

Connecticut LIHEAP:

CAMPAIGN FOR
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Recipients: In 2008 Connecticut has provided over **86,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance.**

Eligibility: CT families receiving LIHEAP assistance have in comes below **257 percent of the federal** poverty level. As you can see in the chart, the majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	26.5%
75%-100%	19%
101%-125%	16%

Demographic: CT LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Elderly	32%
Disabled	26%
Children under 5	24%

Average Award: Average CT household heating assistance benefit was \$352 in 2004. 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 \$429 million** at 05-06 heating fuel prices. The portion of heating/cooling covered by Connecticut LIHEAP was \$71.1 million in FY 2006.

Source:
LIHEAP Energy Notebook, FY04
National Energy Assistance Directors Association
Home Energy Affordability Gap 2007 Report

Connecticut Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide Connecticut with **\$95.5 million** in funding.

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

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Connecticut allocation
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$95.5 m
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$65.6 m
2007	\$1.98 b	\$181 m	\$2.161 b	\$48.1 m
2006	\$2.48 b	\$681 m	\$3.161 b	\$71.1 m