

**Residential Registered Vendor
Monthly Newsletter
March 8, 2023**



- 1) **Maine Heat Pumps in National News** – Congratulations. Maine's heat pump industry is earning national recognition. Here are two recent articles that highlight your good work: [The Washington Post](#), [Grist](#).
- 2) **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)** – Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), there are now federal tax credits of 30% up to \$2,000 per year for heat pumps, plus 30% up to \$1,200 per year for insulation. Check out efficiencymaine.com for links to details.
- 3) **Heat Pumps in the Cold Snap** – During the first weekend of February 2023, Maine experienced some of the coldest temperatures it had seen in more than five decades. Residents braced themselves for the cold. And heat pump owners wondered: Will my heat pump keep me warm? The short answer is YES!

“It was -20F outside. We were comfortable and our pipes didn’t freeze! I pre-set my heat pump at a higher temperature before the cold hit. It did a great job, and I didn’t have to use my backup baseboard electric at all.” -Manufactured homeowner in Freeport, ME
- 4) **Keeping Heat Pump Registered Technicians Current** – Registered Technicians can maintain their active status by reviewing the PDF of our [Heat Pumps Basics Module](#).
- 5) **Heat Pump HSPF2 Values** – While the values are different, our original HSPF and new HSPF2 thresholds are roughly equivalent in terms of efficiency. The new values were selected to ensure the most commonly rebated heat pumps remain rebate-eligible.
- 6) **Homeowner Name on Claim Forms** – We use the "Homeowner Name" field on our rebate claim forms for rebate checks so please only enter one name.
- 7) **Tool of the Month** – Our [Quick Guide to Home Heating](#) was recently updated to account for current equipment, installation, utility, and fuel costs. It still shows that heat pumps are one of the most cost-effective options for home heating in Maine and the only one that can also provide air conditioning.

- 8) **Heat Pump Installation Training Opportunities** – The following courses are being offered by Efficiency Maine Registered Trainers.

Dates	Course Title	Location	Registration Information
3/13/2023 – 3/17/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Central Maine Community College	Click for course information
3/13/2023 – 3/17/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Kennebec Valley Community College	Click for course information
3/27/2023 – 3/31/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Maine Energy Marketers Association	Click for course information
5/15/2023 – 5/19/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Maine Energy Marketers Association	Click for course information
5/15/2023 – 5/19/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Kennebec Valley Community College	Click for course information
6/26/2023 – 6/30/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Maine Energy Marketers Association	Click for course information

* Eligible for [Efficiency Maine scholarship](#) (50% up to \$500)

- 9) **Weatherization Training Opportunities** – Build Green Maine is offering BPI Training & Testing classes. If interested, please follow this link to the [BPI course registration](#). You can request a scholarship by filling out our scholarship [form](#).

Dates	Course Title	Location	Registration Information
3/13/2023 – 3/17/2023	Building Analyst Technician Field Training and Testing (2 Days)	Build Green Maine	Click for course information
4/11/2023 – 4/12/2023	Building Analyst Technician 2-Day Webinar	Build Green Maine	Click for course information
4/17/2023 – 4/21/2023	Building Analyst Technician Field Training and Testing (2 Days)	Build Green Maine	Click for course information
4/27/2023 – 5/1/2023	Building Analyst Professional 2-Day Webinar & Testing	Build Green Maine	Click for course information

10) Top Insulation Performers (past four months)

1. Horizon Residential Energy Services
2. Evergreen Home Performance
3. Free Energy Maine

11) Top Heat Pump Performers (past four months)

1. Dave's World
2. Valley Home Services
3. Royal River Heat Pumps

12) Top LMI Insulation Performers (past four months)

1. New England Spray Foam Insulation
2. CJ Insulation & Subcontractors
3. Maine Insulation Systems

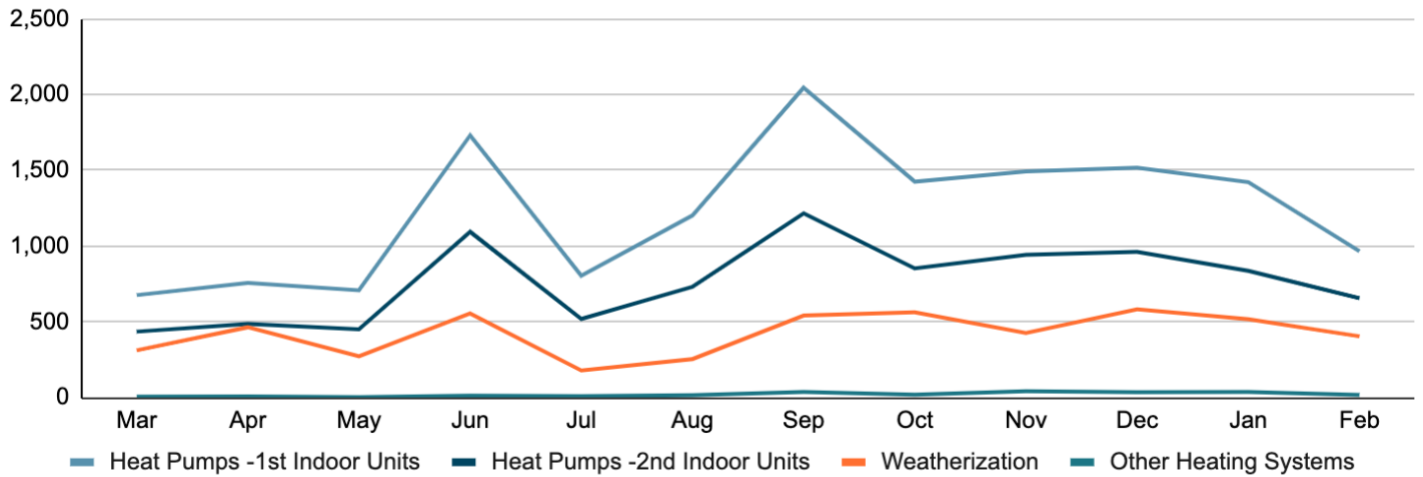
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1. Valley Home Services
2. Dave's World
3. Hometown Heat Pumps

PROGRAM RESULTS

Home Energy Savings Program (HESP)

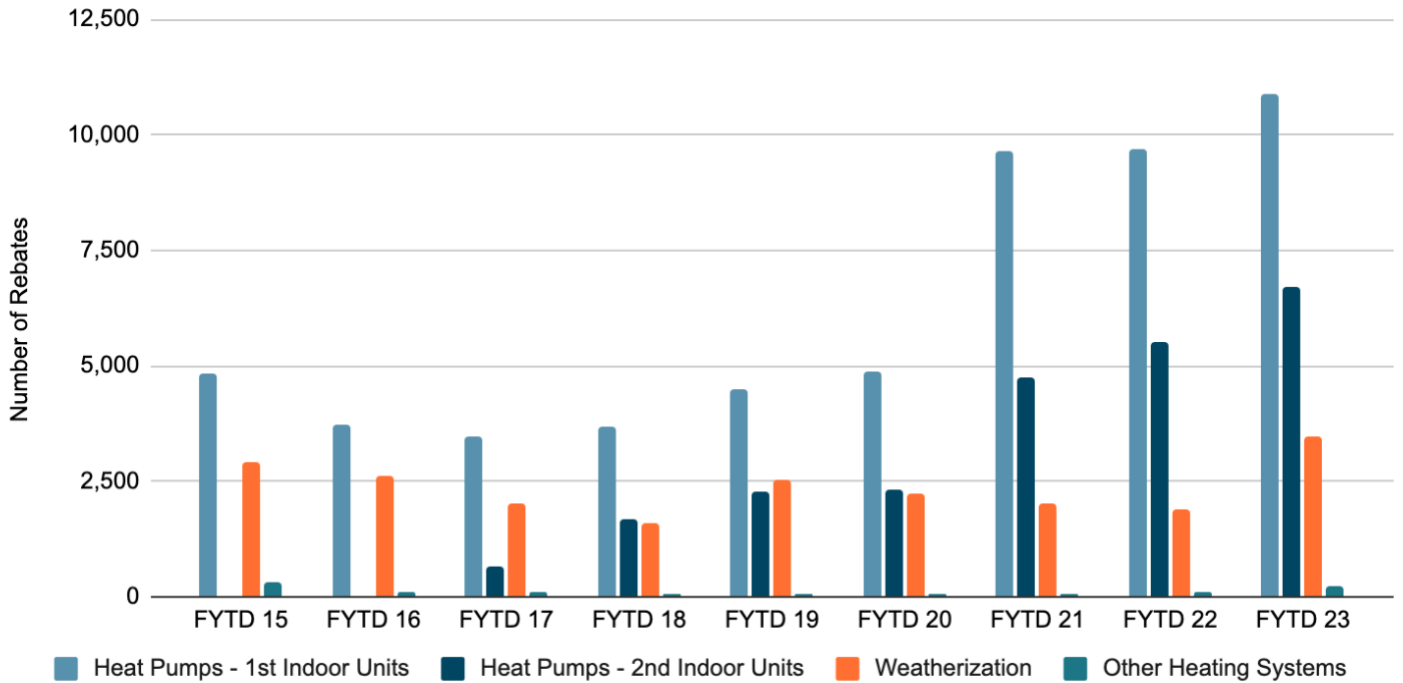
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HESP Number of Rebates – Last 12 Months (DETAILS)

#	HESP Rebate Type	2022												2023		Total
		Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jan			
1	Heat Pumps - 1st Indoor Units	676	757	708	1,730	804	1,202	2,045	1,425	1,492	1,517	1,422	966	14,744		
2	Heat Pumps - 2nd Indoor Units	435	487	450	1,094	519	731	1,216	853	942	962	836	656	9,181		
3	Air Sealing	98	128	72	161	51	76	139	169	109	148	133	109	1,393		
4	Attic Insulation	105	161	91	192	62	86	182	181	154	203	161	129	1,707		
5	Basement Insulation	82	120	77	146	46	63	138	147	118	166	165	122	1,390		
6	Wall Insulation	26	55	32	56	20	29	82	66	46	65	58	44	579		
7	Geothermal HP	1	3	0	2	0	1	3	0	3	0	7	5	25		
8	Pellet Boiler	5	4	3	11	9	15	34	19	38	35	30	13	216		
Total		1,428	1,715	1,433	3,392	1,511	2,203	3,839	2,860	2,902	3,096	2,812	2,044	29,235		

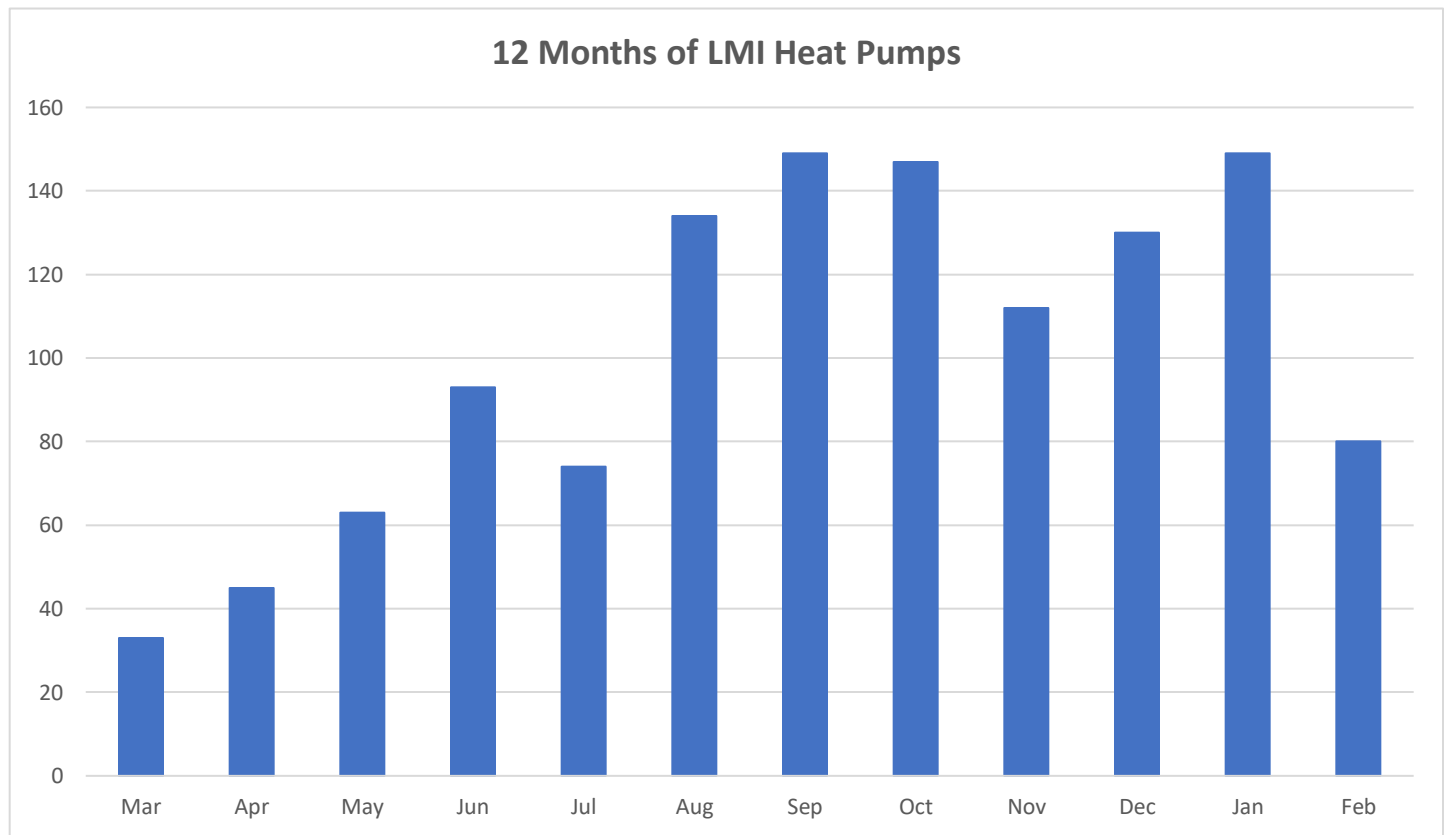
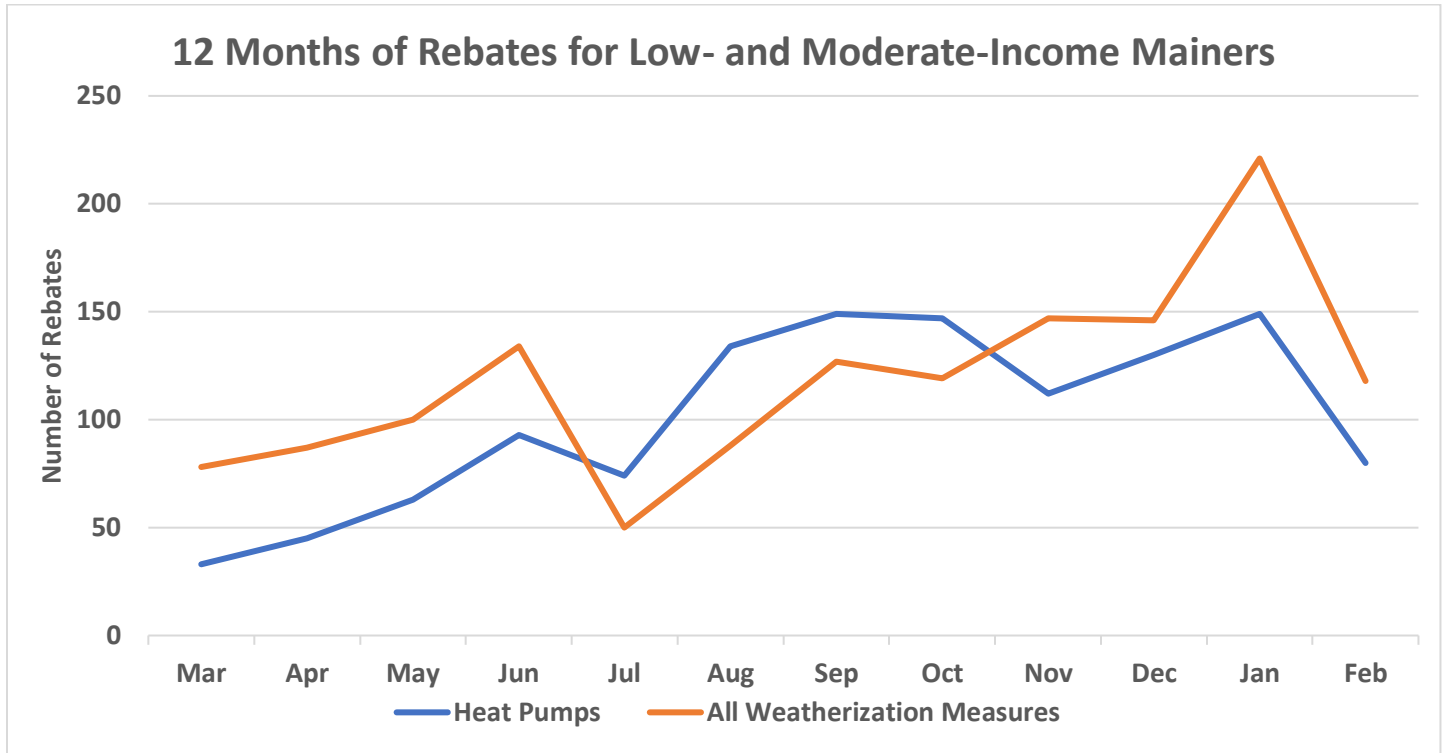
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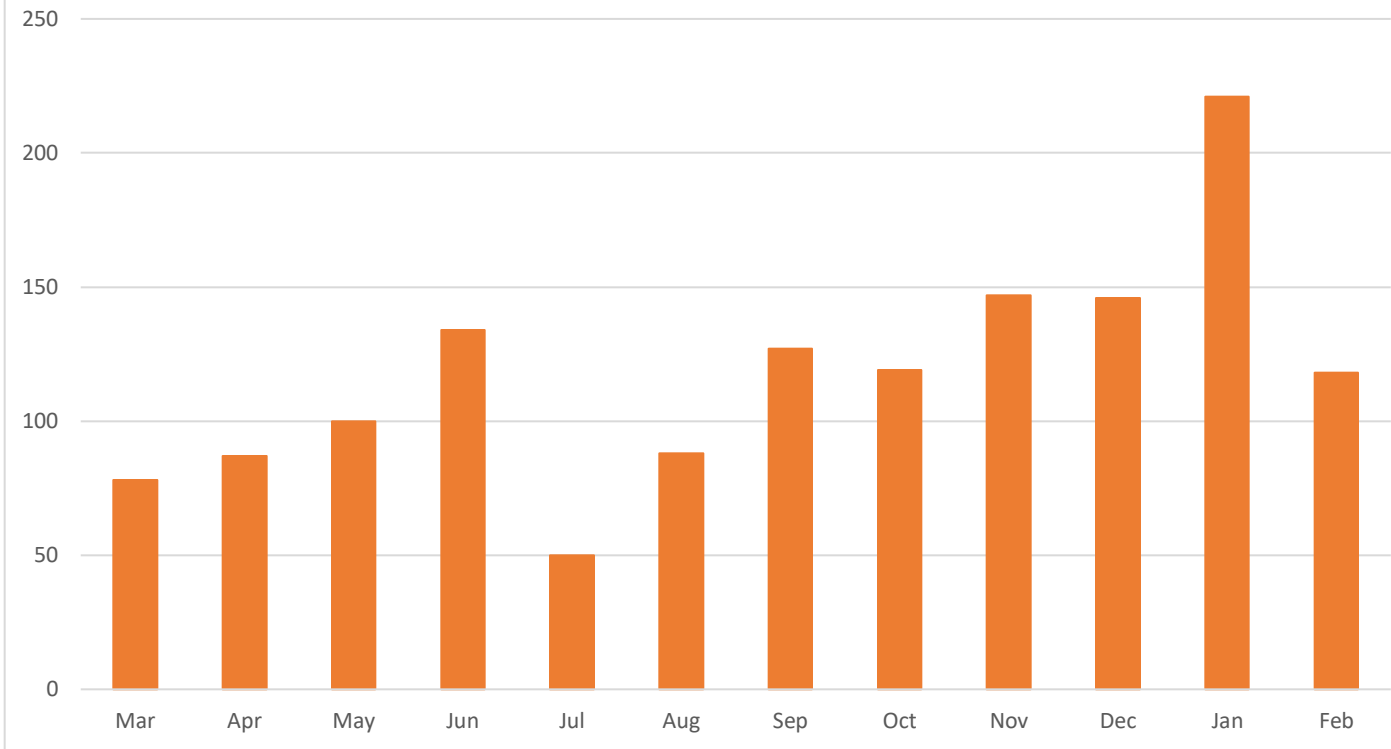
Fiscal Year-to-Date Rebate Comparisons (DETAILS)

#	HESP Rebate Type	FYTD 15	FYTD 16	FYTD 17	FYTD 18	FYTD 19	FYTD 20	FYTD 21	FYTD 22	FYTD 23
1	Heat Pumps - 1st Indoor Units	4,847	3,732	3,477	3,678	4,500	4,865	9,628	9,679	10,873
2	Heat Pumps - 2nd Indoor Units	0	0	653	1,695	2,255	2,303	4,765	5,493	6,715
3	Air Sealing	1,512	1,225	903	718	934	809	673	551	934
4	Attic Insulation	703	767	608	485	768	681	617	649	1,158
5	Basement Insulation	557	437	351	270	588	543	518	497	965
6	Wall Insulation	135	170	173	125	256	203	210	205	410
7	Geothermal HP	65	43	56	14	16	21	20	18	19
8	Pellet Boiler	244	62	63	46	37	48	55	77	193
Total Measures Installed		8,063	6,436	6,284	7,031	9,354	9,473	16,486	17,169	21,267

Low Income Program



12 Months of LMI Weatherization Measures



Rebates for Low- and Moderate-Income Mainers - Last 12 Months (DETAILS)

Low- and Moderate-Income Rebate Type	2022										2023		Total
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Last 12 Months
Heat Pumps	33	45	63	93	74	134	149	147	112	130	149	80	1,209
All Weatherization Measures	78	87	100	134	50	88	127	119	147	146	221	118	1,415
LMI Air Sealing w/Assessment	31	40	39	50	18	26	39	44	51	48	73	47	506
LMI Attic Insulation	20	22	28	32	11	24	29	35	44	46	67	34	392
LMI Basement Insulation	19	21	26	36	13	27	42	25	36	40	61	28	374
LMI Wall Insulation	8	4	7	16	8	11	17	15	16	12	20	9	143
Total LMI Measures	111	132	163	227	124	222	276	266	259	276	370	198	2,624