

7.1.9 Program Definitions

DOE Weatherization: Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program

DOE Weatherization Eligible Households: Households with incomes at or below 125% of the Federal poverty level, which varies by family size; however, a state may instead elect to use the LIHEAP income standard if its state LIHEAP income standard is at least 125% of the Federal poverty level. Data listed in this chapter includes previously DOE and HHS weatherized units. DOE Weatherization Eligible Households are a subset of Federally Eligible Households.

DOE Weatherization Recipient Households: Households that have received weatherization under DOE Weatherization funding.

Federally Eligible Households: Households with incomes below the Federal maximum standard of 150% of the poverty line or 60% of the state median income, whichever is higher.

HHS: Department of Health and Human Services

LIHEAP: HHS's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LIHEAP Eligible Households: Households with incomes below the Federal maximum poverty income level, i.e., 150% of the Federal poverty guidelines or 60% of state median income, whichever is higher.

LIHEAP Recipient Households: Households that received fuel subsidies for home heating, cooling, or energy crisis benefits in the year previous to a particular household survey.

Source(s): ORNL, Scope of the Weatherization Assistance Program: Profile of the Population in Need, Mar. 1994, p. 1.2 for Weatherization eligible, Weatherization recipient, and LIHEAP eligible households; EIA, Housing Characteristics 1993, June 1995, p. 336 for Federally eligible for weatherization; and HHS, LIHEAP Report to Congress FY 2001, February 2003, Table E-1, p. 105 and Figure 1, p. iii for LIHEAP recipient household.