1317
5	1542
6	1767
7	1992
8	2217
9	2442
10	2667
11	2892
12	3117
13	3342
14	3567
15	3793
16	4018
17	4243
18	4468
19	4693
20	4918

BENEFIT STANDARDS: (Based on 30% 2011 FPL)

Household	Benefit Standards
Size	
1	\$272
2	368
3	463
4	559
5	654
6	750
7	845
8	941
9	1036
10	1132
11	1227
12	1323
13	1418
14	1514
15	1609
16	1705
17	1801
18	1897
19	1993
20	2089

PAYMENT STANDARDS: (Based on 35% of 2016 FPL)

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Household	Payment Standards
Size	
1	\$347
2	467
3	588
4	709
5	830
6	950
7	1071
8	1193
9	1314
10	1435
11	1557
12	1678
13	1799
14	1921
15	2042
16	2136

Household	Payment Standards
Size	
17	2285
18	2406
19	2527
20	2649

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS: (Based on 30% 2011 FPL)

Household Size	Net Monthly Income (NMI)
1	\$347
2	468
3	590
4	712
5	833
6	955
7	1077
8	1198
9	1320
10	1442
11	1563
12	1685
13	1807
14	1928
15	2050
16	2172
17	2294
18	2416
19	2538
20	2660

NON-CASH INCOME GUIDELINES: (Based on 200% 2019 FPL)

HH size	Monthly
1	\$2,082
2	\$2,818
3	\$3,555
4	\$4,292
5	\$5,028
6	\$5,765
7	\$6,502
8	\$7,238
9	\$7,975



WIC INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

185% Poverty

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2 x Monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1.	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$993	\$917	\$459
2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$1,343	\$1,240	\$620
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$1,693	\$1,563	\$782
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$2,043	\$1,886	\$943
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$2,393	\$2,209	\$1,105
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$2,743	\$2,532	\$1,266
7	7 \$74,222 \$		\$3,093	\$2,855	\$1,428
8	\$82,621	\$6,886	\$3,443	\$3,178	\$1,589
Each Additional Member Add	+\$8,399	+\$700	+\$350	+\$324	+\$162



Montana **Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship Child Care Sliding Fee Scale**



Effective 06-01-2021

The monthly co-payment is a percentage of the family's gross monthly income (GMI).

	Standard Eligibility															
	FAMILY SIZE >	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Entry Level Income	\$778	\$980	\$1,179	\$1,379	\$1,581	\$1,781	\$1,981	\$2,180	\$2,382	\$2,582	\$2,782	\$2,981	\$3,183	\$3,383	\$3,5
	1% Co-pay	\$10	\$10	\$12	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$22	\$24	\$26	\$28	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$3
	90% FPG GMI	\$1,307	\$1.647	\$1,988	\$2,328	\$2,669	\$3,009	\$3,350	\$3,690	\$4,031	\$4,371	\$4,712	\$5,052	\$5,393	\$5,733	\$6,0
	2% Co-pay	\$26	\$33	\$40	\$47	\$53	\$60	\$67	\$74	\$81	\$87	\$94	\$101	\$108	\$115	\$12
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	3% Co-pay	\$1,379 \$41	\$1,739 \$52	\$63	\$2,457 \$74	\$2,817 \$85	\$3,176 \$95	\$3,536 \$106	\$3,895 \$117	\$4,254 \$128	\$4,614 \$138	\$4,973 \$149	\$5,333 \$160	\$5,692 \$171	\$6,052 \$182	\$6,4
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	100% FPG GMI 4% Co-pay	\$1,452 \$58	\$1,830 \$73	\$2,208 \$88	\$2,587 \$103	\$2,965 \$119	\$3,343	\$3,722 \$149	\$4,100 \$164	\$4,478	\$4,857	\$5,235	\$5,613	\$5,992	\$6,370	\$6,7
	4% Co-pay	\$30	\$/3	300	\$103	\$119	\$134	\$149	\$164	\$179	\$194	\$209	\$225	\$240	\$255	\$27
	105% FPG GMI		\$1,922	\$2,319	\$2,716	\$3,113	\$3,511	\$3,908	\$4,305	\$4,702	\$5,100	\$5,497	\$5,894	\$6,291	\$6,689	\$7,0
	5% Co-pay	\$76	\$96	\$116	\$136	\$156	\$176	\$195	\$215	\$235	\$255	\$275	\$295	\$315	\$334	\$35
	110% FPG GMI	\$1,597	\$2,013	\$2,429	\$2,845	\$3,262	\$3,678	\$4,094	\$4,510	\$4,926	\$5,342	\$5,759	\$6,175	\$6,591	\$7,007	\$7.4
	6% Co-pay	\$96	\$121	\$146	\$171	\$196	\$221	\$246	\$271	\$296	\$321	\$346	\$371	\$395	\$420	\$44
	115% FPG GMI	\$1,669	\$2,105	\$2,540	\$2,975	\$3,410	\$3,845	\$4,280	\$4,715	\$5,150	\$5,585	\$6,020	\$6,455	66 900	67 226	\$7.7
	7% Co-pay	\$1,009	\$147	\$178	\$2,975	\$239	\$269	\$300	\$330	\$361	\$3,363	\$421	\$452	\$6,890 \$482	\$7,326 \$513	\$54
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	125% FPG GMI	\$1,815	\$2,288	\$2,760	\$3,233	\$3,706	\$4,179	\$4,652	\$5,125	\$5,598	\$6,071	\$6,544	\$7,017	\$7,490	\$7,963	\$8,4
	9% Co-pay	\$163	\$206	\$248	\$291	\$334	\$376	\$419	\$461	\$504	\$546	\$589	\$632	\$674	\$717	\$75
	130% FPG GMI	\$1,887	\$2,379	\$2,871	\$3,363	\$3,855	\$4,346	\$4,838	\$5,330	\$5,822	\$6,314	\$6,806	\$7,297	\$7,789	\$8,281	\$8,7
	10% Co-pay	\$189	\$238	\$287	\$336	\$386	\$435	\$484	\$533	\$582	\$631	\$681	\$730	\$779	\$828	\$87
36	135% FPG GMI	\$1,960	\$2,471	\$2,981	\$3,492	\$4,003	\$4,514	\$5,024	\$5,535	\$6,046	\$6.557	\$7,067	\$7,578	\$8,089	\$8,600	\$9,1
	11% Co-pay	\$216	\$272	\$328	\$384	\$440	\$497	\$553	\$609	\$665	\$721	\$777	\$834	\$890	\$946	\$1.0
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	145% FPG GMI	\$2,105	\$2,654	\$3,202	\$3,751	\$4,299	\$4,848	\$5,396	\$5,945	\$6,494	\$7,042	\$7,591	\$8,139	\$8,688	\$9,237	\$9,7
	13% Co-pay	\$274	\$345	\$416	\$488	\$559	\$630	\$701	\$773	\$844	\$915	\$987	\$1,058	\$1,129	\$1,201	\$1,2
	150% FPG GMI	\$2,178	\$2,745	\$3,313	\$3,880	\$4,448	\$5,015	\$5,583	\$6,150	\$6,718	\$7,285	\$7,853	\$8,420	\$8,988	\$9,555	\$10,
	14% Co-pay	\$305	\$384	\$464	\$543	\$623	\$702	\$782	\$861	\$941	\$1,020	\$1,099	\$1,179	\$1,258	\$1,338	\$1,4
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	155% FPG GMI 15% Co-pay	\$2,250 \$338	\$2,837 \$426	\$3,423 \$513	\$4,009 \$601	\$4,596 \$689	\$5,182 \$777	\$5,769 \$865	\$6,355 \$953	\$6,941 \$1,041	\$7,528 \$1,129	\$8,114	\$8,701 \$1,305	\$9,287 \$1,393	\$9,874 \$1,481	\$10,4
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15	160% FPG GMI	\$2,323	\$2,928	\$3,533	\$4,139	\$4,744	\$5,349	\$5,955	\$6,560	\$7,165	\$7,771	\$8,376	\$8,981	\$9,587	\$10,192	\$10,7
	16% Co-pay	\$372	\$468	\$565	\$662	\$759	\$856	\$953	\$1,050	\$1,146	\$1,243	\$1,340	\$1,437	\$1,534	\$1,631	\$1,7
	165% FPG GMI	\$2,395	\$3,020	\$3,644	\$4,268	\$4,892	\$5,517	\$6,141	\$6,765	\$7,389	\$8,014	\$8,638	\$9,262	\$9,886	\$10,511	\$11,1
	17% Co-pay	\$407	\$513	\$619	\$726	\$832	\$938	\$1,044	\$1,150	\$1,256	\$1,362	\$1,468	\$1,575	\$1,681	\$1,787	\$1,8
	170% FPG GMI	\$2,468	\$3,111	\$3,754	\$4,397	\$5,041	\$5,684	\$6,327	\$6,970	\$7,613	\$8,256	\$8,900	\$9,543	\$10,186	\$10,829	\$11,4
	18% Co-pay	\$444	\$560	\$676	\$791	\$907	\$1,023	\$1,139	\$1,255	\$1,370	\$1,486	\$1,602	\$1,718	\$1,833	\$1,949	\$2,0
	175% FPG GMI	\$2,540	62 202	62 DCF	64 507	eE 100	CE 0E1	66 E42	67 475	67.027	60 400	60.404	60.000	040 405	044.445	Li Foregonia
	19% Co-pay	\$483	\$3,203 \$609	\$3,865 \$734	\$4,527 \$860	\$5,189 \$986	\$5,851 \$1,112	\$6,513 \$1,237	\$7,175 \$1,363	\$7,837 \$1,489	\$8,499 \$1,615	\$9,161 \$1,741	\$9,823 \$1,866	\$10,485 \$1,992	\$11,148 \$2,118	\$11,8
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	180% FPG GMI	\$2,613	\$3,294	\$3,975	\$4,656	\$5,337	\$6,018	\$6,699	\$7,380	\$8,061	\$8,742	\$9,423	\$10,104	\$10,785	\$11,466	\$12,1
	20% Co-pay	\$523	\$659	\$795	\$931	\$1,067	\$1,204	\$1,340	\$1,476	\$1,612	\$1,748	\$1,885	\$2,021	\$2,157	\$2,293	\$2,42
АХ		\$2,686	\$3,386	\$4,085	\$4,785	\$5,485	\$6,185	\$6,885	\$7,585	\$8,285	\$8,985	\$9,685	\$10,385	\$11,085	\$11,785	\$12,4
	21% Co-pay	\$564	\$711	\$858	\$1,005	\$1,152	\$1,299	\$1,446	\$1,593	\$1,740	\$1,887	\$2,034	\$2,181	\$2,328	\$2,475	\$2,6

Graduated Eligibility*

Graduated eligibility continues eligibility for Non-TANF families that are deemed over-income for the Non-TANF program.

A family must already be on the Non-TANF program. At annual redetermination, the family would be eligible for Graduated Eligibility for a twelve-month eligibility period.

All other BBCCS requirements must be met by the family to qualify for Graduated Eligibility.

	190% FPG GMI	\$2,758	\$3,477	\$4,196	\$4,915	\$5,634	\$6,352	\$7,071	\$7,790	\$8,509	\$9,228	\$9,947	\$10,665	\$11,384	\$12,103	\$12,822
	22% Co-pay	\$607	\$765	\$923	\$1,081	\$1,239	\$1,397	\$1,556	\$1,714	\$1,872	\$2,030	\$2,188	\$2,346	\$2,504	\$2,663	\$2,821
they am	195% FPG GMI	\$2,831	\$3,569	\$4,306	\$5,044	\$5,782	\$6,520	\$7,257	\$7,995	\$8,733	\$9,471	\$10,208	\$10,946	\$11,684	\$12,422	\$13,159
	23% Co-pay	\$651	\$821	\$990	\$1,160	\$1,330	\$1,500	\$1,669	\$1,839	\$2,009	\$2,178	\$2,348	\$2,518	\$2,687	\$2,857	\$3,027
MAX	200% FPG GMI	\$2,903	\$3,660	\$4,417	\$5,173	\$5,930	\$6,687	\$7,443	\$8,200	\$8,957	\$9,713	\$10,470	\$11,227	\$11,983	\$12,740	\$13,497
IVIAX	24% Co-pay	\$697	\$878	\$1,060	\$1,242	\$1,423	\$1,605	\$1,786	\$1,968	\$2,150	\$2,331	\$2,513	\$2,694	\$2,876	\$3,058	\$3,239

8/10/2021 Energy Assistance

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LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

You may apply for assistance at any time during the year by contacting the energy assistance <u>LIEAP eligibility office</u> or <u>tribal LIHEAP office</u> serving your community. Click on "LIEAP eligibility office" to access phone numbers.

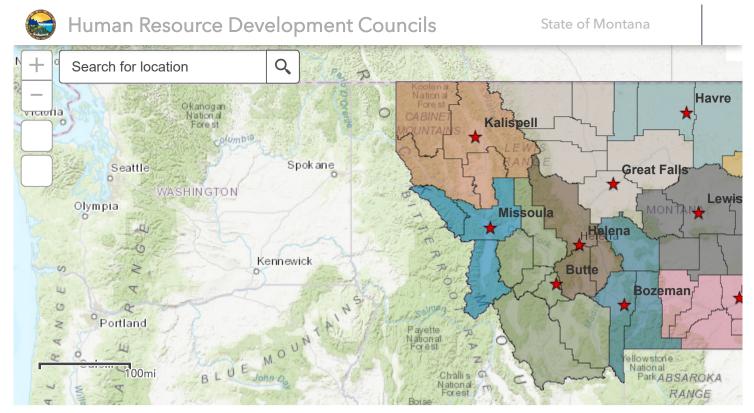
If you cannot reach your local LIEAP eligibility office, call Montana's toll-free LIEAP number at 1-833-317-1080.

The State of Montana, through the Department of Public Health and Human Services, offers two programs aimed at helping low-income individuals reduce their heating costs. The **Low Income Energy Assistance Program** (LIEAP) pays part of winter energy bills for eligible people. Most utilities offer LIEAP recipients discounts on their bills. The **Weatherization Program** helps participants to improve the heating efficiency of their homes and thus reduce their energy consumption. In certain circumstances, there is assistance available to help with furnace emergencies.

When & Where to Apply

The Low-Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP) application is available during the heating season, which is October 1 through April 30 of each year, by contacting local <u>LIEAP eligibility office</u> or <u>tribal LIHEAP office</u> serving your community.

You may apply for weatherization assistance at any time during the year by contacting the energy assistance <u>LIEAP</u> eligibility office or <u>tribal LIHEAP</u> office serving your community.



<u>View larger map</u>

LIEAP Eligibility Offices

Tribal LIHEAP Offices

Who Is Eligible

Eligibility for weatherization and fuel (energy) assistance is based on your income and resource limits. Both homeowners and renters may apply for these programs.

If your household receives benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, you may qualify automatically for weatherization or fuel assistance.

LIEAP Income and Resource Guidelines



LIEAP and Weatherization Programs

2020-2021 Program Year Poverty Levels

Number in Household	LIEAP and CRF Upper Income Limits	Wx Upper Limits (Including LIEAP Wx) 200%
1	\$26,616	\$26,616
2	\$34,805	\$34,805
3	\$42,995	\$43,440
4	\$51,184	\$52,400
5	\$59,373	\$61,360
6	\$67,563	\$70,320
7	\$69,098	\$79,280
8	\$70,634	\$88,240
9	\$72,900	\$97,200
10	\$79,620	\$106,160
11	\$86,340	\$115,120
12	\$93,060	\$124,080
13	\$99,780	\$133,040
14	\$106,500	\$142,000
^	\$113,220	\$150,960

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The upper limit amounts are 60% of the state median income for household sizes one (1) through eight (8). The upper limit amounts for household sizes nine (9) and greater are 150% of the poverty threshold for the household size. For households at 150 percent of HHS poverty guidelines with more than 9 members add \$6,720 for each additional member.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)& Weatherization Program 2020-2021 Program Year Resource Limits

Number in Household	Non-Business Resources	
1	\$11,877	
2	\$17,822	
3	\$19,011	
4	\$20,200	
5	\$21,389	
6	\$22,578	
7	\$23,767	
8	\$23,767	
9	\$23,767	
10	\$23,767	
11	\$23,767	
12	\$23,767	

Additional Weatherization Assistance

Households who qualify for LIEAP are also eligible for weatherization and Energy Education. Discounts on electric bills may be available. All approved LIEAP applications are ranked according to degree of need and placed in "priority groups." Special priority is given to older adults and disabled individuals. If your application is approved but you're not in a priority group and if you don't receive assistance within a year of your application date please reapply.

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An energy auditor will set up a time to visit with you about your home's needs for weatherization materials. The auditor is trained to determine the most cost-effective weatherization measures for your home. These measures may include a furnace tune-up, caulking, client education, insulation, weather-stripping, storm windows, replacement of broken glass, or repair of exterior doors.

Weatherization workers may not be able to install all the materials you need, but they will do the most important weatherization within the dollar limits allowed. In some cases it may not be cost effective to install any weatherization measures.

When your home is scheduled for weatherization work, a crew or an independent contractor will come to install the necessary materials in your home. After the work is completed, you will be asked to sign a statement indicating that you believe the work was done properly and to your satisfaction.

LIEAP Benefit Award Matrix (Adjusted 09/01/2020)

#Bedrooms **Natural Gas Electric Propane Fuel Oil** Coal Wood \$480 \$967 \$984 \$997 \$806 \$628 \$912 2 \$698 \$1,406 \$1,430 \$1,449 \$1,172 \$952 \$1,915 \$1,949 \$1,975 \$1,243 \$1,597 \$1,710 \$1,309 \$2,635 \$2,681 \$2,717 \$2,198

Single Family Base Benefit

#Bedrooms	Natural Gas	Electric	Propane	Fuel Oil	Wood	Coal
1	\$342	\$688	\$700	\$728	\$573	\$446
2	\$499	\$1,005	\$1,023	\$1,065	\$837	\$651
3	\$662	\$1,332	\$1,356	\$1,412	\$1,110	\$864
4	\$739	\$1,487	\$1,513	\$1,575	\$1,238	\$964

Multi Family Base Benefit

#Bedrooms	Natural Gas	Electric	Propane	Fuel Oil	Wood	Coal
1	\$481	\$969	\$986	\$1,048	\$808	\$629
2	\$725	\$1,459	\$1,485	\$1,578	\$1,217	\$947
3	\$1,064	\$2,141	\$2,179	\$2,315	\$1,786	\$1,390
4	\$1,243	\$2,502	\$2,546	\$2,705	\$2,087	\$1,624

Mobile Home Base Benefit

% of Poverty	AEM	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
0-11	1.00	1.08	0.98	0.99	0.93	1.02	1.08	0.90	0.92	1.09
>11-23	0.95	1.02	0.94	0.94	0.89	0.97	1.03	0.86	0.87	1.04
>23-35	0.90	0.97	0.89	0.89	0.84	0.92	0.98	0.81	0.82	0.98
>35-47	0.85	0.92	0.84	0.84	0.79	0.87	0.92	0.77	0.78	0.93
>47-59	0.80	0.86	0.79	0.79	0.75	0.82	0.87	0.72	0.73	0.87
>59-71	0.75	0.81	0.74	0.74	0.70	0.77	0.81	0.68	0.69	0.82
>71-83	0.70	0.75	0.69	0.69	0.65	0.71	0.76	0.63	0.64	0.76
>83-95	0.65	0.70	0.64	0.64	0.61	0.66	0.70	0.59	0.60	0.71
>95-107	0.60	0.65	0.59	0.59	0.56	0.61	0.65	0.54	0.55	0.65
>107-119	0.55	0.59	0.54	0.54	0.51	0.56	0.60	0.50	0.50	0.60
>119-131	0.50	0.54	0.49	0.49	0.47	0.51	0.54	0.45	0.46	0.55
>131-143	0.45	0.48	0.44	0.44	0.42	0.46	0.49	0.41	0.41	0.49
>143	0.40	0.43	0.39	0.39	0.37	0.41	0.43	0.36	0.37	0.44

Income/HDD Multipliers

More Energy Assistance Ideas

Partnership Links

Human & Community Services Division

Contact HCSD

Programs & Services

Intergovernmental Human Services Bureau (IHSB)

• Energy Assistance-Weatherization & LIEAP

IHSB Policy Manuals

- Community Services Block Grant Policy Manual
- Emergency Solutions Grant Policy Manual
- LIEAP Policy Manual
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- Weatherization Policy Manual