

West Virginia LIHEAP facts:

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HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Number Served: In 2009 WV LIHEAP provided roughly **87,200 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 270,000 eligible households in the state).

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

Under 75%	54%
75%-100%	30%
101%-130%	14%

Demographic: WV LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Elderly	25%
Disabled	52%
Children under 5	23%

Average Award: Average WV household assistance benefit was \$209 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

WV 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 WV with **\$42 million** in funding.

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

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	West Virginia allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$42.4 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$42 m	87,166
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$20.2 m	78,122

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