

Residential Registered Vendor

Monthly Newsletter

December 15, 2023



- 1) ***Supplemental Heat Pump for Low Income Households*** – On 12/1/2023 we announced a new rebate for a single-zone heat pump for eligible low-income homeowners. The rebate covers 80% of the heat pump installed cost, up to \$4,000. We hope this helps low-income homeowners take the first step towards a whole-home heat pump system. Program details and claim form can be found [here](#).
- 2) ***Whole Home Heat Pump Rebate Updates*** – As a reminder, we recently removed the rebate requirement for the cable tie on the power switch and thermostat. Here's the change:

FROM: "Primary, fossil-fueled, space-heating system, if any, connected only to a generator or disabled. Disabling can be done by disconnecting all related thermostats or, at minimum, securing the power switch in the off position with a switch lock cover and cable tie."

TO: "Primary, fossil-fuel, space-heating system, if any, connected only to a generator or turned off with power switch covered. For homes with domestic hot water heated by a central boiler, all room thermostats must be covered and either turned off or all the way down."

We also added the following rebate requirements:

1. "Contractor has explained to the homeowner the maximum capacity of the heat pump at the low-end of its operating range, the expected temperatures for the home's location, and strategies for dealing with extreme temperature events."
2. "If there is risk of frozen pipes, homeowner understands it can be minimized with insulation, heat tape on at-risk pipes, or space heaters set to keep the temperature just above freezing."

3) Weatherization Virtual Discussion Group Invitation – All weatherization RRVs are invited to join us for a virtual discussion group on Thursday, January 18, 2023, from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. We'll provide a brief program update and leave plenty of time for you to share feedback.

Zoom Meeting Details:

Join [here](#).

Meeting ID: 827 0770 0003

Passcode: 1234

Dial by your location: +1 646 931 3860 US

4) Tip from the Field – Any heat pump with heating capacity at or below design temperature can count towards the requirement to size heat pumps for at least 80% of the home's peak heating load: Existing or new, single- or multi-zone, rebate-eligible or not.

5) Rebate Processing Tip – Click [here](#) for a video on filling out a whole-home heat pump rebate claim form.

6) Fact of the Month – The [Portland Press Herald](#) reports that Mainers will pay \$30 less per month on average for electricity in 2024 thanks to new, lower rates.

7) Heat Pump Installation Training Opportunities – The following courses are being offered by Efficiency Maine Registered Trainers. [Click here](#) to apply for a scholarship covering 50% of the cost up to a \$500 scholarship per employee.

| Dates | Course Title | Location | Registration Information |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 12/18/2023 – 12/22/2023 | Heat Pump Installer | Central Maine Community College | Click for course information |
| 1/8/2024 – 1/12/2024 | Heat Pump Installer | Kennebec Valley Community College | Click for course information |
| 2/19/2024 – 2/23/2024 | Heat Pump Installer | Maine Energy Marketers Association | Click for course information |

8) Top Insulation Performers (past four months)

- Horizon Homes
- Evergreen Home Performance
- Seal It Insulation Systems

9) Top Heat Pump Performers (past four months)

- Dave's World
- Royal River Heat Pumps
- Valley Home Services

10) Top LMI Insulation Performers (past four months)

- Evergreen Home Performance
- Horizon Home
- New England Spray Foam Insulation
- Mattra Inc

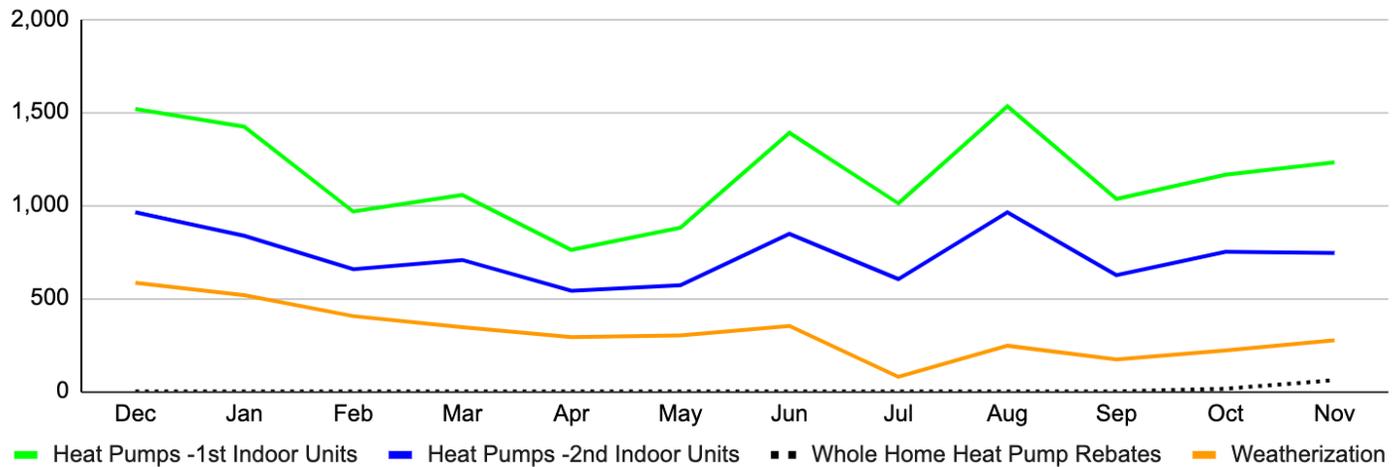
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- Heat Pumps Of Maine

PROGRAM RESULTS

Home Energy Savings Program (HESP)

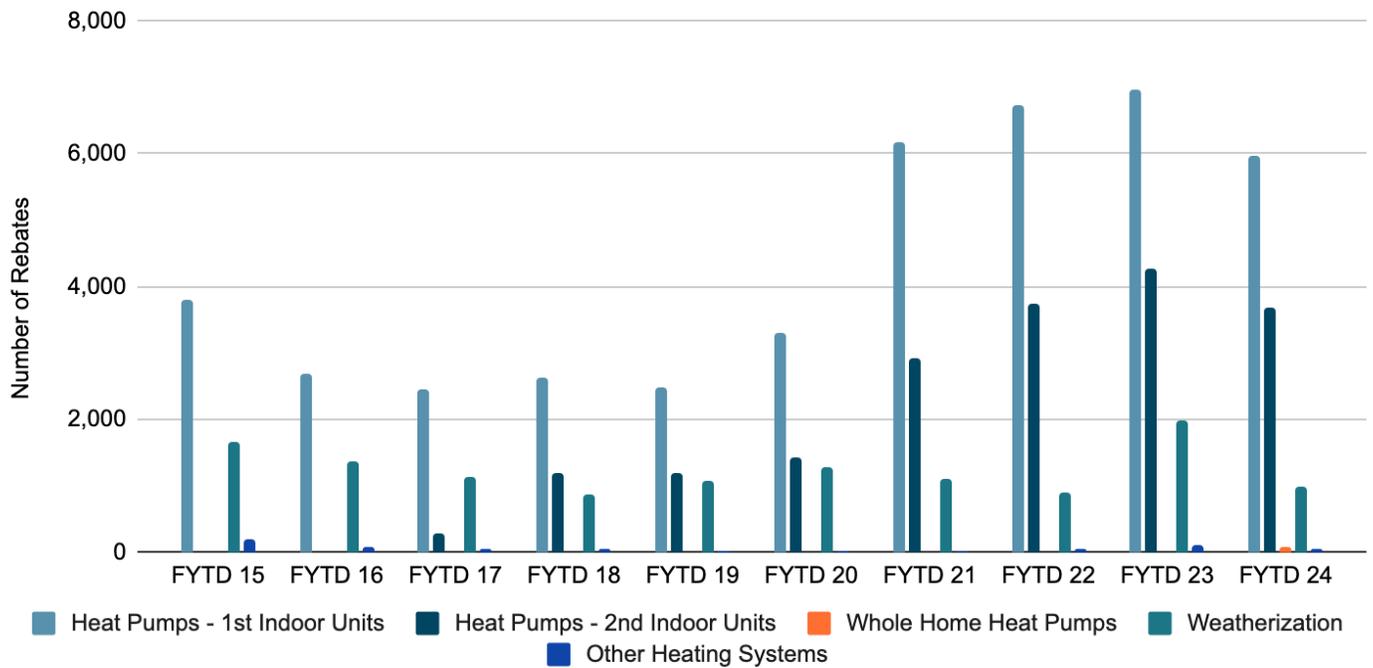
HESP Number of Rebates – Last 12 Months



HESP Number of Rebates – Last 12 Months (DETAILS)

| # | HESP Rebate Type | 2022 | 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Oct | |
| 1 | Heat Pumps - 1st Indoor Units | 1,517 | 1,422 | 966 | 1,055 | 760 | 879 | 1,389 | 1,010 | 1,532 | 1,034 | 1,164 | 1,230 | 13,958 |
| 2 | Heat Pumps - 2nd Indoor Units | 962 | 836 | 656 | 706 | 540 | 570 | 846 | 603 | 962 | 624 | 750 | 743 | 8,798 |
| 3 | Whole Home Heat Pumps | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 60 | 74 |
| 4 | Air Sealing | 148 | 133 | 109 | 101 | 92 | 92 | 100 | 0 | 42 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 832 |
| 5 | Attic Insulation | 204 | 161 | 129 | 124 | 93 | 122 | 121 | 39 | 96 | 71 | 99 | 120 | 1,379 |
| 6 | Basement Insulation | 166 | 165 | 122 | 88 | 83 | 58 | 89 | 32 | 74 | 59 | 86 | 109 | 1,131 |
| 7 | Wall Insulation | 65 | 58 | 44 | 32 | 23 | 29 | 41 | 7 | 33 | 31 | 31 | 44 | 438 |
| 8 | Geothermal HP | 0 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 29 |
| 9 | Pellet Boiler | 35 | 30 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 21 | 165 |
| Total | | 3,097 | 2,812 | 2,044 | 2,122 | 1,600 | 1,763 | 2,597 | 1,695 | 2,750 | 1,837 | 2,158 | 2,329 | 26,804 |

HESP Fiscal Year-to-Date Rebate Comparisons

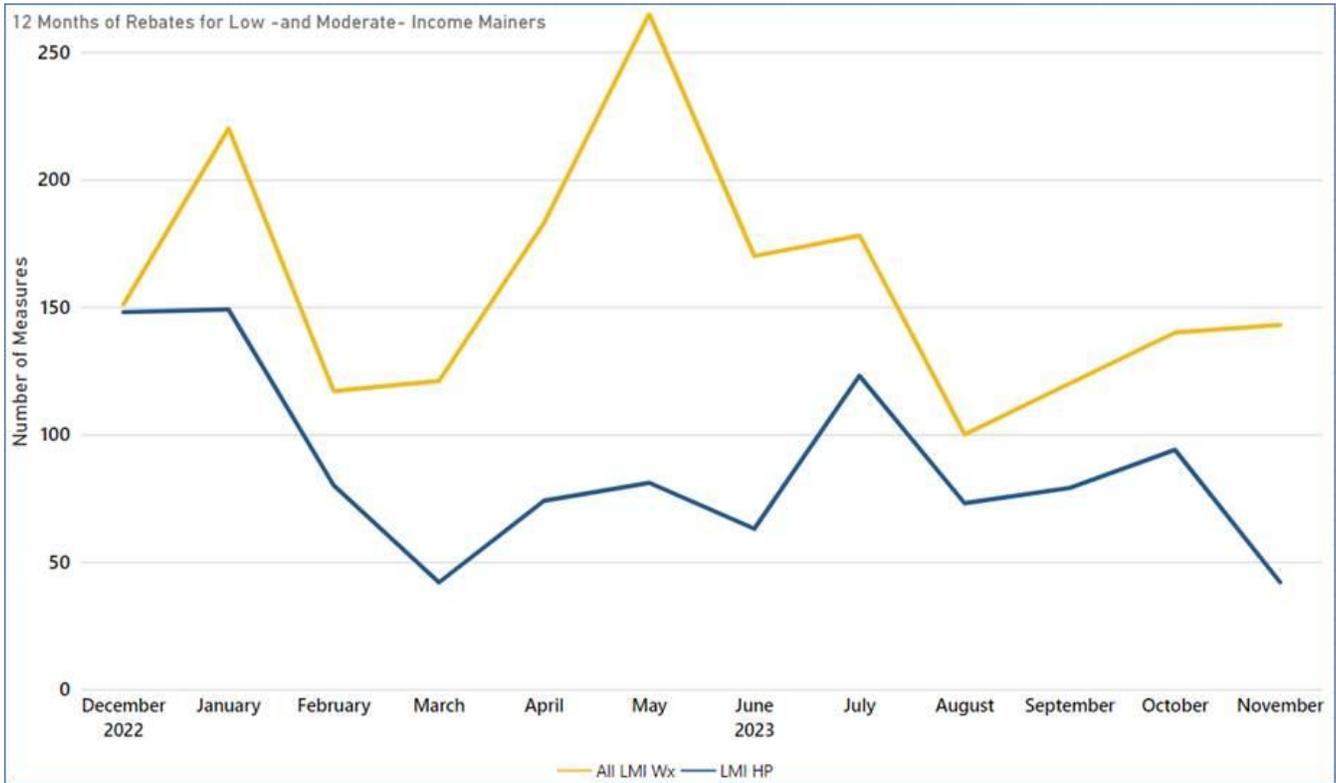


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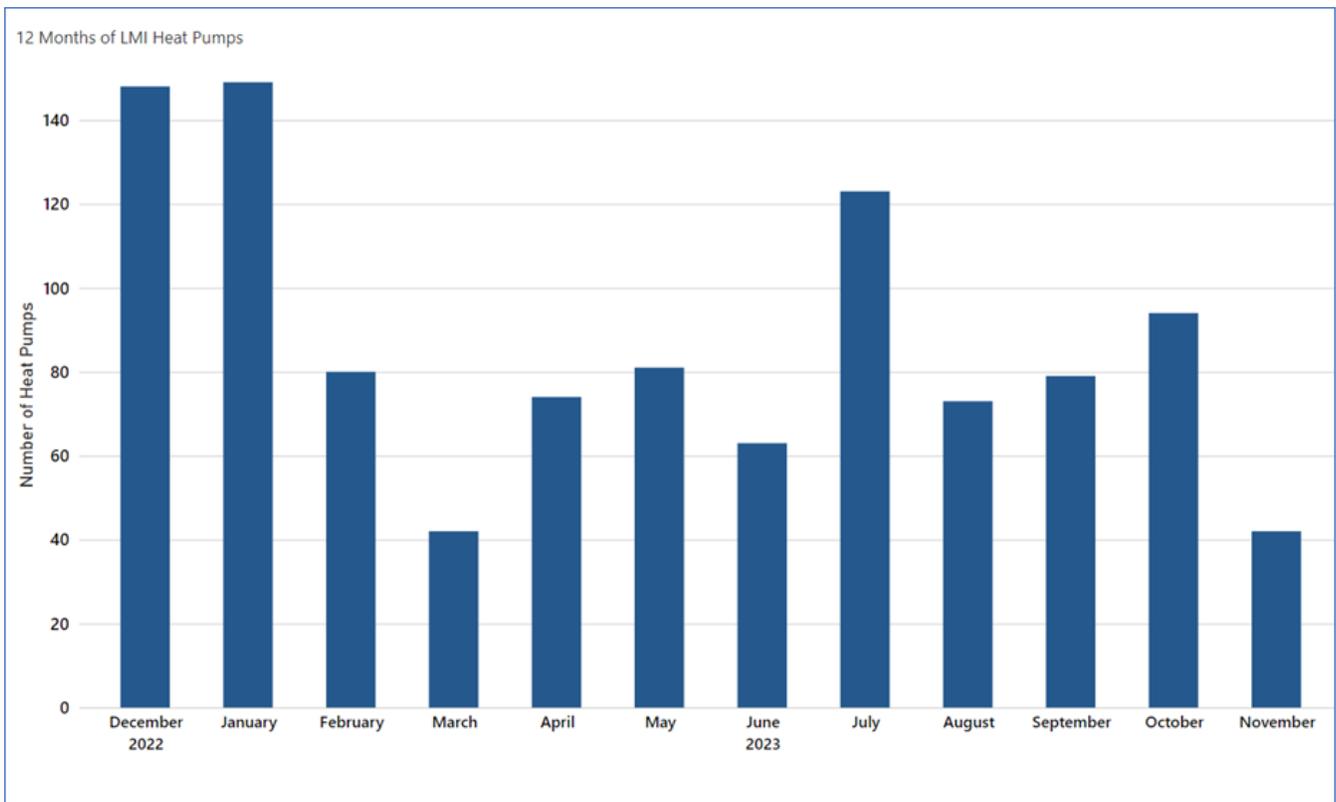
| # | HESP Rebate Type | FYTD 15 | FYTD 16 | FYTD 17 | FYTD 18 | FYTD 19 | FYTD 20 | FYTD 21 | FYTD 22 | FYTD 23 | FYTD 24 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Heat Pumps - 1st Indoor Units | 3,813 | 2,677 | 2,442 | 2,641 | 2,473 | 3,300 | 6,172 | 6,718 | 6,969 | 5,970 |
| 2 | Heat Pumps - 2nd Indoor Units | 0 | 0 | 279 | 1,204 | 1,198 | 1,430 | 2,927 | 3,744 | 4,262 | 3,682 |
| 3 | Whole Home Heat Pumps | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 |
| 4 | Air Sealing | 895 | 683 | 495 | 386 | 418 | 449 | 380 | 258 | 546 | 57 |
| 5 | Attic Insulation | 380 | 389 | 350 | 265 | 306 | 378 | 331 | 309 | 668 | 425 |
| 6 | Basement Insulation | 306 | 218 | 176 | 144 | 222 | 315 | 282 | 245 | 512 | 360 |
| 7 | Wall Insulation | 77 | 86 | 100 | 73 | 126 | 130 | 113 | 103 | 245 | 146 |
| 8 | Geothermal HP | 34 | 26 | 28 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| 9 | Pellet Boiler | 172 | 42 | 35 | 32 | 19 | 23 | 29 | 42 | 115 | 48 |
| Total Measures Installed | | 5,677 | 4,121 | 3,905 | 4,753 | 4,768 | 6,034 | 10,241 | 11,428 | 13,324 | 10,769 |

Low-Income Program

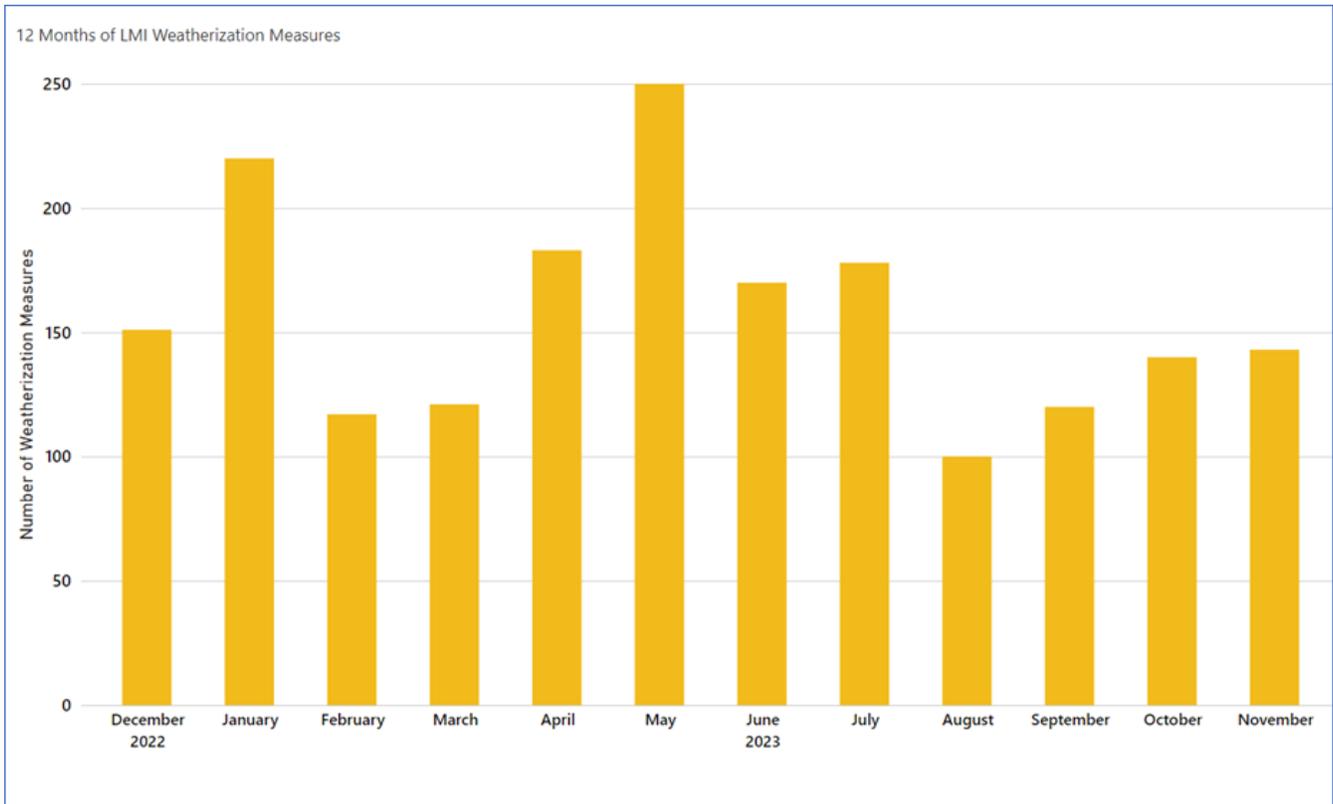
12 Months of Rebates for Low -and Moderate- Income Mainers



12 Months of LMI Heat Pumps



12 Months of LMI Weatherization Measures



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

| Year | 2022 | | 2023 | | | | | | | | | | Program Total |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | December | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | |
| Heat Pumps | 148 | 149 | 80 | 42 | 74 | 81 | 63 | 123 | 73 | 79 | 94 | 42 | 1,048 |
| LI Weatherization | 151 | 186 | 60 | 77 | 90 | 112 | 82 | 69 | 38 | 37 | 41 | 51 | 994 |
| Moderate Weatherization | | 34 | 57 | 44 | 93 | 153 | 88 | 109 | 62 | 83 | 99 | 92 | 914 |
| Total | 299 | 369 | 197 | 163 | 257 | 346 | 233 | 301 | 173 | 199 | 234 | 185 | 2,956 |