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INTRODUCTION

The **Utility Allowance Schedule for New Hampshire** is published annually by New Hampshire Housing with the state's utility allowances for the stated calendar year. These include estimated cost allowances for space heating, water heating, cooking and miscellaneous electric use (lights, refrigeration, etc.). While the data is primarily used for the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program, it also can be used to determine gross rents for units where the tenant is responsible for utilities.

A survey of energy suppliers is conducted by New Hampshire Housing to obtain current utility rates for the state. These rates, together with the standard physical consumption allowances, are used to calculate utility allowances in dollars for the regions of the state.

Table 1 shows current utility rates and includes current consumer costs for electricity, natural gas, bottled gas, and fuel oil. Propane and fuel oil rates are gathered from a variety of suppliers throughout the state. As a result of electric utility deregulation in NH, rates are determined by surveying electric companies that provide electricity within the state. A weighted average is used to calculate the electric rate and the natural gas rates within the state.

Table 2 shows physical consumption allowances for cooking, miscellaneous electric use and water heating. These allowances are made according to the number of bedrooms in the unit.

In order to accurately calculate the monthly heating allowance, the state is divided into four heating zones. A base of 7,500 degree days was established and is adjusted by a series of multipliers to account for different heating needs within the four zones (**Table 3**). These multipliers are then applied to the physical consumption allowances for 7,500 degree days (**Table 4**) to obtain the consumption allowances for each of the four zones within the state, by property type and number of bedrooms.

Multiplying the physical heating allowances by the rates given for the main energy sources results in monthly dollar allowances for heating for each zone, by property type and number of bedrooms (**Tables 6, 7, 8, and 9**).

CALCULATING ESTIMATED NON-HEAT UTILITY COSTS (COOKING, HOT WATER, AND MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRIC)

These allowances are established for the entire state.

1. Use **Table 5** to obtain the allowance for cooking, hot water, and miscellaneous electric.
2. Determine which utility costs (cooking, hot water, misc. electric) are not included in rent.
3. Determine the number of bedrooms for the unit.

Monthly charges established by the utility are included in the allowances in **Table 5**. There are additional meter charges for natural gas if it is used for hot water but not for heat, and if electric heat is used for hot water. Please read the table's footnotes and add the applicable meter charge.

CALCULATING ESTIMATED UTILITY COSTS (HEAT)

Heat allowances are dependent upon the location, housing type, and size of housing unit as well as the fuel type used to heat the unit. Refer to **Tables 6, 7, 8 and 9**, based on location of home.

GROSS RENT CALCULATION

To determine gross rent for the unit, add together the contract rent, non-heat utility allowances, and the heat allowances.

TABLE 1

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE UTILITY RATES

ELECTRICITY (Weighted Average)

Heating, Cooking and
Miscellaneous Electric:

First 250 kwh:	\$	0.2180	/ kwh
Over 250 kwh:	\$	0.2180	/ kwh
Customer Charge:	\$	17.28	/ month

Hot Water:

	\$	0.1889	/ kwh for first 250 KWH
	\$	0.1889	/ kwh over 250 KWH
Meter Charge:	\$	4.02	/ month

BOTTLED GAS (Average)

Heating:	\$	3.468	/ gallon
Cooking:	\$	3.468	/ gallon
Hot Water:	\$	3.468	/ gallon

NATURAL GAS (Weighted Average)

Heating:	\$	1.3812	/ therm for the first 50 therms
	\$	1.3812	/ therm over 50 to 100 therms
	\$	1.3812	/ therm over 100 therms
Cooking and/or Hot Water:	\$	1.3155	/ therm
Customer Charge:	\$	18.19	/ month (basic charge for heating)
	\$	18.19	/ month (non-heating)

FUEL OIL (Average)

Heating:	\$	3.73	/ gallon
Hot Water:	\$	3.73	/ gallon

Data Source(s) and Notes: Oil and propane gas rates are based on the U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Weekly Heating Oil and Propane Prices as of December 9, 2024. For more information, visit EIA Weekly Prices.

Natural gas and electricity rates are based on in-house calculations of rate schedules, using weighted averages proportional to customer coverage across New Hampshire. The primary utility providers include Eversource, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC), Liberty Utilities, and Unitil.

TABLE 2
SECTION 8 EXISTING PHYSICAL CONSUMPTION ALLOWANCES
FOR COOKING, WATER HEATING, AND MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRIC USE

	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
COOKING						
Natural Gas (therms)	3	4	5	6	8	9
Electric (kwh)	55	70	90	110	140	160
Bottled Gas (gallons)	6	7	9	11	14	16
MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRIC						
	143	180	231	283	345	396
WATER HEATING						
Natural Gas (therms)	11	15	19	23	29	34
Electric (kwh)	170	227	291	356	453	518
Bottled Gas (gallons)	15	17	22	27	35	40
Fuel oil (gallons)	9	11	14	18	23	26

TABLE 3
SECTION 8 PHYSICAL CONSUMPTION MULTIPLIERS FOR HEATING

ZONE 1 CHESHIRE, HILLSBOROUGH, AND ROCKINGHAM COUNTIES		
6750 degree days	multiplier:	0.9
ZONE 2 BELKNAP, MERRIMACK, STRAFFORD AND SULLIVAN COUNTIES		
7500 degree days	multiplier:	1
ZONE 3 CARROLL AND GRAFTON COUNTIES		
8250 degree days	multiplier:	1.1
ZONE 4 COOS COUNTY		
9000 degree days	multiplier:	1.2

TABLE 4

**EXISTING PHYSICAL CONSUMPTION ALLOWANCES
FOR HEATING AT 7,500 DEGREE DAYS**

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
2 & 3 STORY WALK-UP						
Natural Gas (therms)	27	38	49	59	76	87
Bottled Gas (gallons)	30	41	53	64	82	94
Oil (gallons)	23	32	42	52	66	74
Electric (kwh)	407	536	796	1,000	1,138	1,319
ROW AND TOWNHOUSE						
Natural Gas (therms)	29	41	53	64	83	96
Bottled Gas (gallons)	33	46	59	71	90	104
Oil (gallons)	26	36	47	58	72	82
Electric (kwh)	447	589	875	1,100	1,251	1,450
DUPLEX AND TWIN						
Natural Gas (therms)	31	43	57	68	87	100
Bottled Gas (gallons)	34	48	61	74	94	109
Oil (gallons)	27	37	49	60	76	86
Electric (kwh)	466	616	915	1,150	1,308	1,516
HIGH-RISE						
Natural Gas (therms)	21	30	39	47	60	69
Bottled Gas (gallons)	24	33	42	51	66	76
Oil (gallons)	19	26	33	42	52	60
Electric (kwh)	325	428	636	800	910	1,054

	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
DETACHED						
Natural Gas (therms)	32	46	59	71	91	104
Bottled Gas (gallons)	35	50	64	78	99	113
Oil (gallons)	28	39	51	62	79	90
Electric (kwh)	488	643	955	1,280	1,365	1,583
MOBILE HOME (Pre 1976)						
Natural Gas (therms)	38	55	71	85	109	
Bottled Gas (gallons)	42	60	77	94	119	
Oil (gallons)	34	47	61	74	95	
Electric (kwh)	586	772	1,146	1,536	1,638	
MOBILE HOME (1976 to 1994)						
Natural Gas (therms)	34	48	62	75	96	
Bottled Gas (gallons)	37	53	67	82	104	
Oil (gallons)	29	41	54	65	83	
Electric (kwh)	512	675	1,003	1,344	1,433	

Note: For Mobile Homes manufactured after 1994 use the schedule for Detached.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY DOLLAR ALLOWANCES FOR
MISCELLANEOUS TENANT FURNISHED UTILITIES

Use	Type of energy	Bedrooms					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
COOKING:	Natural Gas ¹	\$4	\$5	\$7	\$8	\$11	\$12
	Electric	\$12	\$15	\$20	\$24	\$31	\$35
	Bottled Gas	\$21	\$24	\$31	\$38	\$49	\$55
MISCELLANEOUS:	Electric ²	\$48	\$57	\$68	\$79	\$92	\$104
HOT WATER:	Natural Gas	\$14	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$38	\$45
	Electric ³	\$36	\$47	\$59	\$71	\$90	\$102
	Bottled Gas	\$52	\$59	\$76	\$94	\$121	\$139
	Fuel Oil	\$34	\$41	\$52	\$67	\$86	\$97

¹ In 2025, the weighted average non-heating gas service charge is \$18.19. It must be added to the allowance for natural gas cooking or hot water if natural gas is not used for heating.

² Included in the Miscellaneous Electric dollar amount is a weighted average customer charge of \$17.28 per month.

³ Included in the Hot Water Electric dollar amount is an additional customer charge of \$4.02 per month.

TABLE 6

**HEATING: MONTHLY DOLLAR ALLOWANCES
ZONE 1 - Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Rockingham Counties**

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
2 & 3 STORY WALK-UP						
Natural Gas	\$52	\$65	\$79	\$92	\$113	\$126
Bottled Gas	\$94	\$128	\$165	\$200	\$256	\$293
Oil	\$77	\$107	\$141	\$175	\$222	\$248
Electric	\$80	\$105	\$156	\$196	\$223	\$259
ROW AND TOWNHOUSE						
Natural Gas	\$54	\$69	\$84	\$98	\$121	\$138
Bottled Gas	\$103	\$144	\$184	\$222	\$281	\$325
Oil	\$87	\$121	\$158	\$195	\$242	\$275
Electric	\$88	\$116	\$172	\$216	\$245	\$284
DUPLEX AND TWIN						
Natural Gas	\$57	\$72	\$89	\$103	\$126	\$142
Bottled Gas	\$106	\$150	\$190	\$231	\$293	\$340
Oil	\$91	\$124	\$164	\$201	\$255	\$289
Electric	\$91	\$121	\$180	\$226	\$257	\$297
HIGH-RISE						
Natural Gas	\$44	\$55	\$67	\$77	\$93	\$104
Bottled Gas	\$75	\$103	\$131	\$159	\$206	\$237
Oil	\$64	\$87	\$111	\$141	\$175	\$201
Electric	\$64	\$84	\$125	\$157	\$179	\$207

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
DETACHED						
Natural Gas	\$58	\$75	\$92	\$106	\$131	\$147
Bottled Gas	\$109	\$156	\$200	\$243	\$309	\$353
Oil	\$94	\$131	\$171	\$208	\$265	\$302
Electric	\$96	\$126	\$187	\$251	\$268	\$311
MOBILE HOME (Pre 1976)						
Natural Gas	\$66	\$87	\$106	\$124	\$154	
Bottled Gas	\$131	\$187	\$240	\$292	\$371	
Oil	\$113	\$157	\$205	\$250	\$318	
Electric	\$115	\$151	\$225	\$301	\$321	
MOBILE HOME (1976 to 1994)						
Natural Gas	\$60	\$78	\$95	\$111	\$137	
Bottled Gas	\$115	\$164	\$210	\$256	\$324	
Oil	\$99	\$137	\$180	\$219	\$278	
Electric	\$101	\$132	\$197	\$264	\$281	

Note: For Mobile Homes manufactured after 1994
use the schedule for Detached.

TABLE 7

**HEATING: MONTHLY DOLLAR ALLOWANCES
ZONE 2 - Belknap, Merrimack, Strafford and Sullivan Counties**

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
2 & 3 STORY WALK-UP						
Natural Gas	\$55	\$71	\$86	\$100	\$123	\$138
Bottled Gas	\$104	\$142	\$184	\$222	\$284	\$326
Oil	\$86	\$119	\$157	\$194	\$246	\$276
Electric	\$89	\$117	\$174	\$218	\$248	\$288
ROW AND TOWNHOUSE						
Natural Gas	\$58	\$75	\$91	\$107	\$133	\$151
Bottled Gas	\$114	\$160	\$205	\$246	\$312	\$361
Oil	\$97	\$134	\$175	\$216	\$269	\$306
Electric	\$97	\$128	\$191	\$240	\$273	\$316
DUPLEX AND TWIN						
Natural Gas	\$61	\$78	\$97	\$112	\$138	\$156
Bottled Gas	\$118	\$166	\$212	\$257	\$326	\$378
Oil	\$101	\$138	\$183	\$224	\$283	\$321
Electric	\$102	\$134	\$199	\$251	\$285	\$330
HIGH-RISE						
Natural Gas	\$47	\$60	\$72	\$83	\$101	\$113
Bottled Gas	\$83	\$114	\$146	\$177	\$229	\$264
Oil	\$71	\$97	\$123	\$157	\$194	\$224
Electric	\$71	\$93	\$139	\$174	\$198	\$230

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
DETACHED						
Natural Gas	\$62	\$82	\$100	\$116	\$144	\$162
Bottled Gas	\$121	\$173	\$222	\$271	\$343	\$392
Oil	\$104	\$145	\$190	\$231	\$295	\$336
Electric	\$106	\$140	\$208	\$279	\$298	\$345
MOBILE HOME (Pre 1976)						
Natural Gas	\$71	\$94	\$116	\$136	\$169	
Bottled Gas	\$146	\$208	\$266	\$325	\$412	
Oil	\$125	\$175	\$228	\$278	\$354	
Electric	\$128	\$168	\$250	\$335	\$357	
MOBILE HOME (1976 to 1994)						
Natural Gas	\$65	\$85	\$104	\$121	\$150	
Bottled Gas	\$127	\$182	\$233	\$284	\$360	
Oil	\$110	\$153	\$200	\$243	\$309	
Electric	\$112	\$147	\$219	\$293	\$312	

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TABLE 8

**HEATING: MONTHLY DOLLAR ALLOWANCES
ZONE 3 - Carroll and Grafton Counties**

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
2 & 3 STORY WALK-UP						
Natural Gas	\$59	\$76	\$93	\$108	\$134	\$150
Bottled Gas	\$114	\$156	\$202	\$244	\$313	\$359
Oil	\$94	\$131	\$172	\$213	\$271	\$304
Electric	\$98	\$129	\$191	\$240	\$273	\$316
ROW AND TOWNHOUSE						
Natural Gas	\$62	\$80	\$99	\$115	\$144	\$164
Bottled Gas	\$126	\$175	\$225	\$271	\$343	\$397
Oil	\$107	\$148	\$193	\$238	\$295	\$336
Electric	\$107	\$141	\$210	\$264	\$300	\$348
DUPLEX AND TWIN						
Natural Gas	\$65	\$84	\$105	\$122	\$150	\$170
Bottled Gas	\$130	\$183	\$233	\$282	\$359	\$416
Oil	\$111	\$152	\$201	\$246	\$312	\$353
Electric	\$112	\$148	\$219	\$276	\$314	\$364
HIGH-RISE						
Natural Gas	\$50	\$64	\$77	\$90	\$109	\$123
Bottled Gas	\$92	\$126	\$160	\$195	\$252	\$290
Oil	\$78	\$107	\$135	\$172	\$213	\$246
Electric	\$78	\$103	\$153	\$192	\$218	\$253

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
DETACHED						
Natural Gas	\$67	\$88	\$108	\$126	\$156	\$176
Bottled Gas	\$134	\$191	\$244	\$298	\$378	\$431
Oil	\$115	\$160	\$209	\$254	\$324	\$369
Electric	\$117	\$154	\$229	\$307	\$327	\$380
MOBILE HOME (Pre 1976)						
Natural Gas	\$77	\$102	\$126	\$148	\$184	
Bottled Gas	\$160	\$229	\$293	\$357	\$453	
Oil	\$138	\$192	\$251	\$305	\$389	
Electric	\$140	\$185	\$275	\$368	\$393	
MOBILE HOME (1976 to 1994)						
Natural Gas	\$69	\$92	\$112	\$131	\$163	
Bottled Gas	\$140	\$200	\$256	\$312	\$397	
Oil	\$121	\$168	\$220	\$267	\$340	
Electric	\$123	\$162	\$240	\$322	\$344	

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TABLE 9

**HEATING: MONTHLY DOLLAR ALLOWANCES
ZONE 4 - Coos County**

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
2 & 3 STORY WALK-UP						
Natural Gas	\$63	\$81	\$99	\$116	\$144	\$162
Bottled Gas	\$125	\$171	\$221	\$266	\$341	\$391
Oil	\$103	\$143	\$188	\$233	\$295	\$331
Electric	\$106	\$140	\$208	\$262	\$298	\$345
ROW AND TOWNHOUSE						
Natural Gas	\$66	\$86	\$106	\$124	\$156	\$177
Bottled Gas	\$137	\$191	\$246	\$295	\$375	\$433
Oil	\$116	\$161	\$210	\$260	\$322	\$367
Electric	\$117	\$154	\$229	\$288	\$327	\$379
DUPLEX AND TWIN						
Natural Gas	\$70	\$89	\$113	\$131	\$162	\$184
Bottled Gas	\$141	\$200	\$254	\$308	\$391	\$454
Oil	\$121	\$166	\$219	\$269	\$340	\$385
Electric	\$122	\$161	\$239	\$301	\$342	\$397
HIGH-RISE						
Natural Gas	\$53	\$68	\$83	\$96	\$118	\$133
Bottled Gas	\$100	\$137	\$175	\$212	\$275	\$316
Oil	\$85	\$116	\$148	\$188	\$233	\$269
Electric	\$85	\$112	\$166	\$209	\$238	\$276

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
DETACHED						
Natural Gas	\$71	\$94	\$116	\$136	\$169	\$191
Bottled Gas	\$146	\$208	\$266	\$325	\$412	\$470
Oil	\$125	\$175	\$228	\$278	\$354	\$403
Electric	\$128	\$168	\$250	\$335	\$357	\$414
MOBILE HOME (Pre 1976)						
Natural Gas	\$82	\$110	\$136	\$159	\$199	
Bottled Gas	\$175	\$250	\$320	\$390	\$494	
Oil	\$150	\$209	\$274	\$333	\$424	
Electric	\$153	\$202	\$300	\$402	\$429	
MOBILE HOME (1976 to 1994)						
Natural Gas	\$74	\$98	\$121	\$142	\$177	
Bottled Gas	\$153	\$218	\$280	\$341	\$433	
Oil	\$132	\$183	\$240	\$291	\$371	
Electric	\$134	\$177	\$262	\$352	\$375	


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