



The **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** (formerly the Food Stamp Program) is a federal program that serves as the first line of defense against hunger by helping low income households purchase eligible food items at authorized retail stores using an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card.

1. Funding

SF Year	Expenditures (\$1,000's)
2009	\$359,088.8
2008	\$260,252.6
2007	\$250,794.8
2006	\$255,989.5
2005	\$245,806.8

2. Program Elements

► Eligibility Requirements – Federal

- 30-day processing of applications or 7-day expedite if destitute
- Persons living together and purchasing and preparing meals together must be included in the same household
- Work Requirements for many participants - Participants with a work requirement face individual disqualifications for not meeting the Employment and Training (E&T) work requirements
- Funding penalties for failing to meet timely and accurate benefit delivery standards

► Eligibility Requirements – Participants

- Reside in New Mexico
- Citizenship or Qualified Legal Immigrant Status
- Social Security Number
- Resources
 - \$2,000 or less in countable resources, such as a bank account
 - \$3,000 or less when at least one person is age 60 or older, or is disabled
 - Policy for counting the value of vehicles is aligned with the Child Care and TANF programs
 - Certain resources are not counted:
 - such as a home and lot
 - resources of people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and General Assistance (GA).
- Low Income
 - Households where none of the members are elderly or disabled must meet both the gross and net income tests. Households with at least one household member is age 60 or older or disabled have to meet only the net income test
 - Households where all the members receive TANF, SSI, or GA are categorically eligible to receive SNAP.



Household Size	100% FPG	130% FPG Gross	165% FPG Elderly /Disabled	Food Stamp Allotment (up to)
1	\$ 903	\$1,174	\$1,490	\$200
2	\$1,215	\$1,579	\$2,004	\$367
3	\$1,526	\$1,984	\$2,518	\$526
4	\$1,838	\$2,389	\$3,032	\$668
5	\$2,150	\$2,794	\$3,547	\$793
6	\$2,461	\$3,200	\$4,061	\$952
7	\$2,773	\$3,605	\$4,575	\$1,052
8	\$3,085	\$4,010	\$5,089	\$1,202
+1	+\$312	+\$406	+\$515	+\$150

Deduction Types	Amount
Standard Deduction	▼
1 – 3 Household Members	\$141
4 Household Members	\$153
5 Household Members	\$179
6 or more Household Members	\$205
Earned Income Deduction	20% of earnings
Dependent Care Deduction	Actual
Medical Expenses for the Elderly or Disabled over \$35	Actual
Legally Obligated Child Support Payments	Actual
Excess Shelter Deduction – Capped (see below)	\$459
Rent or Mortgage (Insurance & Taxes) Cost	Actual
Homeless Shelter Deduction	\$143
Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)	▼
Heating & Cooling SUA	\$278
Limited SUA	\$101
Telephone SUA	\$32

3. Historical Information

► **Average Households in New Mexico by State Fiscal Year**

SF Year	Average	High	Low
2009	111,140	127,141	99,131
2008	93,388	97,989	90,794
2007	93,042	95,774	90,980
2006	95,155	96,193	92,721
2005	92,186	93,286	88,905

- **As of July 2009, SNAP is assisting 15.5% of New Mexico's population**
- **Caseload increase from SFY 2008 to SFY 2009: 19.0%**



► **Average Participants in New Mexico by State Fiscal Year**

SF Year	Average	Adults	Children
2009	273,111	135,133	137,978
2008	235,342	114,051	121,291
2007	236,806	114,729	122,077
2006	244,477	128,092	116,385
2005	238,531	115,471	123,060

4. Performance Measures

► **State Goals:**

- Increase FSP participation rates, specifically in high risk populations such as children, elderly, and disabled
- Improve eligibility determination including reduction of error rates
- Increase FSP participation rates
- Improve eligibility determination processes including expedite and overall timeliness

► **Federal Performance:**

Food Stamp Performance	Targets	State Rates FFY 08 Year End
Payment Error Rate	5% or less	6.28%
Negative Invalid Error Rate	1% or less	8.10%
Expedite Application Timeliness	99% or better	98.6%
Regular 30 Day Application Timeliness	98% or better	98.9%

5. State Food Stamp Supplement for the Elderly and Disabled

- Began on July 1, 2008
- Uses State Funds to Extend Federal Benefits up to \$30.00 in cases where the Federal Food Stamp benefits fall below \$30. The following must apply:
 - All household members are elderly or disabled as defined in subsection A of 8.139.100.7 NMAC; and
 - All household members qualify and receive federal SNAP;
 - The household does not receive earned income

SFY	Average Program Caseload Totals	Total Expenditures	Average Monthly Program Costs
2009	4,654	\$493,153	\$41,096
2008	5,485	\$623,011	\$51,918



► **New Mexico Modified Combined Application Project**

- Began June 1, 2009
- The objective of the New Mexico Modified Combined Application Project (NMCAP) is to increase access to the nutrition benefits offered by the food stamp program among elderly and disabled populations receiving supplemental security income (SSI). The combined application project will increase the ability to purchase food and meet dietary needs. The combined application project for food stamp benefit assistance is authorized by a state demonstration project via a joint partnership with food and nutrition services (FNS) and social security administration (SSA).
- Currently 45,000 New Mexicans receive SSI
- New Mexico is the 1st Modified CAP (verify SSI with SDX Complete simplified application) state to offer a program for clients age 22 and older.
- Eligible households:
 - receives federal SSI benefits;
 - is twenty-two years of age or older;
 - is eligible for separate household status; or
 - lives with a spouse who also receives SSI benefits; or
 - living with others but buys and cooks food separately from others; and
 - at the time of application for NMCAP the household has no earned income.

Monthly Shelter Costs	Maximum Monthly Benefit
≤ \$315.00	\$70.00
> \$315.00	\$93.00