

Illinois Energy Assistance Programs

Report on the Results of Operations Program Year 2025



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Executive Summary

The past year has been a historic one for energy assistance in Illinois, as the existing programs—the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) program—have been supplemented by the implementation of Low-Income Discount Rates (LIDs) required by the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. While LIDs do not pass through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), they lower the household budgets by the utility directly discounting the bills of LIHEAP clients. In 2025, the four largest natural gas utilities were the first to begin applying LIDs. DCEO estimates the LIDs reduced the natural gas bills for LIHEAP clients by \$125 million dollars over the past year, compared to the \$234.2 million issued through LIHEAP and PIPP.

For Program Year 2025 (PY25 - July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025) the Illinois Energy Assistance Program's original budget totaled \$226.4 million in client benefits for LIHEAP and PIPP. The total amount of energy assistance issued in PY25 was \$234.2 million dollars.

PY25 IL Energy Assistance Budget by Source

Source	Budget	Actual Spend
24-224 (HHS-24)	69,192,386	72,319,886
25-224 (HHS-25)	77,400,000	83,789,001
25-254 LIHEAP (State)	57,100,000	55,824,492
25-254 PIPP (State)	22,700,000	22,248,298
TOTAL	226,392,386	234,181,677

The benefits issued by the Illinois Energy Assistance Program in PY25 were 17% less than the \$281.2 million issued in PY24. However, this reduction was more than offset by the introduction of LIDs and resulting infusion of \$125 million in energy assistance. Taking the LIDs into account increases the total amount of energy assistance to \$359 million, which is a 28% increase over the amount issued in PY24.

Comparison of the PY24 and PY25 Benefits Issued by Use

Use	PY24 Benefits	PY25 Benefits
LIHEAP – Direct Vendor Payments	204,804,337	155,001,740
LIHEAP – Reconnection Assistance	36,922,291	49,793,376
LIHEAP - Furnace	6,858,674	7,138,263
PIPP	32,623,369	22,248,298
TOTAL	281,208,671	234,181,677

The remainder of this report provides both agency-level and county-level information on the performance of the Illinois Energy Assistance Program during PY25 regular operations.

Index of Need – The Index of Need (ION) column is the ION for that geographic area. The ION is essentially the percentage of the statewide total funding allocated to that geographic area based on the formula defined in JCAR. It is based on five factors; 1) number of people in poverty in the area compared to the statewide total, 2) number of elderly people (age 60+) in poverty in the area compared to the statewide total, 3) number of disabled people in poverty in the area compared to the statewide total, 4) the fuel costs for the area, and 5) the heating degree days for the area.

Allocations – The pink allocation columns are each area’s ION multiplied by the statewide total funding.

Regular Assistance Provided – The blue columns show the total amount of client benefits issued within the area. These totals reflect the regular LIHEAP and PIPP client benefit payments.

Program Year 2025 Results of Operations by Agency

Agency	ION	Allocation			Regular Assistance Issued		
		LIHEAP	PIPP	TOTAL	LIHEAP	PIPP	TOTAL
BCMW	0.0107	2,179,450	242,883	2,422,333	2,335,103	256,515	2,591,617
CAPCIL	0.0092	1,880,430	209,560	2,089,990	1,995,059	306,180	2,301,239
CCRPC	0.0190	3,880,325	432,433	4,312,759	5,573,313	575,665	6,148,979
CEDA	0.4349	88,579,761	9,871,555	98,451,316	88,344,828	12,216,171	100,560,999
CEFS	0.0183	3,723,430	414,949	4,138,378	4,744,867	564,228	5,309,095
Com Contacts	0.0372	7,575,942	844,282	8,420,224	5,898,936	217,981	6,116,917
Crosswalk	0.0158	3,208,257	357,536	3,565,793	3,146,625	308,962	3,455,588
DMCOC	0.0100	2,039,732	227,313	2,267,045	2,790,724	182,697	2,973,421
DuPage	0.0387	7,892,654	879,578	8,772,232	6,499,106	319,814	6,818,920
East Central	0.0134	2,738,229	305,155	3,043,385	4,566,442	369,724	4,936,166
ERBA	0.0208	4,235,194	471,981	4,707,175	5,453,938	836,621	6,290,558
FULTON	0.0038	781,736	87,119	868,855	1,030,058	129,985	1,160,043
IVEDC	0.0092	1,883,994	209,957	2,093,951	2,404,317	298,721	2,703,038
Kankakee	0.0099	2,016,046	224,673	2,240,720	1,958,027	38,109	1,996,136
KGCA	0.0071	1,453,300	161,959	1,615,260	1,597,269	75,592	1,672,861
LAKE	0.0361	7,344,089	818,444	8,162,533	5,276,810	194,622	5,471,432
Madison	0.0203	4,143,975	461,815	4,605,790	4,931,331	559,647	5,490,977
McHenry	0.0129	2,630,683	293,170	2,923,853	2,023,091	69,631	2,092,722
MCS	0.0065	1,318,207	146,904	1,465,111	1,375,143	129,756	1,504,899
NICAA	0.0072	1,471,189	163,953	1,635,142	1,542,187	164,926	1,707,112
Peoria	0.0172	3,502,336	390,309	3,892,645	5,081,987	391,598	5,473,585
PNOW	0.0188	3,824,795	426,245	4,251,040	4,518,234	119,946	4,638,180
RHSD	0.0316	6,435,346	717,171	7,152,518	8,350,870	681,645	9,032,515
Sangamon	0.0160	3,265,434	363,908	3,629,342	3,321,672	42,296	3,363,968
Shawnee	0.0105	2,138,305	238,298	2,376,603	2,499,475	27,965	2,527,440
St. Clair	0.0224	4,569,570	509,245	5,078,815	4,247,712	740,280	4,987,993
Tazwood	0.0277	5,644,870	629,079	6,273,949	6,433,091	429,560	6,862,651
Tricty	0.0308	6,276,686	699,490	6,976,176	6,003,119	528,270	6,531,389
Two Rivers	0.0107	2,178,329	242,759	2,421,088	2,366,717	244,772	2,611,489
WADI	0.0130	2,651,413	295,480	2,946,893	3,126,745	56,883	3,183,628
WEEOC	0.0148	3,006,479	335,050	3,341,529	3,240,643	522,410	3,763,053
WILL	0.0299	6,099,925	679,791	6,779,717	5,426,726	362,736	5,789,461
WIRC	0.0153	3,122,275	347,954	3,470,230	3,829,215	284,391	4,113,606
Statewide	1.0000	203,692,386	22,700,000	226,392,386	211,933,379	22,248,298	234,181,677

Program Year 2025 Results of Operations by County

Agency	County	ION	Allocation			Regular Assistance Issued		
			LIHEAP	PIPP	TOTAL	LIHEAP	PIPP	TOTAL
BCMW	Bond	0.0020	417,077	46,480	463,557	306,506	44,302	350,807
BCMW	Clinton	0.0028	561,425	62,567	623,992	423,872	59,894	483,766
BCMW	Marion	0.0044	896,515	99,910	996,425	1,465,950	135,788	1,601,738
BCMW	Washington	0.0015	304,432	33,927	338,359	138,775	16,531	155,306
CAPCIL	De Witt	0.0018	368,997	41,122	410,119	414,559	74,600	489,158
CAPCIL	Logan	0.0025	518,457	57,778	576,235	758,951	77,527	836,478
CAPCIL	Mason	0.0020	398,439	44,403	442,842	415,309	58,918	474,227
CAPCIL	Menard	0.0014	287,345	32,023	319,368	186,498	43,416	229,914
CAPCIL	Piatt	0.0015	307,192	34,234	341,426	219,743	51,720	271,463
KNOX	Knox	0.0059	1,206,476	134,453	1,340,929	1,989,486	104,861	2,094,347
CCRPC	Champaign	0.0190	3,880,325	432,433	4,312,759	5,573,313	575,665	6,148,979
CEDA	Cook	0.4349	88,579,761	9,871,555	98,451,316	88,344,828	12,216,171	100,560,999
CEFS	Christian	0.0037	744,328	82,950	827,278	827,721	165,186	992,907
CEFS	Clay	0.0020	397,329	44,279	441,608	699,533	21,578	721,111
CEFS	Effingham	0.0030	617,201	68,783	685,984	635,927	115,654	751,581
CEFS	Fayette	0.0028	563,600	62,809	626,409	876,491	44,226	920,717
CEFS	Montgomery	0.0029	587,058	65,423	652,481	838,647	162,862	1,001,508
CEFS	Moultrie	0.0016	332,501	37,055	369,556	306,321	14,495	320,816
CEFS	Shelby	0.0024	481,412	53,650	535,061	560,227	40,227	600,454
Com Contacts	DeKalb	0.0081	1,650,419	183,927	1,834,346	1,612,008	45,105	1,657,113
Com Contacts	Kane	0.0291	5,925,523	660,355	6,585,878	4,286,929	172,876	4,459,805
Crosswalk	Franklin	0.0049	1,004,859	111,984	1,116,843	1,107,116	102,204	1,209,320
Crosswalk	Jefferson	0.0041	835,909	93,156	929,064	838,435	71,484	909,918
Crosswalk	Williamson	0.0067	1,367,489	152,396	1,519,886	1,201,075	135,275	1,336,350
DMCOC	Macon	0.0100	2,039,732	227,313	2,267,045	2,790,724	182,697	2,973,421
DuPage	DuPage	0.0387	7,892,654	879,578	8,772,232	6,499,106	319,814	6,818,920
East Central	Ford	0.0018	370,195	41,256	411,451	283,012	21,683	304,695
East Central	Iroquois	0.0032	644,317	71,804	716,121	548,644	48,512	597,156
East Central	Vermilion	0.0085	1,723,717	192,095	1,915,813	3,734,786	299,529	4,034,315
ERBA	Clark	0.0017	348,422	38,829	387,251	700,024	15,021	715,045
ERBA	Coles	0.0057	1,152,763	128,467	1,281,230	1,419,559	311,427	1,730,985
ERBA	Crawford	0.0021	432,461	48,195	480,656	372,102	169,208	541,309
ERBA	Cumberland	0.0014	285,642	31,833	317,474	389,088	23,432	412,520
ERBA	Douglas	0.0022	449,307	50,072	499,379	314,796	109,687	424,483
ERBA	Edgar	0.0024	479,927	53,484	533,412	556,141	147,366	703,507
ERBA	Jasper	0.0014	275,945	30,752	306,697	418,415	7,059	425,474
ERBA	Lawrence	0.0019	383,887	42,781	426,668	696,445	43,396	739,841
ERBA	Richland	0.0021	426,841	47,568	474,410	587,369	10,025	597,394
FULTON	Fulton	0.0038	781,736	87,119	868,855	1,030,058	129,985	1,160,043
IVEDC	Calhoun	0.0009	191,838	21,379	213,217	133,436	17,594	151,030
IVEDC	Greene	0.0019	382,232	42,597	424,829	558,194	34,821	593,015
IVEDC	Jersey	0.0019	391,710	43,653	435,363	543,847	50,083	593,930
IVEDC	Macoupin	0.0045	918,214	102,328	1,020,543	1,168,839	196,224	1,365,063
Kankakee	Kankakee	0.0099	2,016,046	224,673	2,240,720	1,958,027	38,109	1,996,136
KGCA	Grundy	0.0029	584,582	65,147	649,729	644,284	6,929	651,213
KGCA	Kendall	0.0043	868,718	96,812	965,530	952,984	68,663	1,021,647
LAKE	Lake	0.0361	7,344,089	818,444	8,162,533	5,276,810	194,622	5,471,432
Madison	Madison	0.0203	4,143,975	461,815	4,605,790	4,931,331	559,647	5,490,977

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McHenry	McHenry	0.0129	2,630,683	293,170	2,923,853	2,023,091	69,631	2,092,722
MCS	Cass	0.0019	383,265	42,712	425,977	237,066	20,066	257,132
MCS	Morgan	0.0035	722,891	80,561	803,452	1,034,680	104,127	1,138,807
MCS	Scott	0.0010	212,051	23,631	235,682	103,397	5,564	108,961
NICAA	Jo Daviess	0.0024	479,427	53,429	532,855	293,968	14,980	308,948
NICAA	Stephenson	0.0049	991,762	110,524	1,102,286	1,248,219	149,946	1,398,165
Peoria	Peoria	0.0172	3,502,336	390,309	3,892,645	5,081,987	391,598	5,473,585
PNOW	Henry	0.0041	832,510	92,777	925,287	718,728	92,319	811,047
PNOW	Mercer	0.0018	373,651	41,641	415,292	210,754	27,627	238,381
PNOW	Rock Island	0.0129	2,618,634	291,827	2,910,461	3,588,752	-	3,588,752
RHSD	Boone	0.0044	892,402	99,452	991,853	591,836	60,366	652,202
RHSD	Winnebago	0.0272	5,542,945	617,720	6,160,665	7,759,034	621,279	8,380,313
Sangamon	Sangamon	0.0160	3,265,434	363,908	3,629,342	3,321,672	42,296	3,363,968
Shawnee	Alexander	0.0015	296,926	33,090	330,016	494,861	-	494,861
Shawnee	Hardin	0.0010	202,459	22,563	225,021	178,462	-	178,462
Shawnee	Johnson	0.0015	311,477	34,712	346,189	300,141	-	300,141
Shawnee	Massac	0.0020	399,523	44,524	444,047	506,772	1,794	508,566
Shawnee	Pope	0.0009	189,129	21,077	210,206	96,742	-	96,742
Shawnee	Pulaski	0.0013	255,135	28,433	283,568	361,794	18,142	379,936
Shawnee	Union	0.0024	483,655	53,900	537,555	560,704	8,029	568,733
St Clair	St. Clair	0.0224	4,569,570	509,245	5,078,815	4,247,712	740,280	4,987,993
Tazwood	Livingston	0.0036	734,906	81,900	816,806	660,375	30,987	691,362
Tazwood	McLean	0.0124	2,534,447	282,445	2,816,892	2,684,240	116,116	2,800,356
Tazwood	Tazewell	0.0090	1,837,212	204,744	2,041,956	2,673,362	255,414	2,928,776
Tazwood	Woodford	0.0026	538,305	59,990	598,295	415,114	27,043	442,157
Tricty	Bureau	0.0035	711,631	79,306	790,937	461,979	76,584	538,563
Tricty	Carroll	0.0021	420,171	46,825	466,996	471,454	2,755	474,209
Tricty	La Salle	0.0090	1,832,578	204,227	2,036,805	2,040,557	248,537	2,289,094
Tricty	Lee	0.0033	666,712	74,300	741,012	708,160	48,348	756,508
Tricty	Marshall	0.0015	309,988	34,546	344,534	186,575	28,646	215,221
Tricty	Ogle	0.0042	865,573	96,462	962,034	694,146	31,061	725,207
Tricty	Putnam	0.0011	214,820	23,940	238,760	60,234	15,450	75,684
Tricty	Stark	0.0012	234,277	26,108	260,386	62,721	22,309	85,030
Tricty	Whiteside	0.0050	1,020,936	113,776	1,134,712	1,317,292	54,580	1,371,872
Two Rivers	Adams	0.0061	1,239,675	138,152	1,377,827	1,579,186	156,836	1,736,022
Two Rivers	Brown	0.0010	212,427	23,673	236,101	124,530	19,832	144,362
Two Rivers	Pike	0.0022	451,442	50,310	501,751	487,121	52,552	539,673
Two Rivers	Schuyler	0.0013	274,786	30,623	305,409	175,880	15,552	191,432
WADI	Edwards	0.0012	237,238	26,438	263,676	193,675	12,797	206,472
WADI	Gallatin	0.0011	229,580	25,585	255,165	170,278	3,486	173,764
WADI	Hamilton	0.0014	278,382	31,024	309,406	274,209	-	274,209
WADI	Saline	0.0033	673,486	75,055	748,541	907,062	37,463	944,525
WADI	Wabash	0.0016	333,258	37,139	370,397	384,179	815	384,994
WADI	Wayne	0.0023	466,203	51,955	518,158	604,574	-	604,574
WADI	White	0.0021	433,266	48,284	481,551	592,769	2,322	595,091

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			LIHEAP	PIPP	TOTAL	LIHEAP	PIPP	TOTAL
WEEOC	Jackson	0.0073	1,482,952	165,264	1,648,216	1,867,373	262,544	2,129,917
WEEOC	Monroe	0.0017	354,749	39,534	394,283	144,795	23,969	168,764
WEEOC	Perry	0.0026	525,509	58,564	584,074	616,241	102,274	718,515
WEEOC	Randolph	0.0032	643,269	71,687	714,956	612,234	133,623	745,857
WILL	Will	0.0299	6,099,925	679,791	6,779,717	5,426,726	362,736	5,789,461
WIRC	Hancock	0.0023	468,078	52,164	520,241	424,797	48,217	473,014
WIRC	Henderson	0.0012	249,465	27,801	277,266	156,969	14,529	171,498
WIRC	McDonough	0.0036	738,514	82,302	820,816	798,180	54,211	852,390
WIRC	Warren	0.0023	459,742	51,235	510,977	459,784	62,573	522,357
Statewide Total		1.0000	203,692,386	22,700,000	226,392,386	211,933,379	22,248,298	234,181,677