

LIHEAP Recipients by Veteran Status

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Results for 2011 Survey of LIHEAP Recipients
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Congress is considering deep cuts in LIHEAP for FY 2012. The proposed cuts would reduce the number of households served as well as average benefit levels. While the Congress has yet to resolve the final funding level or the formula for allocating these funds, all indications right now are that funding made available will at best only be sufficient to serve 7.5 million households—down from almost 9 million in FY 2011.

The impact of cuts will be severe and hurt some of the most vulnerable households in the US. NEADA recently completed a survey of families receiving LIHEAP in FY 2011. One of the most surprising facts was the rapid increase in the number of households with at least one member who has served in the military. The percent of LIHEAP recipients with at least one veteran increased from 12% of all households in FY 2008 served to 20% in FY 2011. In other words, the number of LIHEAP recipient households with a veteran has increased by almost 1.1 million households from about 700,000 to 1.78 million. What do these families look like?

Of the military families, 7% are currently serving in the military and 93% are veterans.

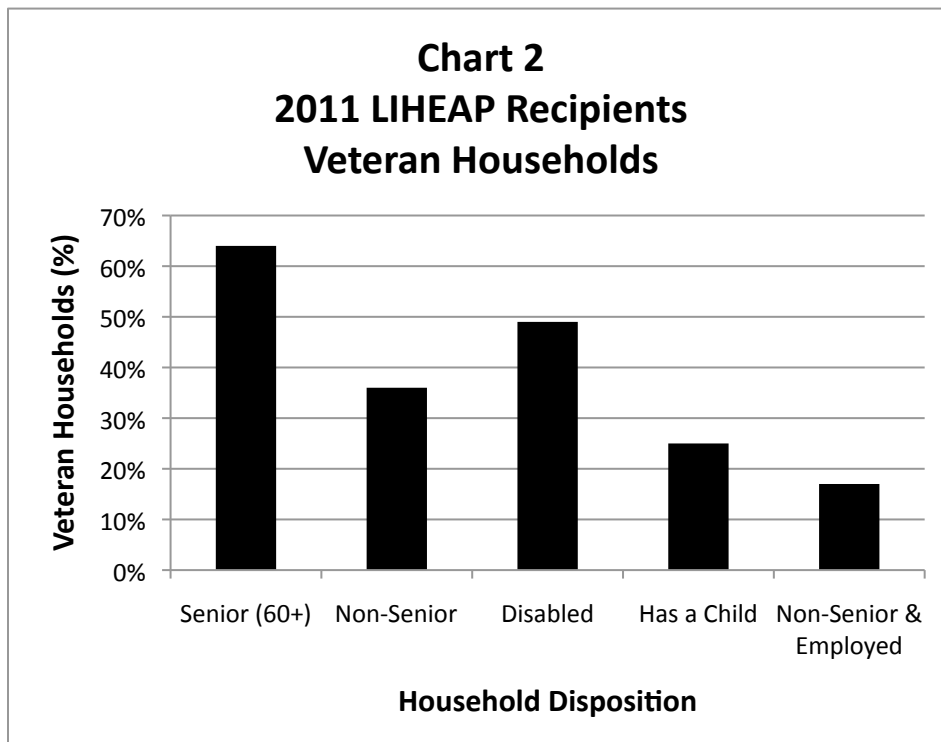
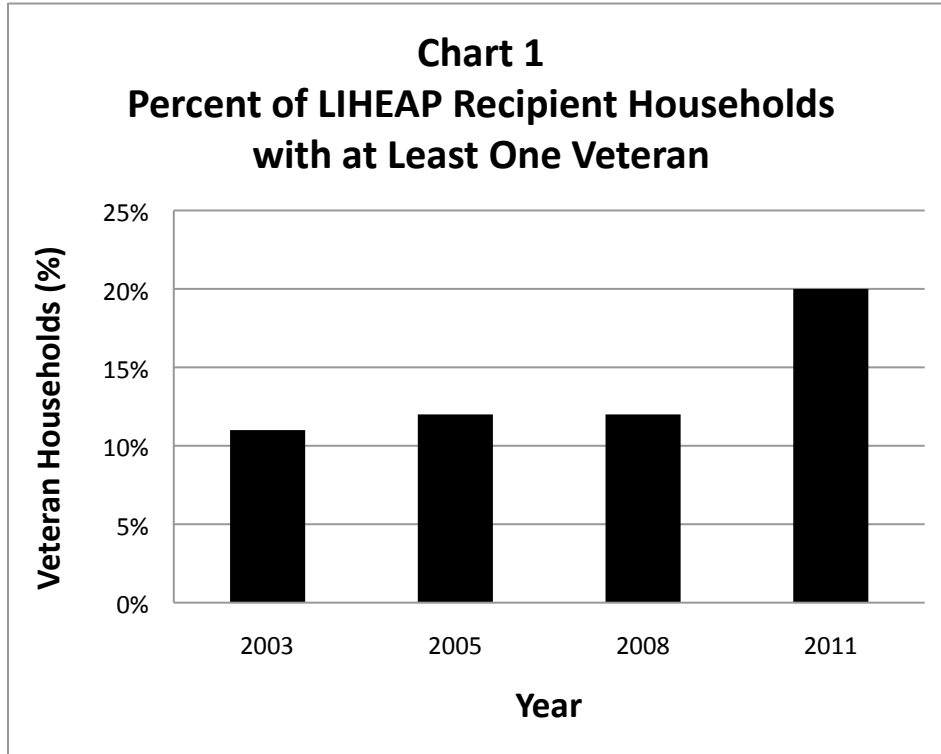
Of the veterans,

- 64% have a household member who is 60 or older
- 55% have a household member who is 60 or older and received Social Security, pensions, or other retirement income
- 49% of have a disabled household member
- 25% have a child 18 and under
- 12% served in Iraq or Afghanistan

Of the veterans without a senior in the home,

- 20% served in Iraq or Afghanistan
- 59% had one or more unemployed household members
- 21% are in job training
- 39% received TANF, SSI, General Assistance, or Public Assistance
- 70% received food stamps or lived in public or subsidized housing

The charts below illustrate the trends in receipt of LIHEAP assistance by veteran households and the characteristics of these households. Chart 1 shows that there was a recent large increase in military service by LIHEAP recipients. Chart 2 displays the characteristics of 2011 LIHEAP recipient veteran households.



The tables below provide more information on the LIHEAP veterans. Table 1 displays the percent of veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The table shows that 12% of all LIHEAP veterans served in Iraq or Afghanistan and 20% of non-senior LIHEAP veterans served in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Table 1
Percent of LIHEAP Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan

	Percent of LIHEAP Veterans		
	All	Senior	Non-Senior
Served in Iraq or Afghanistan	12%	7%	20%
Did not Serve in Iraq or Afghanistan	88%	93%	80%
Refused/No Answer	<1%	<1%	0%

Table 2 displays the percent of LIHEAP veterans who have at least one unemployed household member. The table shows that 32% have at least one unemployed household member and 59% of veterans without seniors in the home have at least one unemployed household member.

Table 2
Percent of LIHEAP Veterans
With At Least One Unemployed Household Member

	Percent of LIHEAP Veterans		
	All	Senior	Non-Senior
One or More Household Members Unemployed	32%	17%	59%
Not Unemployed	66%	82%	37%
Refused/No Answer	2%	1%	4%

Table 3 displays the percent of LIHEAP veterans who have one or more household members who are in job training. The table shows that 13% of LIHEAP veterans are in job training. Twenty-one percent of non-senior LIHEAP veterans are in job training.

Table 3
Percent of LIHEAP Veterans Who are in Job Training

	Percent of LIHEAP Veterans		
	All	Senior	Non-Senior
In Job Training	13%	8%	21%
Not in Job Training	87%	91%	79%
Refused/No Answer	1%	1%	0%

Table 4 displays the percent of LIHEAP veterans who received TANF, SSI, General Assistance, or Public Assistance. The table shows that 24% of all veteran households and 39% of veterans without senior household members received one of these types of assistance.

Table 4
Percent of LIHEAP Veterans Who Received
TANF, SSI, General Assistance, or Public Assistance

	Percent of LIHEAP Veterans		
	All	Senior	Non-Senior
Received Assistance	24%	16%	39%
Did Not Receive Assistance	74%	83%	58%
Refused/No Answer	2%	1%	4%

Table 5 displays the percent of veterans who received food stamps or lived in public or subsidized housing. The table shows that 49% of veterans and 70% of veterans without seniors in the home received one of these types of assistance.

Table 5
Percent of LIHEAP Veterans Who Received
Food Stamps or Lived in Public or Subsidized Housing

	Percent of LIHEAP Veterans		
	All	Senior	Non-Senior
Food Stamps or Public/Subsidized Housing	49%	37%	70%
Did Not Receive Assistance	49%	61%	27%
Refused/No Answer	2%	1%	4%