

# Washington LIHEAP facts:

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HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

**Number Served:** In 2009 WA LIHEAP provided roughly **104,400 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 900,000 eligible households in the state).

**Eligibility:** WA families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below 125 of the federal poverty level. The majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	44.7%
75%-100%	33%
101%-125%	22%

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

Elderly	16.5%
Disabled	25%
Children under 5	28.2%

**Average Award:** Average WA household assistance benefit was \$425 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

### Washington 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 WA with **\$79 million** in funding.

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

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Washington allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$79 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$74.6 m	104,374
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$45.5 m	68,023

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