

# Delaware LIHEAP facts:

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**Number Served:** In 2009 Delaware has provided over **25,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance.** (There are roughly 125,700 eligible households in the state.)

**Eligibility:** DE families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below **200 percent of the federal** poverty level. As you can see in the chart, the majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	31%
75%-100%	24%
101%-150%	30%

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

Elderly	25%
Disabled	11%
Children under 5	30%

**Average Award:** Average Delaware household heating assistance benefit was **\$328** 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

### **Delaware Funding:**

The Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide Delaware with **\$16.6 million** in funding. As the chart displays, an increase in LIHEAP funding will enable Delaware 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	Delaware allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$16.6 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$17.4 m	25,041
2008	\$1.98b	\$590m	\$2.57b	\$6.9 m	14,676

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