

# Louisiana LIHEAP facts:

CAMPAIGN FOR  
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

**Number Served:** In 2009 LA LIHEAP provided roughly **21,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 635,874 eligible households in the state).

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

Under 75%	43%
75%-100%	31%
101%-125%	14%

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

Elderly	36%
Disabled	37%
Children under 5	22%

**Average Award:** Average LA household assistance benefit was \$256 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

## Louisiana Funding:

**Source:**

LIHEAP Energy Notebook, FY06  
National Energy Assistance Directors Association

The Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide LA with **\$58.2 million** in funding. As the chart displays, an increase in LIHEAP funding will enable LA to distribute assistance to a greater number of eligible households.

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Louisiana allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$58.2 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$61.5 m	20,831
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$22.5 m	17,653

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