

Alabama LIHEAP facts:

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HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The **Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP)** is one of the most critical components of the social safety net. The program provides heating and cooling assistance to almost 6 million low-income households, including the working poor, those making the difficult transition from welfare to work, disabled persons, elderly and families with young children.

A National Program: A Common misconception about LIHEAP is that it only benefits cold weather states of the Northeast and Midwest. However, LIHEAP's 2010 level of \$5.1 billion demonstrates that it is truly a national program servicing low-income households in Southern and Western states with much needed cooling assistance to combat deadly heat waves.

While many states are held at a hold-harmless rate of \$1.98 billion, a number of states, including Alabama, benefit greatly if the appropriation increases.

Under 75%	54.5%
75%-100%	33%
101%-125%	32%

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

Elderly	33%
Disabled	34%
Children under 5	21%

Demographic: Alabama LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Alabama Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide Alabama with **\$67.7 million** in funding. **In 2009, 167,475 households received assistance (There are roughly 760,400 eligible households in the state).**

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

Source:

LIHEAP Energy Notebook, FY07
National Energy Assistance Directors Association

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Alabama allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$67.7 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$59.7 m	167,475
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57b	\$19.22 m	123,393

*The Administration has \$100 million remaining in contingency funding