

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fact Sheet

1. What is Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal funded program that is administered by the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD), Income Support Division (ISD). SNAP serves as the first line of defense against hunger by helping families and single people with low or no income to buy nutritious food. SNAP benefits are provided through an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card, similar to a bank debit card or credit card.

2. Expenditures

| SFY | Total Expenditures (\$1,000's) |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 2017* | \$235,559.9 |
| 2016 | \$688,787.6 |
| 2015 | \$675,305.9 |
| 2014 | \$636,000.1 |
| 2013 | \$678,812.9 |
| 2012 | \$668,849.7 |
| 2011 | \$614,309.4 |
| 2010 | \$517,391.2 |
| 2009 | \$359,088.8 |

*As of October 2016

3. Program Participants and Performance Outcomes

Nearly, 1 out of 4 New Mexicans are receiving SNAP.

**Includes Suspended Cases

| Monthly Averages by State Fiscal Year | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|
| SFY | Caseload | Participants | Adults | Children |
| 2017* | 262,184 | 539,746 | 315,206 | 225,906 |
| 2016** | 243,957 | 514,271 | 291,695 | 222,575 |
| 2015** | 221,284 | 478,834 | 265,607 | 213,227 |
| 2014** | 194,560 | 431,618 | 236,392 | 195,226 |
| 2013 | 199,316 | 442,013 | 244,182 | 197,831 |
| 2012 | 191,096 | 434,715 | 237,084 | 197,631 |
| 2011 | 172,992 | 402,696 | 214,377 | 188,319 |
| 2010 | 143,012 | 340,522 | 174,420 | 166,102 |
| 2009 | 111,140 | 273,111 | 135,133 | 137,978 |

* As of October 2016

** Includes Suspended Cases

► **Federal Performance:**

| SNAP Performance | Targets | State Rates FFY 16 |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|
| Payment Error Rate | 4% or less | 8.2% |
| Negative Invalid Error Rate * | 1% or less | 43.83%* |
| Expedite Application Timeliness** | 98% or better | 97.2% |
| Regular 30 Day Application Timeliness** | 98% or better | 94.7% |

*Negative error rate includes a new notice language requirement from FNS. Most states are experiencing an increase in negative rate. The National average was 23.27% in FFY 2015

** As of May 2016

4. Participant Eligibility

► **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.
- 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
 - Households that Broad Based Categorically Eligible (BBCE) or Categorically Eligible (CE) do not need to meet a resource test.
 - For those households who do not meet either BBCE or CE eligibility criteria, the following resource limits apply:
 - Resources cannot exceed \$2,250 per household or \$3,250 for household which include a member who is elderly or disabled.
 - Certain resources are not counted:
 - Such as a household’s home and lot;
 - Resources of people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, General Assistance (GA) or are categorically eligible.

| Household Size | 100% FPG | 130% FPG Gross | 165% FPG Categorical Eligibility | Food Stamp Allotment (up to) |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 990 | \$1,287 | \$1,634 | \$194 |
| 2 | \$1,335 | \$1,736 | \$2,203 | \$357 |
| 3 | \$1,680 | \$2,184 | \$2,772 | \$511 |
| 4 | \$2,025 | \$2,633 | \$3,342 | \$649 |
| 5 | \$2,370 | \$3,081 | \$3,911 | \$771 |
| 6 | \$2,715 | \$3,530 | \$4,480 | \$925 |
| 7 | \$3,061 | \$3,980 | \$5,051 | \$1,022 |
| 8 | \$3,408 | \$4,430 | \$5,623 | \$1,169 |
| +1 | +\$347 | +\$451 | +\$572 | +\$146 |

| Deduction Types | Amount |
|--|--------------------|
| Standard Deduction | ▼ |
| 1 – 3 Household Members | \$157 |
| 4 Household Members | \$168 |
| 5 Household Members | \$197 |
| 6 or more Household Members | \$226 |
| Earned Income Deduction | 20% of earnings |
| Dependent Care Deduction | Actual (No Limit) |
| Medical Expenses for the Elderly or Disabled | Actual (over \$35) |
| Legally Obligated Child Support Payments | Actual |
| Excess Shelter Deduction – Capped (see below) | \$517 |
| Rent or Mortgage (Insurance & Taxes) Cost | Actual |
| Homeless Shelter Deduction | \$143 |
| Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) | ▼ |
| Heating & Cooling SUA | \$325 |
| Limited SUA | \$125 |
| Telephone SUA | \$40 |

5. State Food Stamp Supplement for the Elderly and Disabled

- ▶ The State Food Stamp Supplement program is aimed at providing the elderly and disabled with increased purchasing power resulting in better nutrition. It uses State Funds to extend federal SNAP benefits up to \$25.00 in cases where the Federal SNAP benefits fall below \$25. The following must apply:
 - All household members are elderly or disabled as defined in subsection A of 8.139.100.7 NMAC;
 - All household members qualify and receive federal SNAP; and
 - The household does not receive earned income.

| SFY | Average Monthly Caseload Totals | Total Yearly Expenditures | Average Monthly Program Costs |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2017* | 11,617 | \$381,812 | \$95,453 |
| 2016 | 11,044 | \$1,109,455 | \$92,455 |
| 2015 | 9,940 | \$979,850 | \$81,654 |
| 2014 | 7,826 | \$830,453 | \$69,204 |
| 2013 | 5,408 | \$536,884 | \$44,740 |
| 2012 | 4,783 | \$465,713 | \$38,809 |
| 2011 | 4,193 | \$505,470 | \$42,123 |
| 2010 | 3,682 | \$531,950 | \$44,329 |
| 2009 | 4,654 | \$493,153 | \$41,096 |

* As of October 2016

New Mexico Modified Combined Application (NMCAP) Project: *Began June 1, 2009 and ended March 31, 2014. NM HSD began the implementation of the NMCAP Close-Out Plan in March 2014 with the suspension of accepting new applications. Any application submitted after March 2014 were processed using Regular SNAP methodology. NMCAP cases certified prior to the suspension remained on the program without a change to their benefits through the end of their certification period. All households were sent a letter in March and April 2014, explaining that at the end of their NMCAP certification period they would receive a SNAP recertification application and that it would be processed for eligibility through Regular SNAP.*

- ▶ Increase access to the nutrition benefits offered by SNAP, for elderly and disabled populations receiving supplemental security income (SSI). NMCAP increases the ability to purchase food and meet dietary needs. As an alternative to SNAP benefits, NMCAP is authorized by a state demonstration project via a joint partnership with the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and social security administration (SSA).
- ▶ As of December 2015, 64,171 New Mexicans receive SSI.
- ▶ New Mexico was the 1st Modified CAP (verify SSI with SSA interface) state to offer a program for clients age 22 and older.
- ▶ Eligible households:
 - Receives federal SSI benefits;
 - Twenty-two years of age or older;
 - 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
 - Household has no earned income at time of application;
 - Have no dependent children younger than 22 living at home; and,
 - Do not receive Tribal Commodities.

| Monthly Shelter Costs Threshold of \$315.00 | Maximum Monthly NMCAP Benefit |
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| Equal to or Less Than \$315.00 | \$33.00* |
| Greater than \$315.00 | \$68.00* |

*Benefit Amounts as of 11/01/2013

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