

# Maine LIHEAP facts:



**Number Served:** In 2009 ME LIHEAP provided **roughly 63,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 206,000 eligible households in the state).

**Eligibility:** ME families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below 230 of the federal poverty level. The majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	4%
75%-100%	31%
101%-125%	40%

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

Elderly	52%
Disabled	32.4%
Children under 5	13%

**Average Award:** Average ME household assistance benefit was \$676 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

## Maine Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide ME with **\$56.9 million** in funding. As the chart displays, an increase in LIHEAP funding will enable ME 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	allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$56.9 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$49.5 m	63,000
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$46.5 m	47,000

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