

Vermont LIHEAP facts:

CAMPAIGN FOR
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Number Served: In 2006 Vermont provided over **21,000 households with financial heating assistance**. This is roughly 60% of the 34,450 eligible households in the state.

Eligibility: VT families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below **125 percent of the federal** poverty level. As you can see in the chart, the majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	24.8%
75%-100%	35.8%
101%-125%	22.2%

Demographic: Vermont LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Elderly	31.6%
Disabled	34.7%
Children under 5	18%

Average Award: Average VT household heating assistance benefit was \$695 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 \$112 million** at 05-06 heating fuel prices. The portion of heating/cooling covered by Vermont LIHEAP was \$20.9 million in FY 2006.

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

Vermont Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations bill included \$2.57 billion for LIHEAP, which has provided Vermont with **\$16.75 million** in funding.

\$5.1 Billion Authorized: As the chart displays, an increase in LIHEAP funding to its authorized level would provide Vermont with **\$28.2 M in funding**, which will enable Vermont to distribute assistance to a greater number of eligible households.

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Vermont allocation
\$5.1 Billion Authorized :			\$5.1 b	\$28.2 m
2008	\$1.98b	\$590m*	\$2.57 b	\$16.75 m
2007	\$1.98 b	\$181 m	\$2.161 b	\$14.16 m
2006	\$2.48 b	\$681 m	\$3.161 b	\$20.9 m
2005	\$1.885 b	\$298 m	\$2.161 b	\$13.8 m

* Fiscal Year 2008 includes \$5.1 million recently released to VT in contingency funds. \$120 million in contingency funds remain at the discretion of the Administration.