

### 2.9.1 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 include previously 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% to 200% 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 75% 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; HHS, LIHEAP Report to Congress FY 2001, Feb. 2003, Table E-1, p. 105 and Figure 1, p. iii for LIHEAP recipient household; Department of Energy, What is the Weatherization Program, p. 2, Feb. 2009; U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Guidance, Policy, and Procedures, Feb. 2009.