

Maryland LIHEAP facts:



Number Served: In 2009 MD LIHEAP provided **roughly 186,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 804,264 eligible households in the state).

Eligibility: MD families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below 175 of the federal poverty level. The majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	42%
75%-100%	24%
101%-125%	19%

Demographic: MD LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Elderly	29%
Disabled	24.6%
Children under 5	25%

Average Award: Average MD household assistance benefit was \$601 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

Maryland Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide MD with **\$88.4 million** in funding. As the chart displays, an increase in LIHEAP funding will enable MD 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	Maryland allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$88.4 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$101.1 m	186,160
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$36 m	144,846

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