

# California LIHEAP facts:



**Number Served:** In 2009 CA LIHEAP provided **434,141 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are roughly 5 million eligible households in the state).

**Eligibility:** CA families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below 150 of the federal poverty level. The majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	32%
75%-150%	5%
Over 150%	8%

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

Elderly	36%
Disabled	38%
Children under 5	21%

**Average Award:** Average CA household assistance benefit was \$363 in 2006. Nationally, the average benefit covered only 8% of household winter heating bills.

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

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

**Source:**  
LIHEAP Energy Notebook, FY06  
National Energy Assistance Directors Association

## California Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide California with **\$227.5 million** in funding. As the chart displays, an increase in LIHEAP funding will enable California to distribute assistance to a greater number of eligible households.

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	California allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$227.5 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$248 m	434,141
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$101 m	165,678

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