

Alaska LIHEAP facts:

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HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Number Served: In 2008 Alaska has provided over **13,620 households with LIHEAP financial assistance**. This is 23.4% of the 45,817 eligible households in the states. According to HHS, roughly **500 households receive Weatherization assistance**.

Eligibility: AK families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below **150 percent of the federal** poverty level. As you can see in the chart, the majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	62%
75%-100%	18%
101%-150%	19%

Demographic: Alaska LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Elderly	15%
Disabled	40%
Children under 5	38%

Average Award: Average Alaska household heating assistance benefit was \$756 in 2005. Nationally, the average benefit covered only 8% of household winter heating bills.

Affordability Gap: According to the annual *Home Energy Affordability Gap* report, actual **low-income energy bills exceeded affordability by \$61 million** at 05-06 heating fuel prices. The portion of heating/cooling covered by Alaska LIHEAP was \$12.8 million in FY 2006.

Source:
HHS Report to Congress, FY2005
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Alaska Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide Alaska with **\$23.6 million** in funding.

As the chart displays, an increase in LIHEAP funding will enable Alaska to distribute assistance to a greater number of eligible households.

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Alaska allocation
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$23.6 m
2008	\$1.98 b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$16.9 m
2007	\$1.98 b	\$181 m	\$2.161 b	\$8.63 m
2006	\$2.48 b	\$681 m	\$3.161 b	\$12.84 m
2005	\$1.885 b	\$298 m	\$2.161 b	\$10 m