

Timeline of Benefit Programs

Programs	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	
3Squares	Emergency Maximum Allotment Benefits																				
Pandemic EBT	P-EBT 2019/2020 School Year						P-EBT 2020/2021 School Year (Expanded to Include Child Care Programs)										Summer P-EBT		2021/2021 P-EBT		
3Squares Cash Stipend										\$286											
RU Cash Stipends									\$432.50	\$391								\$230/Child	\$432.50		
RU Rental Assistance	Rental Arrears												Prospective Rental Assistance								

Case Study –

Monthly Benefits	Pre-Pandemic	Currently
3Squares Monthly Benefit	\$ 701.00	\$ 701.00
3Squares 15% Increase	\$ -	\$ 106.00
3Squares Max Allotment	\$ -	\$ 122.00
Reach Up Monthly Benefit	\$ 842.00	\$ 842.00
Reach Up Rental Assistance	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Total	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 2,571.00
Monthly Benefit Increase	\$	1,028.00

This case study shows the monthly benefits a Vermont family comprised of an adult and 4 school age children received pre-pandemic versus currently. The chart to the right identifies one-time payments the family has or is expected to receive. This does not include the child tax credit or dependent care credit changes.

One-Time Payments		
3Squares Cash Stipend	\$ 286.00	<i>Issued: Dec 2020</i>
P-EBT	\$ 1,162.80	<i>Issued: May 2020</i>
P-EBT	\$ 1,288.98	<i>Issued: April 2021</i>
P-EBT (Child Care)	\$ 644.49	<i>Anticipated: July 2021</i>
P-EBT (Summer)	\$ 1,500.00	<i>Anticipated: July 2021</i>
Reach Up Cash Stipend	\$ 432.50	<i>Issued: Nov 2020</i>
Reach Up Cash Stipend	\$ 391.00	<i>Issued: Dec 2020</i>
Reach Up Cash Stipend	\$ 690.00	<i>Anticipated: Aug 2021 (ARPA TANF)</i>
Reach Up Cash Stipend	\$ 432.50	<i>Anticipated: Fall 2021 (H.315)</i>
Federal Stimulus #1	\$ 3,200.00	<i>Issued: Spring 2020</i>
Federal Stimulus #2	\$ 3,000.00	<i>Issued: December 2020</i>
Federal Stimulus #3	\$ 7,000.00	<i>Issued: April 2021</i>
Total	\$ 20,028.27	

Federal income applicable to customers of all ESD programs

- **Stimulus payments** – excluded as income (all ESD programs)
 - #1: \$1200 per person plus \$500 for each dependent under 17 (spring 2020)
 - #2: \$600 per person, including dependents under 17 (winter 2020-2021)
 - #3: \$1400 per person, including dependents of any age (spring 2021)
- **Child Tax Credit Payments** (if the household has children) – starting in July through December 2021. Excluded as income (all programs). Monthly payments for low- and moderate-income families of up to \$300 per month for each child 5 years old and younger and \$250 per month for each child between ages of 6 and 17.
- **Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit** – for 2021, the credit is increased to 50% of qualified expenses up to a maximum credit of \$4000 for one child or \$8000 for two or more children. The credit is fully refundable which helps families owning little in taxes.
- **Unemployment** – only the extra \$300 per week of federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC) is excluded as income for purposes of ESD benefit programs. All other unemployment is counted as earned income. FPUC is effective 12/27/20 – 9/6/21. See attached ESD desk aid for more details about types of unemployment currently available. Please find data below on the number of households with children receiving unemployment benefits by program:
 - 3SquaresVT – 1948
 - RU – 122
 - LIHEAP – 1214 (last fuel season)