

Montana LIHEAP facts:

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HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Number Served: In 2009 MT LIHEAP provided **roughly 22,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 141,282 eligible households in the state).

Eligibility: MT families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes below 200 of the federal poverty level. The majority fall well below the cap.

Under 75%	49%
75%-100%	20%
101%-150%	30%

Demographic: MT LIHEAP helps the most vulnerable:

Elderly	27%
Disabled	39%
Children under 5	54%

Average Award: Average MT household assistance benefit was \$608 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

Montana Funding:

Source:

LIHEAP Energy Notebook, FY06
National Energy Assistance Directors Association

The Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide MT with **\$27.9 million** in funding.

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

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Montana allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$27.9 m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$31.6 m	22,048
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$18.9 m	18,921

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