

# Virginia LIHEAP facts:

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HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

**Number Served:** In 2009 VA LIHEAP provided roughly **191,500 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 1 million eligible households in the state).

**Eligibility:** VA families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below 130 of the federal poverty level. The majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	44%
75%-100%	34%
101%-150%	20%

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

Elderly	35.4%
Disabled	47.5%
Children under 5	21%

**Average Award:** Average VA household assistance benefit was \$313 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

## Virginia 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 VA with **\$108 million** in funding.

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

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Virginia allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$108 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$117.9 m	191,478
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$43.7 m	156,401

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