

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Standard Utility Allowances as of October 1, 2009

The Standard Utility Allowances (SUA's) listed below are optional at household request, unless they are shown as mandatory. SUAs are standardized utility figures States offer to households. They are used in place of actual utility costs to calculate a household's total shelter costs. (High shelter costs can result in a deduction from a household's net income for excess shelter costs. That can mean a higher SNAP allotment.) States calculate SUAs based on average utility costs in the State, or in local areas of the State. It is generally in a household's interest to use the SUA, unless its utility costs are high. In States with optional SUAs, a household can elect to claim actual utility costs, but must verify all the costs that it claims. The data presented here are based on an FNS survey of the States.

Different states use different terms to describe these allowances. For the purposes of this table:

- HCSUA is a multi-utility allowance that always includes heating and cooling.
- LUA is a multi-utility allowance that never includes heating or cooling.

In Guam, Hawaii, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington, the SUA's depend upon the SNAP household's size. In Alaska and New York, the SUA's depend upon location.

Pink cells show the allowances that State agencies have continued from Fiscal Year 2009 as a result of FNS's blanket waiver. This waiver enables State agencies to maintain benefit stability and to preserve the stimulative effects of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

State	HCSUA	LUA	Other Heating	Other Cooling	Hot Water	Elec	Gas/Fuel	Water	Sewage	Trash	Tel	Date	Mandatory
Alabama	285	216									28	10-01-09	Yes
Alaska	Central	324	133			87		34	28	16	26	10-01-09	No
	Northern	760	466			124		58	63	22	27		
	Northwest	1082	777			157		51	42	27	28		
	Southcentral	434	236			85		20	36	28	29		
	Southeast	439	249			72		24	40	28	26		
	Southwest	902	640			152		33	34	13	30		
Arizona	328	252				45	45	45	45	45	29	10-01-09	Yes
Arkansas	271										24	10-01-09	No
California	287	88									20	10-01-09	Yes
Colorado	507	355				77	77	77	77	77	47	10-01-09	Yes

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Connecticut	720	316									23	10-01-08	Yes
Delaware	444	302				80	80	80	80	80	21	10-01-09	Yes
District of Columbia	300	222				58	58	58	58	58	46	10-01-09	Yes
Florida	317	258									32	10-01-09	Yes
Georgia	323	258									36	10-01-09	Yes
Guam	1					114	25	27	25.08	10	24	10-01-09	No
	2					134	25	34					
	3					134	25	34					
	4					165	49	43					
	5					190	49	52					
	6					221	49	65					
	7					254	74	78					
	8					267	74	85					
	9					287	74	96					
	10					287	74	96					
	11					295	74	99					
	12					295	74	99					
Hawaii	1					164	30	59	26	10-01-08	No		
	2					179	34						
	3					206	37						
	4 or 5					255	44						
	6					300	50						
	7 to 10					340	60						
Idaho	400	190				77	77	77	77	77	37	10-01-09	No
Illinois	324	199				43	43	43	43	43	29	10-01-09	Yes
Indiana	433	172									20	04-01-09	No
Iowa	393	143									36	10-01-09	Yes
Kansas	350	194									35	10-01-09	Yes
Kentucky	326	232									31	10-01-09	Yes
Louisiana	322	183									24	10-01-08	No
Maine	700	180									27	09-01-08	Yes
Maryland	414	250									37	01-01-09	Yes
Massachusetts	618	375									44	10-01-08	Yes
Michigan	555					102	37	57		13	34	10-01-09	Yes
Minnesota	305					80					28	10-01-09	No
Mississippi	259	179									24	10-01-09	Yes
Missouri	262	161				59	59	59		59	26	10-01-09	Yes
Montana	534	206				169	169	169	169	169	37	10-01-08	No
Nebraska	379	182				33	33	33		33	52	10-01-09	Yes
Nevada	289	237				52	52	52	52	52	28	10-01-09	Yes
New Hampshire	584	234				144					29	10-01-09	Yes
New Jersey	411	251									29	10-01-09	Yes
New Mexico	278	101									32	10-01-09	No

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New York	NY City	781	308									33	02-01-09	Yes
	Long Island	727	286											
	Rest of NYS	645	261											
North Carolina	1	274	173									25	10-01-09	Yes
	2	301	190											
	3 or 4	331	209											
	5 or more	361	228											
North Dakota		653	226				188	188	188	188	188	38	10-01-09	Yes
Ohio		588	352				79	79	79	79	79	36	10-01-09	No
Oklahoma		350	295									36	10-01-09	No
Oregon		385	272				45	45	45	45	45	46	10-01-09	Yes
Pennsylvania		524	276				52	52	52	52	52	33	10-01-09	Yes
Rhode Island		556										22.50	11-01-07	Yes
South Carolina		272	134									33	10-01-09	Yes
South Dakota		645	181				74	74	74	74	74	43	10-01-08	Yes
Tennessee	1	314	126									25	10-01-09	No
	2	326												
	3	338												
	4	350												
	5	360												
	6	372												
	7	384												
	8	396												
	9	408												
	10 or more	419												
Texas		325	289									36	10-01-09	No
Utah		257	199									33	10-01-08	Yes
Vermont		744	215									36	10-01-09	Yes
Virgin Islands												29.88	10-01-09	No
Virginia	1 to 3	302										40	10-01-09	No
	4 or more	381												
Washington	1	352	276									42	10-01-09	Yes
	2	362												
	3	373												
	4	384												
	5	394												
	6 or more	405												
West Virginia		400	209				52	52	52	52	52		10-01-09	Yes
Wisconsin		419		127	10	46	102	27	63		15	29	10-01-09	Yes
Wyoming		295					194	194	194	194	194	40	10-01-09	Yes