



MEETING SD 35-20-24

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024
DET'ANCHOGH KÚÉ - EAGLE ROOM
RISE OF HOUSE**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
5. Public Matters:
 - a. Public ministerial Briefing on Senior Home Heating Subsidy with Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
6. In Camera Matters:
 - a. Debrief
 - b. Workplan
7. New Business
 - a.
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:30 a.m.
9. Adjournment



Government of
Northwest Territories

Senior Home Heating Subsidy

Department of Education, Culture and Employment

Public Briefing on Senior Home Heating Subsidy

Presentation Overview

- Senior Home Heating Subsidy Overview
- Subsidy Eligibility
- Communities by Zone
- Income Thresholds and Subsidy Rates
- Historical Changes
- Income Assistance for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities



Senior Home Heating Subsidy Overview

- The Senior Home Heating Subsidy program is intended to assist low-to-modest income seniors in the NWT with their heating costs.
- In order to qualify for the Senior Home Heating Subsidy, Seniors must:
 - Apply each year
 - Be residing in the NWT
 - Own and occupy their home as their primary residency or if renting, be the lessee of a self-contained unit where heating costs are not included
 - Are 60 years of age or older
 - Meet the household income threshold (based on Community)
- The Senior Home Heating Subsidy provides a monthly subsidy from September through April and is typically paid directly to the Senior(s)' supplier of choice.



Senior Home Heating Subsidy Overview

- Seniors must submit an Application for Income Assistance for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities and Senior Home Heating Subsidy, on an annual basis
- Provide the following:
 - Proof of Age
 - Proof of Homeownership or Confirmation of Rental Accommodation
 - Proof of Income:
 - Notice of Assessment for the previous calendar year
 - Other Income Verification, if requesting a current year reassessment
- The Client Navigator will review the application and supporting documentation, confirm the Senior(s)' income is less than the allowable income threshold.
- Seniors will then be required to arrange for fuel delivery and payment directly with their supplier.



Senior Home Heating Subsidy Overview

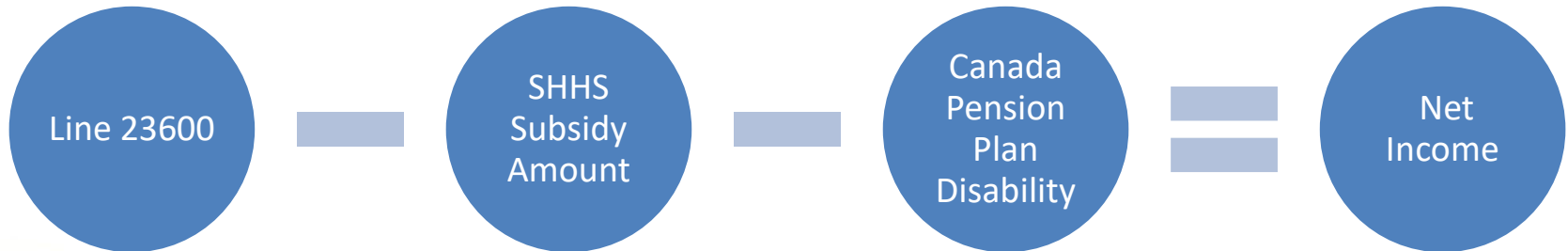
- For the purposes of determining Income Threshold, the following calculation is used to determine net income:

Line 23600 of the Notice of Assessment

Less: Amount for the SHHS in the applicant's zone

Less: Amount received for Canada Pension Plan Disability benefits

Total: Net income for SHHS purposes



Communities by Zone

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Community	Behchokò Dettah Enterprise Fort Providence Fort Simpson Fort Smith Hay River K'atl'odeeche Kakisa Ndilo Yellowknife	Fort Liard Fort Resolution Gamètì Inuvik Jean Marie River Nahanni Butte Whatì Wrigley	Aklavik Colville Lake Déljine Fort McPherson Fort Good Hope Łutselk'e Norman Wells Paulatuk Sachs Harbour Saamba K'e Tsiigehtchic Tuktoyaktuk Tulita Ulukhaktok Wekweètì



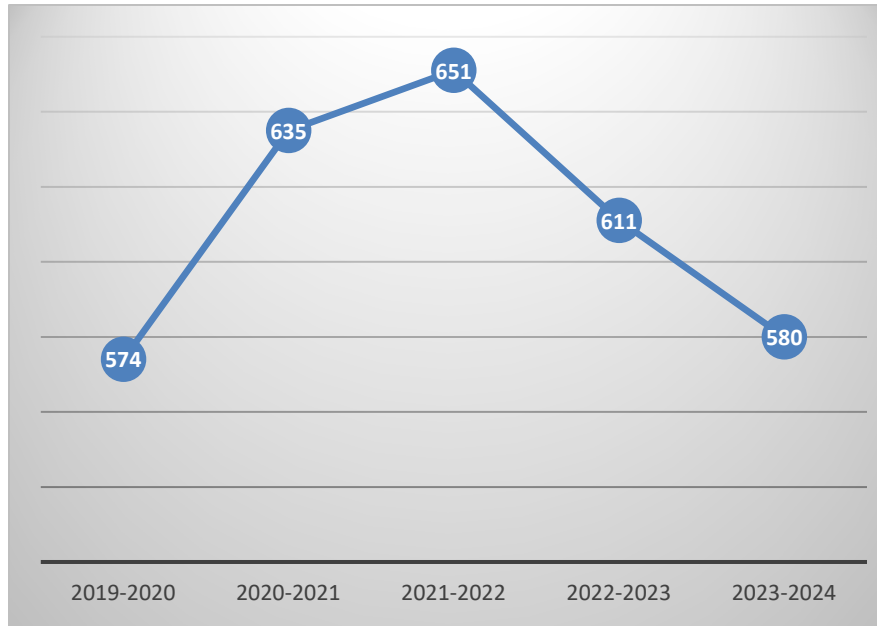
Income Thresholds and Subsidy Amounts

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Income Threshold	Up to \$56,000	Up to \$64,000	Up to \$73,000
Monthly Subsidy Amount	\$375	\$500	\$575
Additional Enhancement (per month)	\$85	\$60	\$175
Total Enhanced Monthly Subsidy	\$460 (\$3,680 per year)	\$560 (\$4,480 per year)	\$750 (\$6,000 per year)



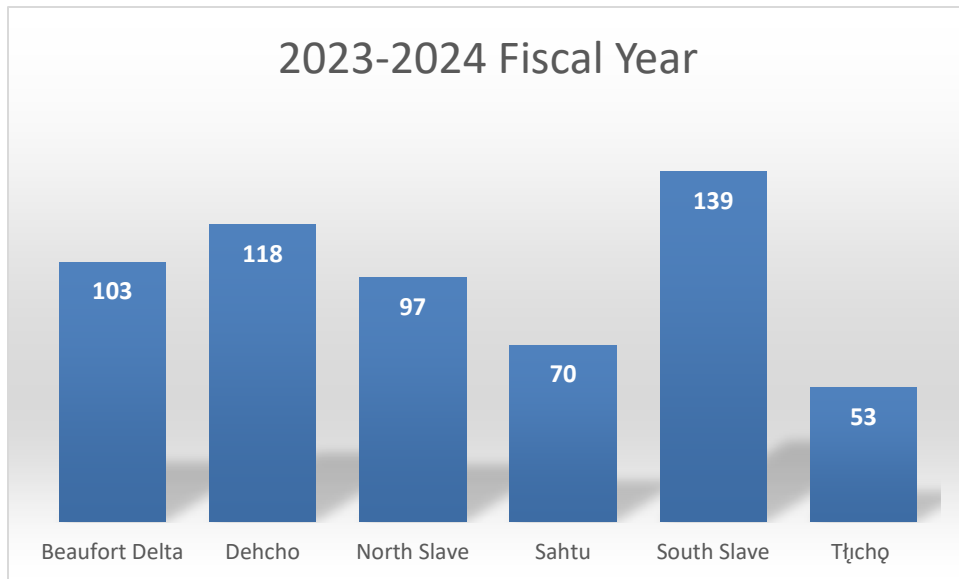
Senior Home Heating Subsidy By the Numbers

Year	# of Applicants
2019-2020	574
2020-2021	635
2021-2022	651
2022-2023	611
2023-2024	580



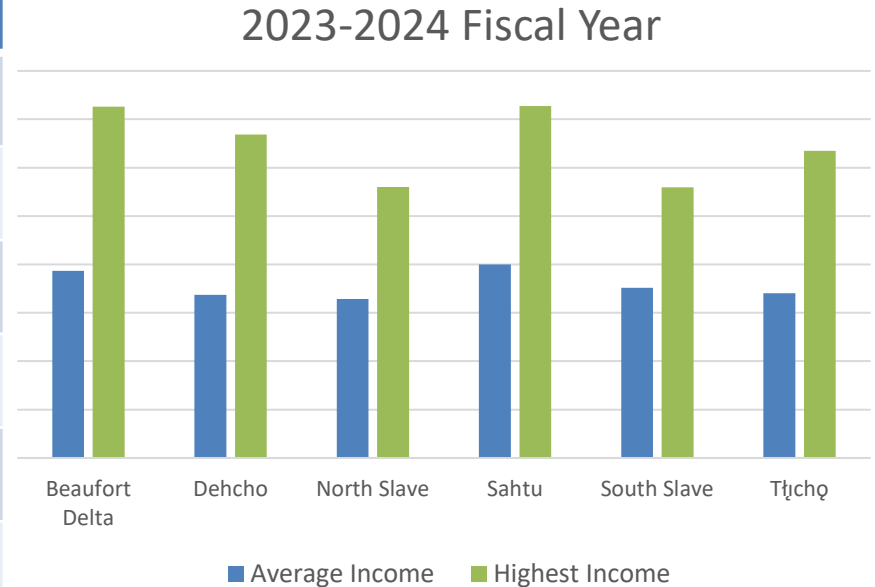
Senior Home Heating Subsidy By the Numbers

Region	# of Seniors
Beaufort Delta	103
Dehcho	118
North Slave	97
Sahtu	70
South Slave	139
Tłıchǫ	53
Total	580



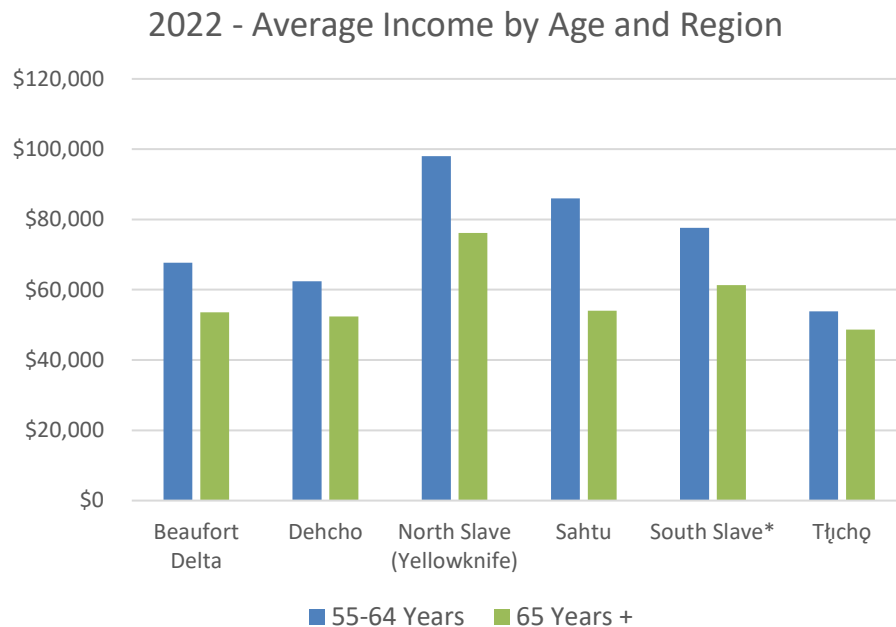
Senior Home Heating Subsidy By the Numbers

Region	Average Income	Highest Income
Beaufort Delta	\$38,684	\$72,617
Dehcho	\$33,691	\$66,845
North Slave	\$32,857	\$55,986
Sahtu	\$39,992	\$72,714
South Slave	\$35,164	\$55,916
Tłı̨chǫ	\$34,040	\$63,480



Average Income of Individuals

Region	55-64 Years	65 Years +
Beaufort Delta	\$67,735	\$53,603
Dehcho	\$62,447	\$52,397
North Slave (Yellowknife)	\$98,037	\$76,155
Sahtu	\$86,000	\$54,071
South Slave*	\$77,644	\$61,363
Tłıchǫ	\$53,860	\$48,705
NWT Wide	\$84,522	\$64,780



* South Slave Includes Łutsel'ė

Historical Changes to SHHS

2018

- SHHS moved from a fuel allocation system to a monetary system, where instead of receiving a set allotment of fuel they received a set annual dollar value
- Removed the phase-out income thresholds
- Expanded to the subsidy to renters

2020

- Modified how communities were allocated to zones
- Provided a modest increase to the benefit amounts

2023

- SHHS moved from an annual allotment to a monthly subsidy during an 8-month period

2024

- Launched the new Income Assistance for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program
- Seniors complete one application



