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**The # of Military Families Receiving LIHEAP Increases by 168% Since 2008**

The National Energy Assistance Directors' Association (NEADA) representing the state directors of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) released the results of their survey of military families receiving LIHEAP in FY 2011. The survey was based on phone calls to more than 1,800 current program recipients.

Key Findings: The number of military families (current and former) has increased from 12% of total recipients to 21 percent since 2008, increasing from 695,760 in FY 2008 to 1.87 million in FY 2011. During this period the overall program grew by 53.5% while the number of veterans households increased by almost 169 percent. Veterans households in fact accounted for almost 38% of total growth in the program between FY 2008 and 2011. Of specific interest, 12% of all veterans receiving LIHEAP have served in Iraq or Afghanistan and 6 percent are currently serving in the military.

Category/Veterans	# SubCategory	% of Total	% of Total Recipients
Total Veterans	1,869,000		21.0%
60+	1,196,160	64.0%	13.4%
Social Security	1,027,950	55.0%	11.6%
Under 60	635,460	34.0%	7.1%
Unemployed	317,730	17.0%	3.6%
In job training	130,830	7.0%	1.5%
Disabled	915,810	49.0%	10.3%
Child under 18	467,250	25.0%	5.3%
Served in Iraq/Afghanistan	224,280	12.0%	2.5%
Currently Serving in the Military	112,140	6.0%	1.3%
Note: totals do not add to 100% due to some Veterans are in multiple categories			

	Total Households	Military Households	% of Total
FY 2011	8,900,000	1,869,000	21.0%
FY 2008	5,798,000	695,760	12.0%
Difference	3,102,000	1,173,240	37.8%
% Change	53.5%	168.6%	

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