



### 1. What is SNAP?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal funded program that is administered by the New Mexico Human Services Department (NMHSD), 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)
<b>2012 YTD *</b>	\$332,280.3
<b>2011</b>	\$614,309.4
<b>2010</b>	\$517,391.2
<b>2009</b>	\$359,088.8
<b>2008</b>	\$260,252.6
<b>2007</b>	\$250,794.8
<b>2006</b>	\$255,989.5
<b>2005</b>	\$245,806.8

\*As of December 2011

### 3. Program Participants and Performance Outcomes

Nearly, 1 out of 5 New Mexicans are receiving SNAP.

Monthly Averages per State Fiscal Year				
SFY	Caseload	Participants	Adults	Children
<b>2012 YTD*</b>	188,467	431,018	233,844	197,174
<b>2011</b>	172,992	402,696	214,377	188,319
<b>2010</b>	143,012	340,522	174,420	166,102
<b>2009</b>	111,140	273,111	135,133	137,978
<b>2008</b>	93,388	235,342	114,051	121,291
<b>2007</b>	93,042	236,806	114,729	122,077
<b>2006</b>	95,155	244,477	118,388	126,088
<b>2005</b>	92,186	238,494	115,433	123,060

\*As of December 2011.

#### ► State Goals

- Improve eligibility determination including reduction of error rates.
- Increase SNAP participation rates.
- Improve eligibility determination processes including expedite and overall timeliness.



► **Federal Performance:**

SNAP Performance	Targets	State Rates FFY 11 YTD*
Payment Error Rate *	4% or less	4.11%
Negative Invalid Error Rate *	2% or less	3.78%
Expedite Application Timeliness	98% or better	99.3%
Regular 30 Day Application Timeliness	98% or better	99.5%

\* As of July 2011

**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
  - Maximum allowable resource resources cannot exceed \$2,000 per household or \$3,000 for household which include a member who is elderly or disabled.
  - Certain resources are not counted:
    - such as a households 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).

Household Size	100% FPG	130% FPG Gross	165% FPG Categorical Eligibility	Food Stamp Allotment (up to)
1	\$ 908	\$1,180	\$1,498	\$200
2	\$1,226	\$1,594	\$2,023	\$367
3	\$1,545	\$2,008	\$2,548	\$526
4	\$1,863	\$2,422	\$3,074	\$668
5	\$2,181	\$2,836	\$3,599	\$793
6	\$2,500	\$3,249	\$4,124	\$952
7	\$2,818	\$3,663	\$4,649	\$1,052
8	\$3,136	\$4,077	\$5,175	\$1,202
<b>+1</b>	<b>+\$319</b>	<b>+\$414</b>	<b>+\$526</b>	<b>+\$150</b>



Deduction Types	Amount
<b>Standard Deduction</b>	▼
1 – 3 Household Members	\$147
4 Household Members	\$155
5 Household Members	\$181
6 or more Household Members	\$205
<b>Earned Income Deduction</b>	20% of earnings
<b>Dependent Care Deduction</b>	Actual
<b>Medical Expenses for the Elderly or Disabled over \$35</b>	Actual
<b>Legally Obligated Child Support Payments</b>	Actual
<b>Excess Shelter Deduction – Capped (see below)</b>	\$459
Rent or Mortgage (Insurance & Taxes) Cost	Actual
Homeless Shelter Deduction	\$143
Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)	▼
Heating & Cooling SUA	\$275
Limited SUA	\$100
Telephone SUA	\$35

**5. Recent Expansions to SNAP Eligibility:**

- ▶ **Adoption of Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (CE):** Simplified eligibility determination by limiting eligibility requirements to exclude resources and allowed for the expansion in the number of people categorically eligible to receive SNAP benefits.
  - *Financial CE:* Any SNAP household in which all members receive Title IV-A assistance (TANF), general assistance (GA), or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits.
  - *Broad-based CE:* Any SNAP household, in good standing, in which at least one member is receiving a noncash TANF/MOE funded benefit or service and household income is below 165% FPG.
- ▶ **Voluntary Participation in Education and Training (E&T) Activities:** Allows for greater participation in SNAP, as members of a SNAP case are no longer required to participate in E&T activities, but may voluntarily participate and are encouraged to do so.

**6. State Food Stamp Supplement for the Elderly and Disabled - Began on July 1, 2007**

- ▶ Uses State Funds to extend federal 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 Program Caseload Totals	Total Expenditures	Average Monthly Program Costs
<b>2012 YTD (Dec 11)</b>	4,460	\$212,317	\$35,386
<b>2011</b>	4,193	\$505,470	\$42,123
<b>2010</b>	3,682	\$531,950	\$44,329
<b>2009</b>	4,654	\$493,153	\$41,096
<b>2008</b>	5,485	\$623,011	\$51,918

\*Reduced from \$30 in January 2011.

**7. New Mexico Modified Combined Application (NMCAP) Project - Began June 1, 2009**

- ▶ 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. NMCAP for SNAP benefit assistance is authorized by a state demonstration project via a joint partnership with the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and social security administration (SSA).
- ▶ Currently over 60,000 New Mexicans receive SSI.
- ▶ New Mexico is 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.

Monthly Shelter Costs	Maximum Monthly Benefit
≤ \$400.00	\$100.00
> \$400.00	\$114.00

**8. Contact Information**

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