

Eligibility for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses and Household Goods Storage in Transit

USDA employees using the lump sum relocation program are eligible to receive an allowance for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses (TQSE) and Household Goods (HHG) Storage in Transit (SIT) if the lower bound of the average rental vacancy rate for FY 2025 in their new duty location state is below five percent. If the lower bound of the average rental vacancy rate is five percent or higher, the employee is not eligible for TQSE or HHG SIT. These locations are highlighted in orange in the chart below.

The rental vacancy rates listed below must be used for lump sum relocations effective May 27, 2026, and will remain in effect until OCFO publishes updated rates. According to the lump sum policy, if TQSE is authorized, HHG SIT is automatically included. Both allowances are based on pre-move estimates and assume a 60-day period for each benefit. Additional instructions for determining HHG SIT and TQSE amounts are provided in separate guidance documents available on the Travel Policy Website.

Eligibility for TQSE and HHG SIT by State				
State	FY25 Average Vacancy Rate	Margin of Error FY25	Lower Bound Vacancy Rate	Eligible for TQSE
Alabama	9.5	1.5	8	No
Alaska	5.3	1.4	3.9	Yes
Arizona	8.4	1.6	6.8	No
Arkansas	10.1	1.6	8.5	No
California	4.8	0.5	4.3	Yes
Colorado	5.8	1.4	4.4	Yes
Connecticut	4.7	1.4	3.3	Yes
Delaware	5.6	1.7	3.9	Yes
DC	7.9	0.9	7	No
Florida	10.2	1	9.2	No
Georgia	6.6	1.1	5.5	No
Hawaii	8.7	1.6	7.1	No
Idaho	6.2	1.3	4.9	Yes
Illinois	5.7	0.9	4.8	Yes
Indiana	8.9	1.6	7.3	No
Iowa	7.9	1.9	6	No
Kansas	6.4	1.5	4.9	Yes

Kentucky	6.6	1.7	4.9	Yes
Louisiana	11.1	1.5	9.6	No
Maine	2.2	1.3	0.9	Yes
Maryland	5.7	1.5	4.2	Yes
Massachusetts	3.4	0.8	2.6	Yes
Michigan	8	1.5	6.5	No
Minnesota	5.1	1.5	3.6	Yes
Mississippi	7.6	1.6	6	No
Missouri	9.4	1.7	7.7	No
Montana	5.9	1.3	4.6	Yes
Nebraska	5.9	1.5	4.4	Yes
Nevada	6.5	1.3	5.2	No
New Hampshire	3.9	1.3	2.6	Yes
New Jersey	4.9	1	3.9	Yes
New Mexico	6.6	1.4	5.2	No
New York	5.3	0.6	4.7	Yes
North Carolina	6.4	1.1	5.3	No
North Dakota	7.3	1.4	5.9	No
Ohio	5.9	1.1	4.8	Yes
Oklahoma	7.7	1.4	6.3	No
Oregon	7.6	1.4	6.2	No
Pennsylvania	6.6	1.1	5.5	No
Rhode Island	4	1.4	2.6	Yes
South Carolina	9.8	1.8	8	No
South Dakota	6.7	1.6	5.1	No
Tennessee	8.7	1.4	7.3	No
Texas	11	0.8	10.2	No
Utah	7.6	1.5	6.1	No
Vermont	3	1.2	1.8	Yes
Virginia	6	1.3	4.7	Yes
Washington	6.6	1.2	5.4	No
West Virginia	8.9	1.8	7.1	No
Wisconsin	7.1	1.7	5.4	No
Wyoming	7.1	1.7	5.4	No