

# Income Guidelines for Energy Assistance Programs

## Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) – heating and cooling:

The household meets income eligibility if the total household members’ countable income is equal to or less than 150% of the current poverty level. See the chart below. Refer to the Income Section of the Integrated Policy Manual at <https://economicbenefits.nc.gov> for types of income to count, how to verify income and which income deductions and base periods to apply.

No. Eligible in Household	Maximum Countable Income	No. Eligible In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,956	14	\$10,894
2	\$2,644	15	\$11,581
3	\$3,331	16	\$12,269
4	\$4,019	17	\$12,956
5	\$4,706	18	\$13,644
6	\$5,394	19	\$14,331
7	\$6,081	20	\$15,019
8	\$6,769	21	\$15,706
9	\$7,456	22	\$16,394
10	\$8,144	23	\$17,081
11	\$8,831	24	\$17,769
12	\$9,519	25	\$18,456
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**\*\*Revision October 2025**

## Temporary Emergency Assistance (TANF-EA) – rent and utilities

TANF-EA income limit is 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

No. Eligible in Household	Maximum Countable Income	No. Eligible In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$2,660	5	\$6,447
2	\$3,607	6	\$7,393
3	\$4,553	7	\$8,340
4	\$5,500	8	\$9,287

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**Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) – seasonal heating:**

Households meet income eligibility if the total household members' countable income for the base period (month(s) prior to application) is equal to or less than 130% of the current poverty level.

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<b>No. Eligible in Household</b>	<b>Maximum Countable Income</b>	<b>No. Eligible In Household</b>	<b>Maximum Countable Income</b>
1	\$1,695	14	\$9,441
2	\$2,291	15	\$10,037
3	\$2,887	16	\$10,633
4	\$3,483	17	\$11,229
5	\$4,079	18	\$11,825
6	\$4,675	19	\$12,420
7	\$5,270	20	\$13,016
8	\$5,866	21	\$13,612
9	\$6,462	22	\$14,208
10	\$7,058	23	\$14,804
11	\$7,654	24	\$15,400
12	\$8,250	25	\$15,995
13	\$8,845	26	\$16,591

Households containing individuals in the elderly population age 60 and above with income up to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level and disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. Households with this special population will meet income eligibility if the total household members' countable income for the base period (month(s) prior to application) is equal to or less than 150% of the current poverty level.

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**UCAP- water assistance (City of Raleigh account holders):**

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