

Residential Registered Vendor Monthly Newsletter May 10, 2023



- 1) **REMINDER: 7/1 Weatherization Program Changes** – We’re notifying you now of four planned weatherization rebate changes. For upgrades completed on or after 7/1/2023, we’ll:
 1. Eliminate the \$500/\$600 air sealing and assessment standalone rebate. We will remove the [Home Energy Assessment Checklist](#) from our website.
 2. Allow the cost of air sealing to be included as part of the total rebated insulation project cost. This means air sealing, regardless of whether or not it’s combined with insulation, will no longer be capped at a \$500/\$600 rebate and no longer has a 6-hour minimum.
 3. Require pre- and post-upgrade blower door numbers on all insulation upgrades, not just air sealing.
 4. Limit health and safety measures necessary to complete the upgrade to 25% of the rebated project cost. For example:
 - a) Moisture/radon mitigation
 - b) Vermiculite removal
 - c) Knob and tube wiring removal
 - d) Leaky roof repairs

Insulation rebates will remain the same (up to \$4,000, \$6,000, or \$8,000, depending on income eligibility).

We intend to update our website and claim form soon. We hope this advanced notice helps.

- 2) **New Training Options for Heat Pump Registered Technicians** – In the past we required Registered Technicians to repeat our Heat Pump Basics training annually. Good news. There are now three alternatives for renewal: one hour of training from a heat pump manufacturer, a heat pump distributor, or an Efficiency Maine Registered Trainer. Certifying that they reviewed the [Efficiency Maine Heat Pump Basics Module](#) video within the last 12 months is still an option.
- 3) **Tip from the Field** – We’ve heard from customers that RRVs that set clear expectations (installation duration, heating temperature range, electric bill impact, start/finish date, etc.) tend to have higher customer satisfaction scores.
- 4) **Heat Pump Claim Form** – Based on feedback from you, we've made the model number field larger on our heat pump claim form. Click [here](#) to download a copy.

5) **Tool of the Month** – Guide to Water Heating - As homeowners migrate to heat pumps, their next step may be heat pump water heaters. Our [Guide to Water Heating](#) compares five types of water heaters: electric, oil, gas, solar, and heat pump water heaters. Your customers may be interested to learn that a heat pump water heater can save a typical family hundreds of dollars per year. Hopefully, this tool will help you help your customers.

6) **Heat Pump Installation Training Opportunities** – The following courses are being offered by Efficiency Maine Registered Trainers. You can request a scholarship by filling out our scholarship [form](#).

Dates	Course Title	Location	Registration 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
5/22/2023 – 5/26/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Central Maine Community College	Click for course information
6/8/2023 – 6/9/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	F.W. Webb	Click for course information
6/26/2023 – 6/30/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Maine Energy Marketers Association	Click for course information
8/21/2023 – 8/25/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Kennebec Valley Community College	Click for course information
9/18/2023 – 9/22/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Maine Energy Marketers Association	Click for course information
11/29/2023 – 12/5/2023	Heat Pump Installer*	Maine Energy Marketers Association	Click for course information

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

7) 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
5/15/2023 – 5/19/2023	Building Analyst Technician Field Training and Testing (2 Days)	Build Green Maine	Click for course information
6/5/2023 – 6/9/2023	Building Analyst Technician Field Training and Testing (2 Days)	Build Green Maine	Click for course information
7/17/2023 – 7/21/2023	Building Analyst Technician Field Training and Testing (2 Days)	Build Green Maine	Click for course information

8) Top Insulation Performers (past four months)

1. Horizon Residential Energy Services
2. Evergreen Home Performance
3. Seal It Insulation Systems

9) Top Heat Pump Performers (past four months)

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

10) Top LMI Insulation Performers (past four months)

1. Evergreen Home Performance
2. The Breathable Home
3. Webb Insulation

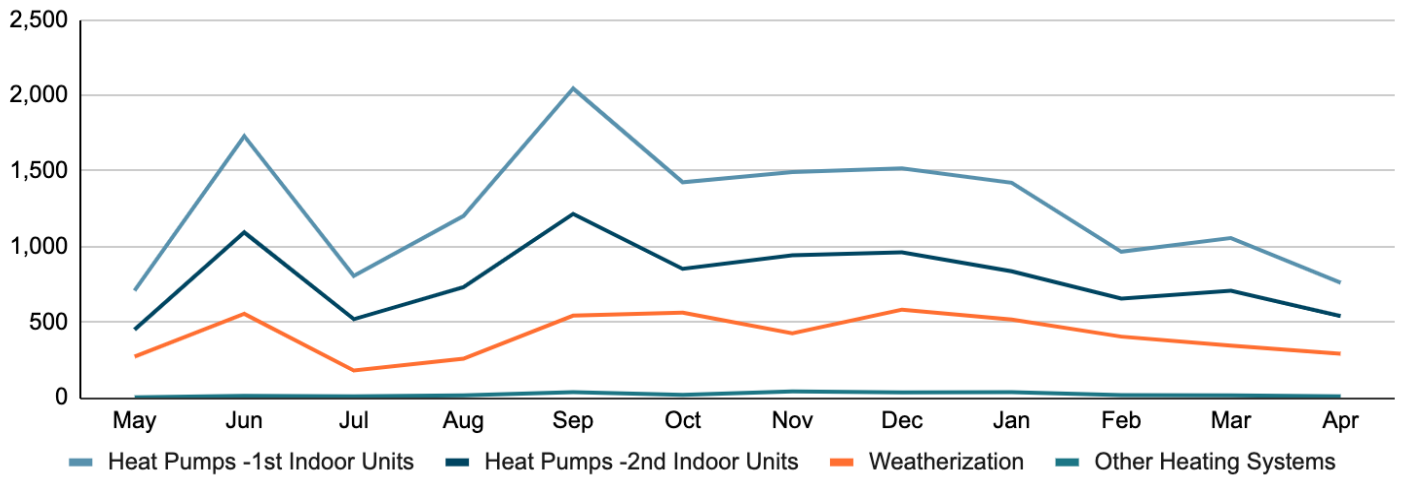
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1. Hometown Heat Pumps
2. Dave’s World
3. Valley Home Services

PROGRAM RESULTS

Home Energy Savings Program (HESP)

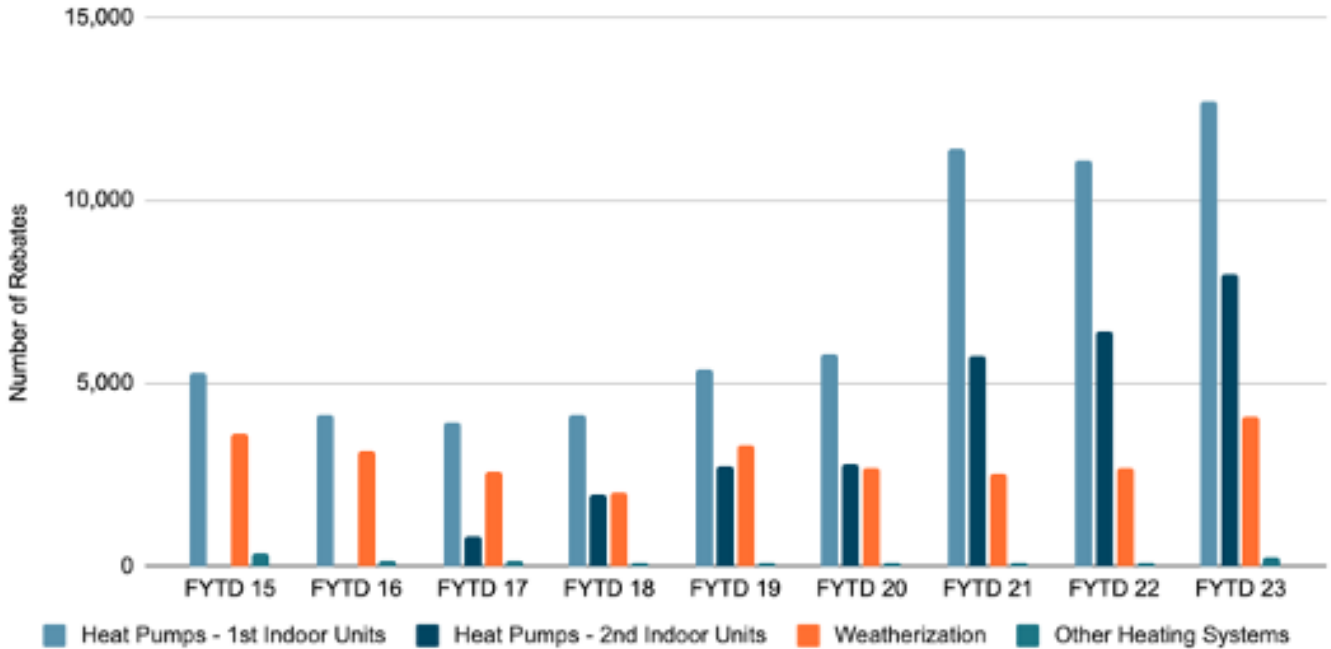
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#	HESP Rebate Type	2022								2023				Total
		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
1	Heat Pumps - 1st Indoor Units	708	1,730	805	1,202	2,045	1,425	1,492	1,517	1,422	966	1,056	761	15,129
2	Heat Pumps - 2nd Indoor Units	450	1,094	520	731	1,216	853	942	962	836	656	707	540	9,507
3	Air Sealing	72	161	51	77	140	169	109	148	133	109	101	92	1,362
4	Attic Insulation	91	192	63	88	182	181	154	204	161	129	124	93	1,662
5	Basement Insulation	77	146	46	63	138	147	118	166	165	122	88	83	1,359
6	Wall Insulation	32	56	20	30	83	66	46	65	58	44	32	23	555
7	Geothermal HP	0	2	0	1	3	0	3	0	7	5	3	3	27
8	Pellet Boiler	3	11	9	15	34	19	38	35	30	13	13	6	226
Total		1,433	3,392	1,514	2,207	3,841	2,860	2,902	3,097	2,812	2,044	2,124	1,601	29,827

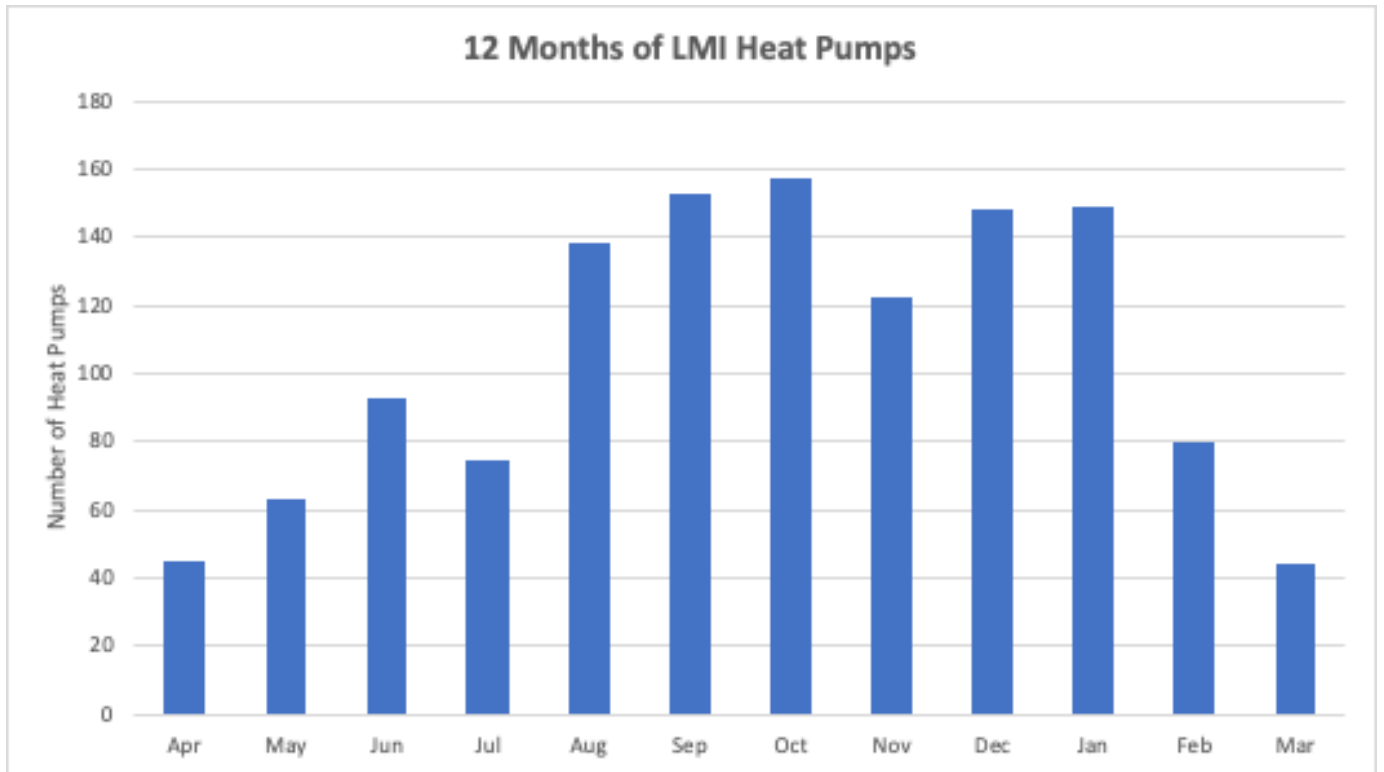
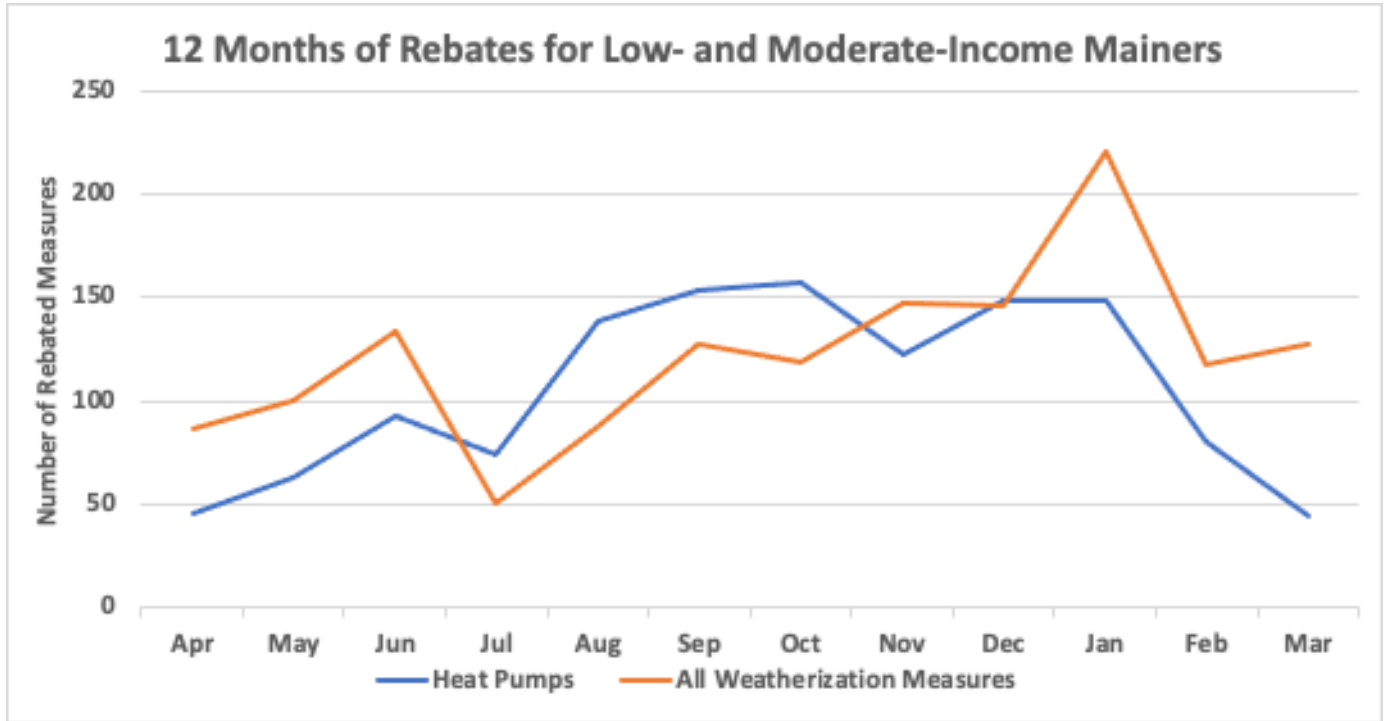
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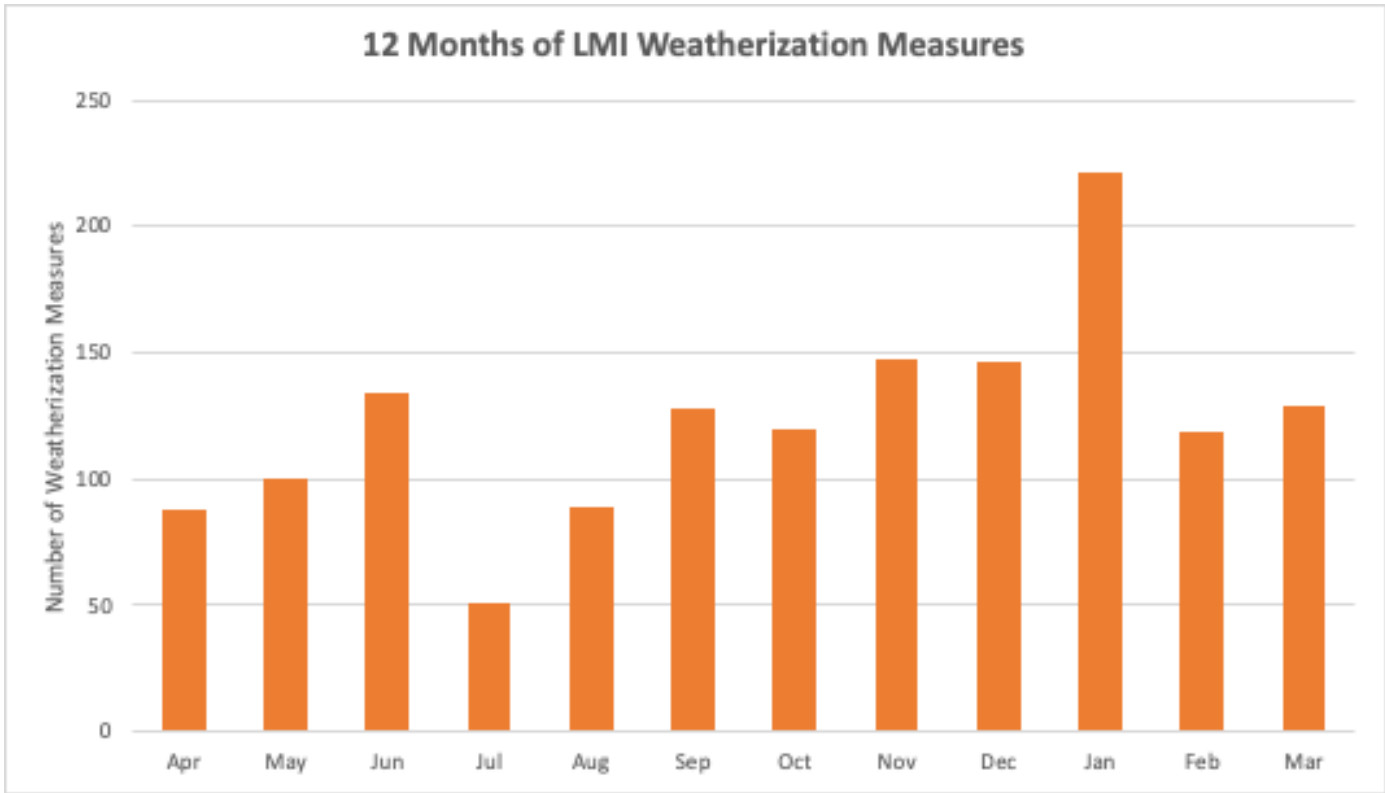


Fiscal Year-to-Date Rebate Comparisons (DETAILS)

#	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	5,303	4,141	3,916	4,165	5,366	5,786	11,410	11,112	12,691
2	Heat Pumps - 2nd Indoor Units	0	0	841	1,939	2,713	2,794	5,739	6,415	7,963
3	Air Sealing	1,877	1,471	1,141	902	1,218	968	837	777	1,129
4	Attic Insulation	888	936	772	606	979	824	780	915	1,379
5	Basement Insulation	670	521	440	344	773	641	645	699	1,136
6	Wall Insulation	181	218	219	157	330	253	264	286	467
7	Geothermal HP	88	57	74	15	24	32	24	22	25
8	Pellet Boiler	266	67	77	51	42	51	65	86	212
	Total Measures Installed	9,273	7,411	7,480	8,179	11,445	11,349	19,764	20,312	25,002

Low Income Program





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

Low- and Moderate-Income Rebate Type	2022										2023			Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Last 12 Months	
Heat Pumps	45	63	93	74	138	153	157	122	148	149	80	44	1,266	
All Weatherization Measures	87	100	134	50	88	127	119	147	146	221	118	128	1,465	
LMI Air Sealing w/Assessment	40	39	50	18	26	39	44	51	48	73	47	46	521	
LMI Attic Insulation	22	28	32	11	24	29	35	44	46	67	34	35	407	
LMI Basement Insulation	21	26	36	13	27	42	25	36	40	61	28	38	393	
LMI Wall Insulation	4	7	16	8	11	17	15	16	12	20	9	9	144	
Total LMI Measures	132	163	227	124	226	280	276	269	294	370	198	172	2,731	