

2016 Delaware Energy Assistance Program Benefit Matrix

Household Size¹:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
³	\$ 11,770	\$ 15,930	\$ 20,090	\$ 24,250	\$ 28,410	\$ 32,570	\$ 36,730	\$ 40,890	100% Federal Poverty Guideline

Maximum Income Limits for the Poverty Percent Interval:

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1	2	3	4 ⁴	5	6	7	8	Poverty Percent Interval ²	PROPANE	ELECTRIC	GAS	OTHER	
\$ 3,001	\$ 4,062	\$ 5,122	\$ 6,183	\$ 7,244	\$ 8,305	\$ 9,366	\$ 10,426	0% to 25%	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,373	\$ 915	\$ 458	
\$ 5,943	\$ 8,044	\$ 10,145	\$ 12,246	\$ 14,347	\$ 16,447	\$ 18,548	\$ 20,649	26% to 50%	\$ 1,633	\$ 1,225	\$ 817	\$ 408	
\$ 8,886	\$ 12,027	\$ 15,167	\$ 18,308	\$ 21,449	\$ 24,590	\$ 27,731	\$ 30,871	51% to 75%	\$ 1,176	\$ 882	\$ 588	\$ 294	
\$ 11,828	\$ 16,009	\$ 20,190	\$ 24,371	\$ 28,552	\$ 32,732	\$ 36,913	\$ 41,094	76% to 100%	\$ 846	\$ 634	\$ 423	\$ 211	
\$ 14,771	\$ 19,992	\$ 25,212	\$ 30,433	\$ 35,654	\$ 40,875	\$ 46,096	\$ 51,316	101% to 125%	\$ 622	\$ 467	\$ 311	\$ 156	
\$ 17,713	\$ 23,974	\$ 30,235	\$ 36,496	\$ 42,757	\$ 49,017	\$ 55,278	\$ 61,539	126% to 150%	\$ 486	\$ 365	\$ 243	\$ 122	
\$ 20,656	\$ 27,957	\$ 35,257	\$ 42,558	\$ 49,859	\$ 57,160	\$ 64,461	\$ 71,761	151% to 175%	\$ 418	\$ 314	\$ 209	\$ 105	
\$ 23,598	\$ 31,939	\$ 40,280	\$ 48,621	\$ 56,962	\$ 65,302	\$ 73,643	\$ 81,984	176% to 200%	\$ 400	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 100	

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¹ 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.

² Divide the household's gross income by the dollar amount equal to 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, multiply the result by 100, and express the result as a rounded percent. Gross income is the household's income before any deductions or adjustments, such as taxes or medical costs, are made to household income.

³ This row represents 100% of the **2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines** that were issued in the Federal Register Volume 80, Number 14, on **January 22, 2015** by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.cfm>). **For households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 to the 76% to 100% poverty interval for each additional person and calculate the poverty guideline according to the poverty interval.** For example, household with 9 members has 100% poverty guideline of \$40,890+\$4,160=\$45,050.

⁴ In Delaware \$51,555 = 60 Percent of the Estimated State Median Income for Four-Person Families for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016, for Use in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Published by the Federal Children and Families Administration in the Federal Register Volume 80, Number 111, on June 10, 2015. The LIHEAP statute establishes 150 percent of the poverty level as the maximum income level allowed in determining LIHEAP income eligibility, except where 60 percent of state median income is higher.

Flat LIHEAP Benefit for clients living in subsidized housing when heat is not included in the rent is **\$ 183** and rent is less or equal to **\$ 446** per month
 If rent in subsidized housing is greater than **\$ 446** per month, then LIHEAP Benefit is issued based on the LIHEAP Benefit Matrix

Example: Household size 4 with gross income **\$ 24,372** belongs into poverty interval **101%** to **125%** and should receive Electric Benefit of **\$ 467**