

# Nebraska LIHEAP facts:

**Number Served:** In 2009 NE LIHEAP provided **roughly 40,000 households with LIHEAP financial assistance** (There are 262,000 eligible households in the state).

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

Under 75%	73%
75%-100%	20%
101%-116%	6%

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

Elderly	10%
Disabled	41%
Children under 5	55%

**Average Award:** Average NE household assistance benefit was \$214 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

**Source:**  
LIHEAP Energy Notebook, FY06  
National Energy Assistance Directors Association

### Nebraska Funding:

The Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations bill includes \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP, which will provide NE with **\$42 million** in funding.

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

Fiscal Year	Base	Contingency	Total	Nebraska allocation	Households Served
2010	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$41.9m	TBD
2009	\$4.5 b	\$590 m	\$5.1 b	\$44 m	39,281
2008	\$1.98b	\$590 m	\$2.57 b	\$23.5 m	33,534

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