

## Arkansas LIHEAP facts:

**Number Served:** In 2009 Arkansas provided over 75,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance (There are 411,257 eligible households in the state).

**Eligibility:** AR 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%	53%
75%-100%	31%
101%-125%	15%

**Demographic:** AR LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Elderly	30%
Disabled	40%
Children under 5	20%

**Average Award:** Average Arkansas household assistance benefit was \$217 in 2006. Nationally, the average benefit covered only 8% of household utility bills.

### **Federal Poverty Guidelines: LIHEAP Family of Four**

100%	125%	150%
\$22,050	\$27,563	\$33,075

### Arkansas Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide Arkansas with \$39.3 million in funding.

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

**Source:**

LIHEAP Energy Notebook, FY06  
National Energy Assistance Directors Association

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Arkansas allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$39.3 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$39.7 m	75,000
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$14.7 m	60,000

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