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## **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FFY 2017 FACTS & FIGURES**

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- Iowa received \$53.7 million in federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds for FFY 2017
- 80,101 Iowa households (186,586 individuals) received heating assistance benefits to assist with a portion of their heating costs.
- The average statewide heating assistance benefit was approximately \$470.
- 34.0% of households assisted by LIHEAP have an elderly household member.
- 96.5% of households assisted by the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program are NOT receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- 52.3% of households assisted by LIHEAP have a disabled member.
- 20.3% of households assisted by LIHEAP have a child less than 6 years of age.
- 55.4% of LIHEAP households are below 100% of federal poverty guidelines.
- 69.7% heat with natural gas; 21.6% heat with electricity; 8.5% heat with liquid propane gas; 0.4% heat with fuel oil; 0.8% heat with wood/coal/other.
- 69% live in single family homes; 31.0% live in duplexes/apartments/mobile homes.
- Benefits are targeted to vulnerable households with low incomes and high heating costs. Elderly, disabled, families with young children, and working poor (who often don't receive any other form of assistance) are also targeted groups.

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