

# Energy Assistance Matters to Michigan

Energy assistance is a bi-partisan supported issue that keeps families, seniors, and other vulnerable households safe.



\$164,294,552 in Energy Assistance Payments disbursed in 2018

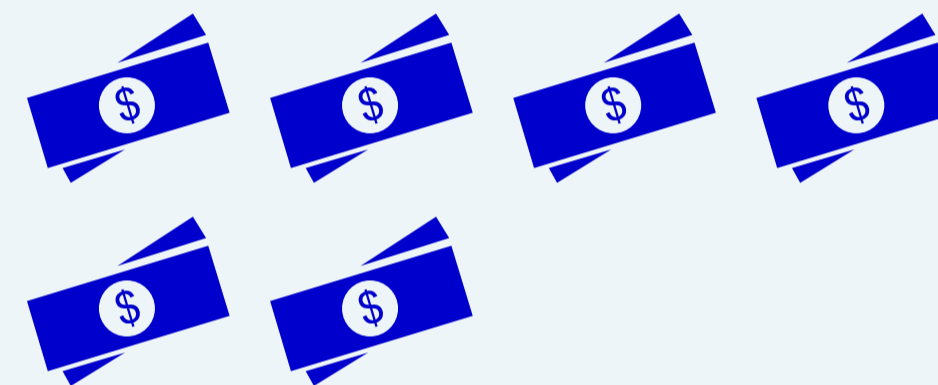
447,982

Households received energy assistance benefits in 2018



\$367

Average assistance benefit amount



\$690

Average Emergency Relief benefit amount

For more information

[www.coalitiontokeepmichiganwarm.org](http://www.coalitiontokeepmichiganwarm.org)

Vulnerable Households Helped

Households with the least helped most

Only 46%

of the total eligible households received payment assistance benefits in Michigan

977,524

households in Michigan that are at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (LIHEAP eligible)

This represents a monthly income of \$2,598 for a family of 3

40%

of the funding helps households with at least one vulnerable member



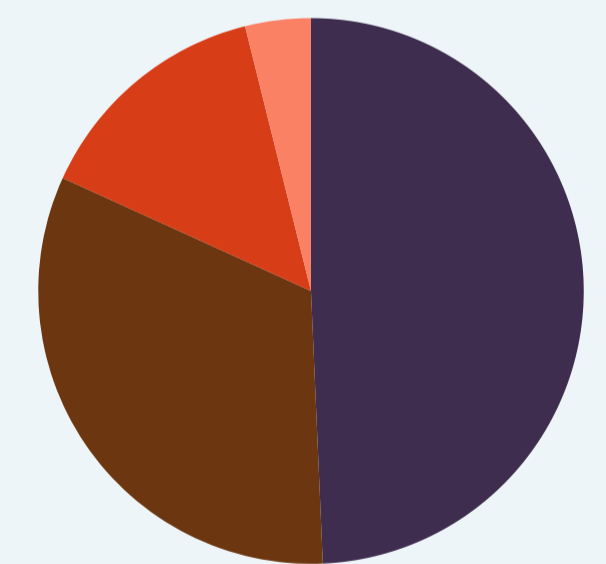
60 years of age or older



person living with a disability



child 5 years of age & under



50%\* have a monthly income less than \$1260

under 75% (49.31%) 76-100% (32.48%) 101-125% (14.32%) 126-150% (3.89%)

The Federal Poverty Level breakdown for households receiving assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federal program established in 1981 and funded annually through Congressional appropriations. The mission of LIHEAP is to assist low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy. FY2018 funding to Michigan was \$162 million. The Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) is a state program that includes an additional \$50 million to assist households in need.

\*FY 2017 State LIHEAP report data

Data Source: Available federal reports, Michigan Agency for Energy reports, Statewide DHHS data reports, Michigan Department of Treasury