

There are 4 factors that go into determining a household's fuel benefit: income, household size, fuel type and the type of dwelling.

Income/Household Size

The monthly income of the household and the number of individuals in the household is used to determine the percentage of poverty. The percentage of poverty (see Fuel Tables-% of Poverty) determines the percentage of the benefit (see Heat Cost Percentage table) the household is eligible to receive.

Fuel Tables - % Poverty
Household Income per Month as Percentage of Poverty based on Household size

HH Size	0%	75%	85%	95%	105%	115%	125%	135%	145%	155%	165%	175%
	TO <75%	TO 84%	TO 94%	TO 104%	TO 114%	TO 124%	TO 134%	TO 144%	TO 154%	TO 164%	TO 174%	TO 185%
1	0	\$772	\$876	\$980	\$1,084	\$1,188	\$1,292	\$1,396	\$1,501	\$1,605	\$1,709	\$1,813
	TO \$771	TO \$875	TO \$979	TO \$1,083	TO \$1,187	TO \$1,291	TO \$1,395	TO \$1,500	TO \$1,604	TO \$1,708	TO \$1,812	TO \$1,926
2	0	\$1,044	\$1,185	\$1,326	\$1,467	\$1,608	\$1,749	\$1,890	\$2,030	\$2,171	\$2,312	\$2,453
	TO 1,043	TO \$1,184	TO \$1,325	TO \$1,466	TO \$1,607	TO \$1,748	TO \$1,889	TO \$2,029	TO \$2,170	TO \$2,311	TO \$2,452	TO \$2,607
3	0	\$1,317	\$1,495	\$1,673	\$1,851	\$2,028	\$2,206	\$2,384	\$2,562	\$2,740	\$2,917	\$3,095
	TO \$1,316	TO \$1,494	TO \$1,672	TO \$1,850	TO \$2,027	TO \$2,205	TO \$2,383	TO \$2,561	TO \$2,739	TO \$2,916	TO \$3,094	TO \$3,289
4	0	\$1,590	\$1,804	\$2,019	\$2,233	\$2,448	\$2,663	\$2,877	\$3,092	\$3,306	\$3,521	\$3,736
	TO \$1,589	TO \$1,803	TO \$2,018	TO \$2,232	TO \$2,447	TO \$2,662	TO \$2,876	TO \$3,091	TO \$3,305	TO \$3,520	TO \$3,735	TO \$3,970
5	0	\$1,862	\$2,113	\$2,365	\$2,616	\$2,867	\$3,119	\$3,370	\$3,622	\$3,873	\$4,124	\$4,376
	TO \$1,861	TO \$2,112	TO \$2,364	TO \$2,615	TO \$2,866	TO \$3,118	TO \$3,369	TO \$3,621	TO \$3,872	TO \$4,123	TO \$4,375	TO \$4,651
6	0	\$2,135	\$2,423	\$2,712	\$3,000	\$3,288	\$3,576	\$3,865	\$4,153	\$4,441	\$4,730	\$5,018
	TO \$2,134	TO \$2,422	TO \$2,711	TO \$2,999	TO \$3,287	TO \$3,575	TO \$3,864	TO \$4,152	TO \$4,440	TO \$4,729	TO \$5,017	TO \$5,334
7	0	\$2,407	\$2,732	\$3,057	\$3,383	\$3,708	\$4,033	\$4,358	\$4,683	\$5,008	\$5,333	\$5,658
	TO \$2,406	TO \$2,731	TO \$3,056	TO \$3,382	TO \$3,707	TO \$4,032	TO \$4,357	TO \$4,682	TO \$5,007	TO \$5,332	TO \$5,657	TO \$6,014
8	0	\$2,680	\$3,041	\$3,403	\$3,765	\$4,127	\$4,489	\$4,851	\$5,213	\$5,575	\$5,937	\$6,299
	TO \$2,679	TO \$3,040	TO \$3,402	TO \$3,764	TO \$4,126	TO \$4,488	TO \$4,850	TO \$5,212	TO \$5,574	TO \$5,936	TO \$6,298	TO \$6,695
9	0	\$2,952	\$3,351	\$3,749	\$4,148	\$4,547	\$4,945	\$5,344	\$5,743	\$6,141	\$6,540	\$6,939
	TO \$2,951	TO \$3,350	TO \$3,748	TO \$4,147	TO \$4,546	TO \$4,944	TO \$5,343	TO \$5,742	TO \$6,140	TO \$6,539	TO \$6,938	TO \$7,376
10	0	\$3,224	\$3,660	\$4,095	\$4,531	\$4,966	\$5,402	\$5,837	\$6,273	\$6,708	\$7,144	\$7,579
	TO \$3,223	TO \$3,659	TO \$4,094	TO \$4,530	TO \$4,965	TO \$5,401	TO \$5,836	TO \$6,272	TO \$6,707	TO \$7,143	TO \$7,578	TO \$8,057
11	0	\$3,497	\$3,969	\$4,441	\$4,913	\$5,386	\$5,858	\$6,330	\$6,803	\$7,275	\$7,747	\$8,220
	TO \$3,496	TO \$3,968	TO \$4,440	TO \$4,912	TO \$5,385	TO \$5,857	TO \$6,329	TO \$6,802	TO \$7,274	TO \$7,746	TO \$8,219	TO \$8,738
12	0	\$3,769	\$4,278	\$4,787	\$5,296	\$5,805	\$6,314	\$6,823	\$7,333	\$7,842	\$8,351	\$8,860
	TO \$3,768	TO \$4,277	TO \$4,786	TO \$5,295	TO \$5,804	TO \$6,313	TO \$6,822	TO \$7,332	TO \$7,841	TO \$8,350	TO \$8,859	TO \$9,418
13	0	\$4,041	\$4,587	\$5,133	\$5,679	\$6,225	\$6,771	\$7,317	\$7,862	\$8,408	\$8,954	\$9,500
	TO \$4,040	TO \$4,586	TO \$5,132	TO \$5,678	TO \$6,224	TO \$6,770	TO \$7,316	TO \$7,861	TO \$8,407	TO \$8,953	TO \$9,499	TO \$10,099

2019-2020 Heat Cost Percentage Tables

<i>Table I HH Income as Percentage of Poverty</i>	<i>Table II Heating Cost Percentage</i>
175-185%	27%
165-174%	30%
155-164%	33%
145-154%	66%
135-144%	69%
125-134%	72%
115-124%	75%
105-114%	78%
95-104%	81%
85-94%	84%
75-84%	87%
0-74%	90%

Fuel Type/Dwelling

The type of dwelling (single family, mobile home, or multi family) the number of bedrooms, and the primary fuel type, determines the estimated amount needed to cover heating costs for the fuel season. This amount is multiplied by the heat cost percentage from the table above to determine the actual benefit available to the household.

Standard Heating Cost Tables

Multi Family Homes

Fuel Type	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	4 + Bedrooms
Natural Gas	\$ 923	\$ 1,148	\$ 1,373	\$ 1,599
Propane	\$ 1,109	\$ 1,728	\$ 2,347	\$ 2,966
Oil	\$ 2,124	\$ 2,839	\$ 3,553	\$ 4,268
Kerosene	\$ 1,610	\$ 2,223	\$ 2,831	\$ 3,435
Electricity	\$ 967	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,244
Firewood, Wood Pellets and Coal	\$ 1,085	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,437

Single Family and Mobile Homes

Fuel Type	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	4+ Bedrooms
Natural Gas	\$ 1,228	\$ 1,454	\$ 1,679	\$ 1,904
Propane	\$ 2,141	\$ 2,760	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,998
Oil	\$ 2,408	\$ 3,123	\$ 3,837	\$ 4,552
Kerosene	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,897	\$ 3,494	\$ 4,091
Electricity	\$ 1,692	\$ 1,785	\$ 1,877	\$ 1,970
Firewood, Wood Pellets and Coal	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,604	\$ 1,658	\$ 1,711

Minimum Benefit Level

Individuals who rent a room, have heat included in their rent, or have subsidized housing with heat included, receive a benefit of \$21.

Additional Factors

Two additional factors impact a household's benefit. The first is a rateable reduction which is applied consistently across all households. Typically, the rateable reduction is between 32% to 38%, meaning Vt covers 32% to 38% of a household's heating need. This amount is calculated each year based on the LIHEAP block grant and the number of households projected to be eligible for a fuel benefit. The second factor that impacts the benefit level is when an application is submitted. Households that apply at the beginning of the fuel season receive a full benefit. Households that apply part way through the fuel season receive a portion of the benefit based on the amount of heating months left in the fuel season.

