

Massachusetts LIHEAP facts:

CAMPAIGN FOR
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Number Served: In 2009 MA LIHEAP provided **roughly 186,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 1 million eligible households in the state).

Under 75%	19%
75%-100%	24%
101%-125%	19%

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

Elderly	34%
Disabled	19%
Children under 5	21%

Demographic: MA LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Average Award: Average MA household assistance benefit was \$722 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

MA Funding:

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

The Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide MA with **\$192.3 million** in funding.

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

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$192.3 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$213.5 m	186,160
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$126.4 m	144,846

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