

PLEASE NOTE: Payment Standards are based on Bedroom size of Voucher not apartment, minus any/all utility allowances the tenant is responsible to pay for.

# Payment Standards

(October 1, 2025)

## 2026 Payment Standards:

**0BR – \$1,241 1BR – \$1,425**

**2BR – \$1,800 3BR – \$2,219**

**4BR – \$2,676 5+BR – Call**

**How Payment Standards are Determined:** Laconia Housing Authority (LHA) establishes a payment standard schedule that sets payment standard amounts for each Fair Market Rent (FMR) area within our jurisdiction (Belknap County), and for each unit size within each of the FMR areas. As required by HUD, LHA’s payment standards are set within the “basic range” established by HUD – between 90 and 110 percent of the published FMR for each unit size.

## Utility Allowances

(Effective July 1, 2025)

Utility and heating allowances for Housing Choice Vouchers are determined annually using climate data and current fuel prices gathered by the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. The current amounts for Belknap County are:

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

Unit Type	Bedrooms					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>2 &amp; 3 STORY WALK-UP</b>						
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

<b>ROW AND TOWNHOUSE</b>						
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

<b>DUPLEX AND TWIN</b>						
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

<b>HIGH-RISE</b>						
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
<b>DETACHED</b>						
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

<b>MOBILE HOME (Pre 1976)</b>						
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	

<b>MOBILE HOME (1976 to 1994)</b>						
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	

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