

## 2026 Delaware Energy Assistance Program Benefit Matrix

Household Size<sup>1</sup>:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
\$ 15,650	\$ 21,150	\$ 26,650	\$ 32,150	\$ 37,650	\$ 43,150	\$ 48,650	\$ 54,150	\$ 59,650	\$ 65,150	\$ 70,650	\$ 76,150	100% Federal Poverty Guidelines <sup>3</sup>
\$ 39,342	\$ 51,448	\$ 63,553	\$ 75,659	\$ 87,764	\$ 99,869	\$ 102,139	\$ 104,409	\$ 106,679	\$ 108,948	\$ 111,218	\$ 113,488	60% Federal State Median Income
\$ 31,300	\$ 42,300	\$ 53,300	\$ 64,300	\$ 75,300	\$ 86,300	\$ 97,300	\$ 108,300	\$ 119,300	\$ 130,300	\$ 141,300	\$ 152,300	200% Federal Poverty Guidelines

Maximum Income Limits for the Poverty Percent Interval:

1	2	3	4 <sup>4</sup>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Income Percent Interval, NOT FPL <sup>2</sup>	PROPANE	KERO	FUEL OIL	ELECTRIC	NATURAL GAS	OTHER		
\$ 5,016	\$ 6,559	\$ 8,102	\$ 9,646	\$ 11,189	\$ 12,733	\$ 13,022	\$ 13,312	\$ 13,601	\$ 13,890	\$ 14,180	\$ 14,469	0%	to	25.4999%	\$ 2,464	\$ 2,016	\$ 2,016	\$ 1,391	\$ 1,126	\$ 726
\$ 9,933	\$ 12,990	\$ 16,047	\$ 19,103	\$ 22,160	\$ 25,216	\$ 25,790	\$ 26,363	\$ 26,936	\$ 27,509	\$ 28,082	\$ 28,655	26%	to	50.4999%	\$ 2,108	\$ 1,724	\$ 1,724	\$ 1,190	\$ 963	\$ 621
\$ 14,851	\$ 19,421	\$ 23,991	\$ 28,561	\$ 33,130	\$ 37,700	\$ 38,557	\$ 39,414	\$ 40,271	\$ 41,127	\$ 41,984	\$ 42,841	51%	to	75.4999%	\$ 1,751	\$ 1,432	\$ 1,432	\$ 988	\$ 800	\$ 516
\$ 19,769	\$ 25,852	\$ 31,935	\$ 38,018	\$ 44,101	\$ 50,184	\$ 51,324	\$ 52,465	\$ 53,606	\$ 54,746	\$ 55,886	\$ 57,027	76%	to	100.4999%	\$ 1,043	\$ 853	\$ 853	\$ 588	\$ 476	\$ 307
\$ 24,687	\$ 32,283	\$ 39,879	\$ 47,475	\$ 55,071	\$ 62,667	\$ 64,092	\$ 65,516	\$ 66,941	\$ 68,364	\$ 69,789	\$ 71,213	101%	to	125.4999%	\$ 697	\$ 570	\$ 570	\$ 394	\$ 318	\$ 205
\$ 29,604	\$ 38,714	\$ 47,823	\$ 56,933	\$ 66,042	\$ 75,151	\$ 76,859	\$ 78,567	\$ 80,275	\$ 81,983	\$ 83,691	\$ 85,399	126%	to	150.4999%	\$ 502	\$ 411	\$ 411	\$ 283	\$ 229	\$ 148
\$ 34,522	\$ 45,145	\$ 55,767	\$ 66,390	\$ 77,012	\$ 87,634	\$ 89,626	\$ 91,618	\$ 93,610	\$ 95,601	\$ 97,593	\$ 99,585	151%	to	175.4999%	\$ 380	\$ 311	\$ 311	\$ 215	\$ 174	\$ 112
\$ 39,342	\$ 51,448	\$ 63,553	\$ 75,659	\$ 87,764	\$ 99,869	\$ 102,139	\$ 104,409	\$ 106,679	\$ 108,948	\$ 111,218	\$ 113,488	176%	to	200.0000%	\$ 339	\$ 278	\$ 278	\$ 192	\$ 155	\$ 100

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Updated Dates

<sup>1</sup> Household members represent those related and/or unrelated individuals who are living together as one economic unit for whom residential energy is customarily purchased in common or who make undesignated payments for residential energy in the form of rent.

<sup>2</sup> Income Percent Interval (IPI) for the household sizes 1 to 12 is calculated by dividing household's adjusted gross income by the dollar amount equal to 60% SMI divided by 2, multiplying the result by 100, and expressing the result as a rounded percent. Adjusted gross income is the household's income after payroll deductions or adjustments.

The first row represents 100% of the 2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines that were issued in the Federal Register Volume 90, Number 11, on January 17, 2025 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 42 U.S.C. 9902 (2) (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>). For households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,500 to the 100% Federal Poverty Guideline for each additional person. The second row represents 60% State Median Income for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026. In accordance with 45 CFR 96.85, 60% of each State's estimated median income for a four-person family is multiplied by the following percentages to adjust for household size for LIHEAP: 52 percent for one person, 68 percent for two persons, 84 percent for three persons, 100 percent for four persons, 116 percent for five persons, and 132 percent for six persons. For each additional household member above six persons, add three percentage points to the percentage for a six-person household (132 percent), and multiply the new percentage by 60% of the State's estimated median income for a four-person household.

In Delaware \$75,659 = Estimated 60 Percent of the State Median Income for Four-Person Families for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 and 2026, for use in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Published annually by the Federal Children and Families Administration in the Information Memorandum. The LIHEAP statute establishes

<sup>4</sup> 150 percent of the federal poverty level as the maximum income level allowed in determining LIHEAP income eligibility, except where 60 percent of state median (SMI) income is higher. However, the eligibility cannot go over 60% SMI and below 110% FPG. Federal 60% SMI estimates published ACF-OCS-LIHEAP-IM-2025-02 on March 3, 2025. <https://acf.gov/ocs/policy-guidance/liheap-im2025-02-federal-poverty-guidelines-and-state-median-income-estimates>

<sup>5</sup> 200% Income Percent Interval for the households is not allowed to exceed 60% State Median Income.

Flat LIHEAP Benefit for clients living in subsidized housing when heat is not included in the rent is **\$ 236** and rent is less or equal to **\$ 679** per month

If rent in subsidized housing is greater than **\$ 679** per month, then LIHEAP Benefit is issued based on the LIHEAP Benefit Matrix

Example: Household size 3 with gross income **\$ 31,936** belongs into poverty interval **101%** to **125%** and should receive Electric Benefit of **\$ 394**





