

New Jersey LIHEAP facts:

CAMPAIGN FOR
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Number Served: In 2009 NJ LIHEAP provided **roughly 340,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 1.3 million eligible households in the state).

Eligibility: NJ families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below 225 of the federal poverty level. The majority fall well below the cap.

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| Under 75% | 36% |
| 75%-100% | 30% |
| 101%-125% | 18% |

Demographic: NJ LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

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| Elderly | 31.6% |
| Disabled | 34.7% |
| Children under 5 | 18% |

Average Award: Average NJ household assistance benefit was \$330 in 2006. Nationally, the average benefit covered only 8% of household winter heating bills.

Federal Poverty Guidelines: LIHEAP Family of Four

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| 100% | 125% | 150% |
| \$22,050 | \$27,563 | \$33,075 |

New Jersey 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 NJ with **\$196 million** in funding.

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

| Fiscal Year | Base | Contingency | Total | New Jersey allocation | Households Served |
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| 2010 | \$4.5 b | \$590 m | \$5.1 b | \$196 m | TBD |
| 2009 | \$4.5 b | \$590 m | \$5.1 b | \$185.8 m | 339,536 |
| 2008 | \$1.98b | \$590 m | \$2.57 b | \$107.9 m | 236,509 |

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