

NEW YORK CITY NEGLECTS BIG PAYDAY

Program	Number of New Yorkers Eligible	Number of New Yorkers Eligible but Not Enrolled	Annual Individual Monetary Benefit from Program	Total City Benefit for New Yorkers Eligible but not Enrolled.
Women Infants and Children (WIC) The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children who are found to be at nutritional risk.	525,218 ¹	228,019 ²	\$431 ³	\$98,276,189
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Federal program to assist low and fixed income households pay their fuel and utility bills. LIHEAP funding is allocated by the Department of Health and Human Services.	1,054,140 ⁴	684,335 ⁵	\$352 ⁶	\$240,885,920

¹ Source: Nutrition Consortium of New York State. Available at <http://www.hungernys.org/programs/publications/hdb/profiles/page4.html> (figures from 1999)

² Source: Nutrition Consortium of New York State. Available at <http://www.hungernys.org/programs/publications/hdb/profiles/page4.html> (figures from 1999)

³ Source: United States Department of Agriculture. Available at [http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wifyavgfd\\$.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wifyavgfd$.htm) (figures from 1999)

⁴ Source: U.S Department of Health and Human Services and U.S Census Bureau. Available at <http://neaap.ncat.org/programs/lowincome/ny-li.htm> , http://factfinder.census.gov/bf/?lang=en_vt_name=DEC_2000_SF3_U_DP3_geo_id=04000US36.html , and http://factfinder.census.gov/bf/?lang=en_vt_name=DEC_2000_SF3_U_DP3_geo_id=16000US3651000.html

⁵ Source: New York City Human Resources Administration (figures form 2003)

⁶ Source: U.S Department of Health and Human Services. Available at <http://neaap.ncat.org/programs/lowincome/ny-li.htm> (figures from 2003)

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) A New York State Department of Health-run program. Provides prescription drug coverage to seniors in need of financial assistance.	610,000 ⁷	582,000 ⁸	\$1,199 ⁹	\$697,818,000
Food Stamps The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the Food Stamp program through its FNS program. Food stamp benefits are used to buy food and help low-income households obtain more nutritious diets by increasing the food purchasing power for all eligible participants.	1,689,089 ¹⁰	835,166 ¹¹	\$1,098 ¹²	\$917,012,268
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) The EITC is a federal and state tax credit for low-income workers. It is federally administered by the Internal Revenue Service. The state EITC program is administered through the State Income Tax Program.	700,000 ¹³	235,622 ¹⁴	\$1,719 ¹⁵	\$405,034,218
Totals	4,578,447	2,565,142	\$4,799	\$2,359,026,595

⁷ Source: New York City Office of the Comptroller. Available at http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2001_releases/print/01-04-018.shtm (figures from 1999)

⁸ Source: New York City Office of the Comptroller. Available at http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2001_releases/print/01-04-018.shtm (figures from 1999)

⁹ Source: New York City Office of the Comptroller. Available at http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2001_releases/print/01-04-018.shtm (figures from 1999)

¹⁰ Source: Community Food Resource Center. Available at <http://www.cfrcnyc.org/media/foodstamp.pdf> (figures from 2002)

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¹² Source: U.S Department of Agriculture. Available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/fsavgben.htm> (figures from 2002)

¹³ Source: New York City Council. Available at http://www.council.nyc.ny.us/pdf_files/reports/taxpreparer.pdf (figures from 1999)

¹⁴ Source: Office of Senator Schumer, Available at http://www.senate.gov/~schumer/SchumerWebsite/pressroom/press_releases/PR01648.html (figures from 2003)

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Methodology

Women Infants and Children (WIC)

According to the Nutrition Consortium of New York State, 525,218 New York City residents were eligible for WIC in 1999. However, only 297,199 were enrolled in the program. The total number of New York City residents eligible for but not enrolled in WIC is calculated by subtracting the total number of participants (297,199) from the total number of persons eligible (525,218).

According to Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S Department of Agriculture, the average monthly WIC benefit per person in New York is \$35.96. The annual benefit per person is calculated by multiplying the monthly benefit by 12.

The total city benefit for New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled in the WIC program is calculated by multiplying the total number of New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled (228,019) to the annual individual monetary benefits (\$431).

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

According to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), LIHEAP is available to individuals who earn less than 60 percent of the state median income. According to Census 2000 data, New York State's median household income is \$43,393, and 60 percent of this equals \$26,035. Based on Census 2000 data for New York City, we estimated that 1,054,140 households are eligible for LIHEAP. This estimated figure only reflects households earning less than \$25,000, as it was the closest amount attainable from the New York City Census.

According to data provided by the New York City Human Resources Administration, as of July 2003, there were 369,805 participants enrolled in LIHEAP. The number of New York City residents eligible but not enrolled in LIHEAP is calculated by subtracting the total number of New Yorkers enrolled (369,805) from the total number of eligible persons (1,054,140), as calculated from the census.

The average annual benefits received per household is calculated by dividing the current annual LIHEAP funding (\$223,409,992), by the number of households served by LIHEAP in New York State (635,000).

The total city benefit for New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled in LIHEAP is calculated by multiplying the total number of New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled (684,335) to the annual individual monetary benefits (\$352).

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)

According to the New York City Office of the Comptroller, there were 610,000 New York City residents eligible for EPIC in 1999. However, less than 28,000 New York City residents were enrolled in EPIC. The number of New Yorkers eligible for but not enrolled in EPIC is calculated by subtracting the total estimated number enrolled (28,000) from the total number eligible (610,000).

The annual individual monetary benefit for EPIC is calculated by dividing the total New York State funding (\$142,000,000) for EPIC by the total number of persons enrolled in New York State (118,400).

The total city benefit for New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled in EPIC is calculated by multiplying the total number of New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled (582,000) to the annual individual monetary benefits (\$1,199).

Food Stamps

According to FNS, the average monthly Food Stamp benefit per person in New York State in 2002 was \$91.50. The annual benefit per person is calculated by multiplying the monthly benefit by 12.

The total city benefit for New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled in the Food Stamp program is calculated by multiplying the total number of New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled (835,166) to the annual individual monetary benefits (\$1,098).

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

The total city benefit for New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled in the EITC program is calculated by multiplying the total number of New Yorkers eligible but not enrolled (235,622) to the annual benefit per household (\$1,719).