

# New Mexico LIHEAP facts:

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**Number Served:** In 2009 NM LIHEAP provided **roughly 70,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 263,200 eligible households in the state).

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

Under 75%	75%
75%-100%	18%
101%-150%	7%

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

Elderly	31%
Disabled	41%
Children under 5	25%

**Average Award:** Average NM household assistance benefit was \$122 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

### NM 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 NM with **\$22 million** in funding.

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

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	New Mexico allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$22.3 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$27.5 m	69,477
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$11.4 m	65,690

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