

Rhode Island LIHEAP facts:

CAMPAIGN FOR
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Number Served: In 2006 RI provided over **29,360 households with financial heating assistance** (This is roughly 20% of the 146,260 eligible households in the state). According to HHS, roughly **860 households received Weatherization assistance**.

Eligibility: RI families receiving LIHEAP assistance have in comes below **220 percent of the federal** poverty level. As you can see in the chart, the majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	18%
75%-100%	21%
101%-150%	31%

Demographic: *RI LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:*

Elderly	40%
Disabled	21%
Children under 5	21%

Average Award: Average RI household heating assistance benefit was **\$369** in 2004. Nationally, the average benefit covered only 8% of household winter heating bills.

Affordability Gap: According to the annual *Home Energy Affordability Gap* report, actual **low-income energy bills exceeded affordability by \$171 million** at 05-06 heating fuel prices. The portion of heating/cooling covered by Rhode Island LI-HEAP was \$23.1 million in FY 2006.

Source:
LIHEAP Energy Notebook, FY04
National Energy Assistance Directors Association
Home Energy Affordability Gap 2007 Report

RI Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations bill included \$2.57 billion for LIHEAP, which has provided Rhode Island with **\$18.74 million** in funding.

\$5.1 Billion Authorized: As the chart displays, an increase in LIHEAP funding to its authorized level would provide RI with **\$32.7 M in funding**, which will enable RI to distribute assistance to a greater number of eligible households.

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Rhode Island allocation
\$5.1 billion authorized :			\$5.1 b	\$32.7 m
2008	\$1.98b	\$590m*	\$2.57b	\$18.74 m
2007	\$1.98 b	\$181 m	\$2.161 b	\$15.428 m
2006	\$2.48 b	\$681 m	\$3.161 b	\$23.06 m
2005	\$1.885 b	\$298 m	\$2.161 b	\$15.1 m

* Fiscal Year 2008 includes \$5.3 million recently released to RI in contingency funds. \$120 million in contingency funds remain at the discretion of the Administration.