

### 3SquaresVT Participation and Benefits

State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)	Average Monthly Recipients				Average Monthly Benefits Issued				Total Benefits Issued for the Year (total caseload)
	Overall Caseload		CashOut Only		Per Individual	Per HH Overall	Per HH Cashout Only	Average Benefits Issued Monthly (total caseload)	
	Individuals	Hholds	Individuals	Hholds					
1983	51,996	20,282	4,902	4,377	\$42	\$105	\$60	\$2,131,927	\$25,583,124
1984	51,167	20,442	4,966	4,455	\$45	\$99	\$45	\$2,020,548	\$24,246,576
1985	44,896	18,205	4,763	4,319	\$43	\$94	\$41	\$1,715,573	\$20,586,876
1986	39,676	16,501	4,783	4,341	\$43	\$95	\$41	\$1,559,783	\$18,717,396
1987	36,561	15,523	4,888	4,446	\$42	\$93	\$42	\$1,442,238	\$17,306,856
1988	34,444	14,837	5,110	4,662	\$41	\$94	\$39	\$1,393,215	\$16,718,580
1989	33,605	14,971	5,361	4,910	\$39	\$95	\$38	\$1,422,877	\$17,074,524
1990	36,919	16,405	5,616	5,149	\$38	\$105	\$40	\$1,727,202	\$20,726,424
1991	45,024	19,591	5,991	5,512	\$44	\$119	\$42	\$2,324,061	\$27,888,732
1992	52,420	22,745	6,439	5,959	\$52	\$129	\$44	\$2,940,827	\$35,289,924
1993	56,893	24,844	7,079	6,515	\$53	\$126	\$44	\$3,120,992	\$37,451,904
1994	58,444	25,658	7,311	6,727	\$58	\$131	\$50	\$3,362,217	\$40,346,604
1995	58,191	26,016	7,613	7,011	\$61	\$137	\$51	\$3,573,608	\$42,883,296
1996	56,335	25,660	7,854	7,234	\$64	\$140	\$52	\$3,582,758	\$42,993,096
1997	53,322	24,669	7,710	7,110	\$65	\$140	\$51	\$3,459,513	\$41,514,156
1998	48,913	22,629	7,527	6,964	\$63	\$136	\$50	\$3,087,319	\$37,047,828
1999	44,927	21,070	7,353	6,820	\$65	\$139	\$52	\$2,921,170	\$35,054,040
2000	41,657	19,928	7,318	6,789	\$65	\$135	\$54	\$2,690,572	\$32,286,864
2001	39,066	19,118	7,368	6,848	\$67	\$136	\$60	\$2,605,542	\$31,266,504
2002	39,575	19,605	7,432	6,899	\$71	\$144	\$61	\$2,818,292	\$33,819,504
2003	40,917	20,317	7,492	6,937	\$75	\$150	\$65	\$3,050,640	\$36,607,680
2004	42,233	21,122	7,629	7,069	\$78	\$156	\$71	\$3,298,661	\$39,583,932
2005	44,783	22,133	7,826	7,243	\$82	\$165	\$80	\$3,656,213	\$43,874,556
2006	46,628	23,185	8,044	7,457	\$87	\$174	\$94	\$4,034,662	\$48,415,944
2007	51,766	25,609	8,422	7,825	\$88	\$178	\$106	\$4,556,785	\$54,681,423
2008	54,657	27,100	8,752	8,153	\$91	\$184	\$110	\$4,998,840	\$59,986,075
2009	66,506	32,679	9,913	9,134	\$108	\$220	\$145	\$7,199,003	\$86,388,039
2010	83,846	41,466	11,629	10,583	\$121	\$244	\$162	\$10,122,412	\$121,468,942
2011	90,526	45,308	12,742	11,555	\$122	\$244	\$164	\$11,045,380	\$132,544,557
2012	95,292	48,480	13,752	12,489	\$122	\$240	\$164	\$11,623,219	\$139,478,623
2013	100,156	51,883	14,712	13,362	\$124	\$239	\$166	\$12,393,720	\$148,724,635
2014*	98,667	51,728	15,271	13,944	\$120	\$229	\$162	\$11,868,592	\$142,423,104

\*The FY-14 row is based on caseload data to date (July 2013 - March 2014) so the total in last column is an estimate.

NOTES: "CashOut" refers to households comprised only of SSI recipients or people age 65+ whose benefit amount is direct-deposited to their bank account instead of provided on an EBT debit card. Economic trends, policy changes and federal legislation affect participation and benefits, e.g., 1981 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, Hunger Prevention Act of 1988 and 1996 Personal Responsibility & Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act. The 2008 Farm Bill raised the minimum benefit for 1-2 person households and made it easier for those with retirement or education savings to participate. In 2009, Vermont raised its gross income eligibility limits from 130% of federal poverty lines (FPL) to 185% FPL to let the program reach more financially stressed Vermonters. The April 2009 federal stimulus law that bumped the minimum benefit to \$16 and raised all benefit levels expired October 31, 2013. Vermont lost its exemption from federal rules restricting benefits to most able-bodied adults 18-55 without minor dependents, resulting in a sharp caseload drop (4,800 participants) in February 2014.