

# Residential Registered Vendor

## Monthly Newsletter

### January 8, 2025



- 1) **2024 Accomplishments** – Thank you for helping convert over 9,000 homes to heat primarily with heat pumps, and weatherize nearly 3,000 homes in calendar year 2024.
- 2) **Residential Heat Pump Program Updates** – REMINDER: On 1/1/2025, we updated our heat pump program. Highlights include:
  - a. a new “Supplemental Heating” section to the Sizing Worksheet (page 2 of [rebate claim form](#)),
  - b. simplified invoice requirements, and
  - c. rebates for upgrades in buildings with a natural gas utility account will only be processed through March 31, 2025.For the complete list of updates, [click here](#). To expedite rebate processing, please start using the new rebate claim form immediately.
- 3) **Residential Weatherization Rebate Changes** – REMINDER: On 1/1/2025, we updated our weatherization rebate claim form and requirements checklist. On the claim form, we clarified acceptable building types, added loan language to the rebate recipient section, and improved formatting. On the checklist, we improved the knob and tube and insulation baffle requirements. To expedite rebate processing, please start using the new forms immediately.
- 4) **Weatherization Open Forum Discussion** – January 16 from 2pm to 3pm.  
[Click here](#) to register.
- 5) **Choosing the Right Option to Estimate Heat Load** – As is now noted on our heat pump rebate claim form:
  1. [Heat load calculation software](#) (e.g., Manual J) is ideal for super-insulated or poorly insulated homes with no heating fuel use history.
  2. [Our heat load estimator](#) is the most accurate option when past fuel bills are available, but it doesn’t work for homes previously heated with heat pumps or any other type of electric heat.
  3. **The square footage method** ( $\geq 20$  Btu/hour/square foot) is suitable for homes with typical insulation and air sealing.

- 6) Entering Correct Year on Rebate Claim Forms** – To avoid rebate processing delays, please be sure to enter the correct year (2024 or 2025) for the project completion date.
- 7) 100% Compliance with Heat Pump Rebate Requirements** – Congratulations to the following registered heat pump installers for having more than 10 upgrades inspected with a 100% compliance rate: Gelinac HVAC Services Inc (15), Affordable Comfort LLC (13), and Mainely Heat Pumps (11).
- 8) Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report Highlights** – According to our [FY2024 Report](#) (page 1), our programs helped:
- advance the Governor’s new heat pump goal by installing 27,520 high-performance heat pumps since July 2023, reaching a milestone of rebating more than 175,000 total heat pumps over the past 12 years, and
  - support 2,856 weatherization projects (of which 953 projects were in homes of low-income and moderate-income homes) through the Home Energy Savings Program (HESP) and Low & Moderate-Income Initiatives.
- 9) 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
1/30/2025 – 1/31/2025	Heat Pump Installer	FW Webb Company	<a href="#">Click for course information</a>
2/17/2025 – 2/21/2025	Heat Pump Installer	Maine Energy Marketers Association	<a href="#">Click for course information</a>
3/10/2025 – 3/14/2025	Heat Pump Installer	Kennebec Valley Community College	<a href="#">Click for course information</a>

- 10) Weatherization Training Opportunities** – Build Green Maine is offering BPI training and 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
1/27/2025	Building Science Principles	Build Green Maine	<a href="#">Click for course information</a>
1/29/2025 – 1/30/2025	Building Analyst Professional	Build Green Maine	<a href="#">Click for course information</a>

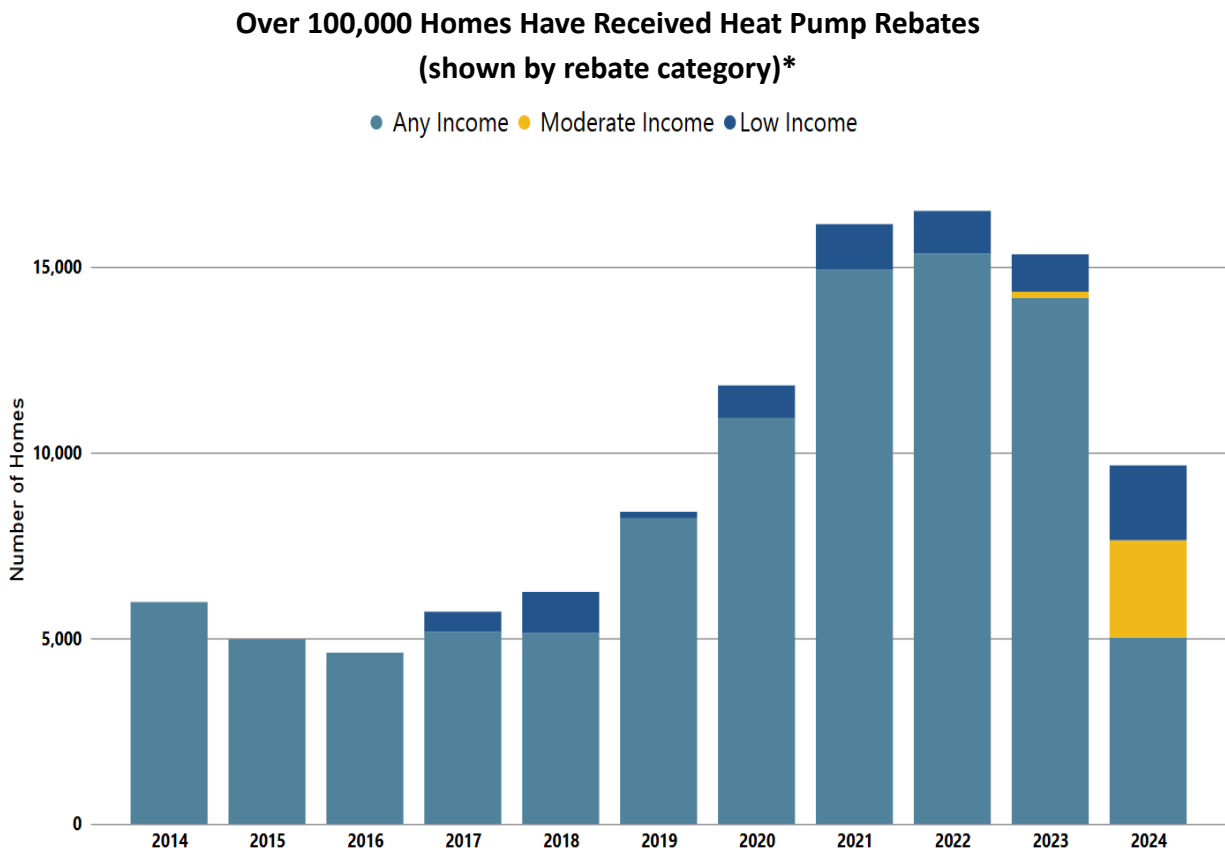
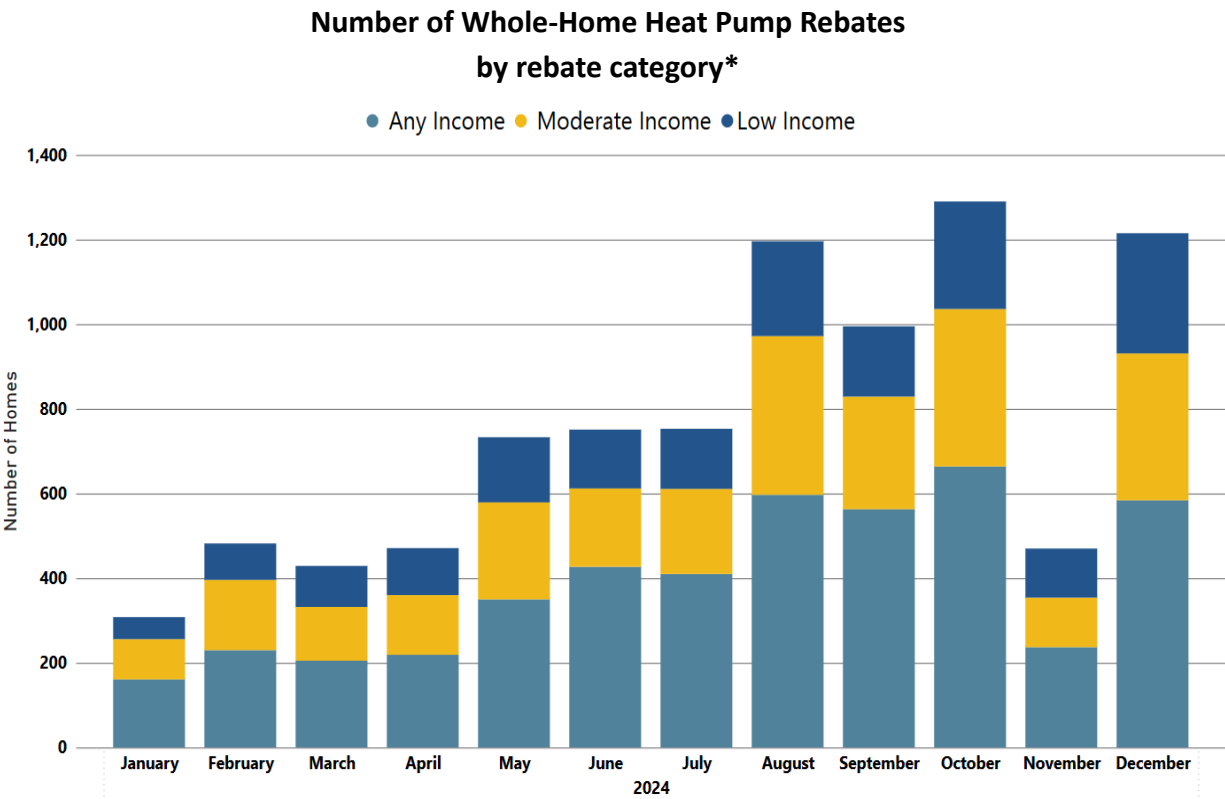
**11) *Top Residential Insulation Performers (past four months)***

- a. Evergreen Home Performance
- b. Mattra Inc
- c. Seal It Insulation Systems

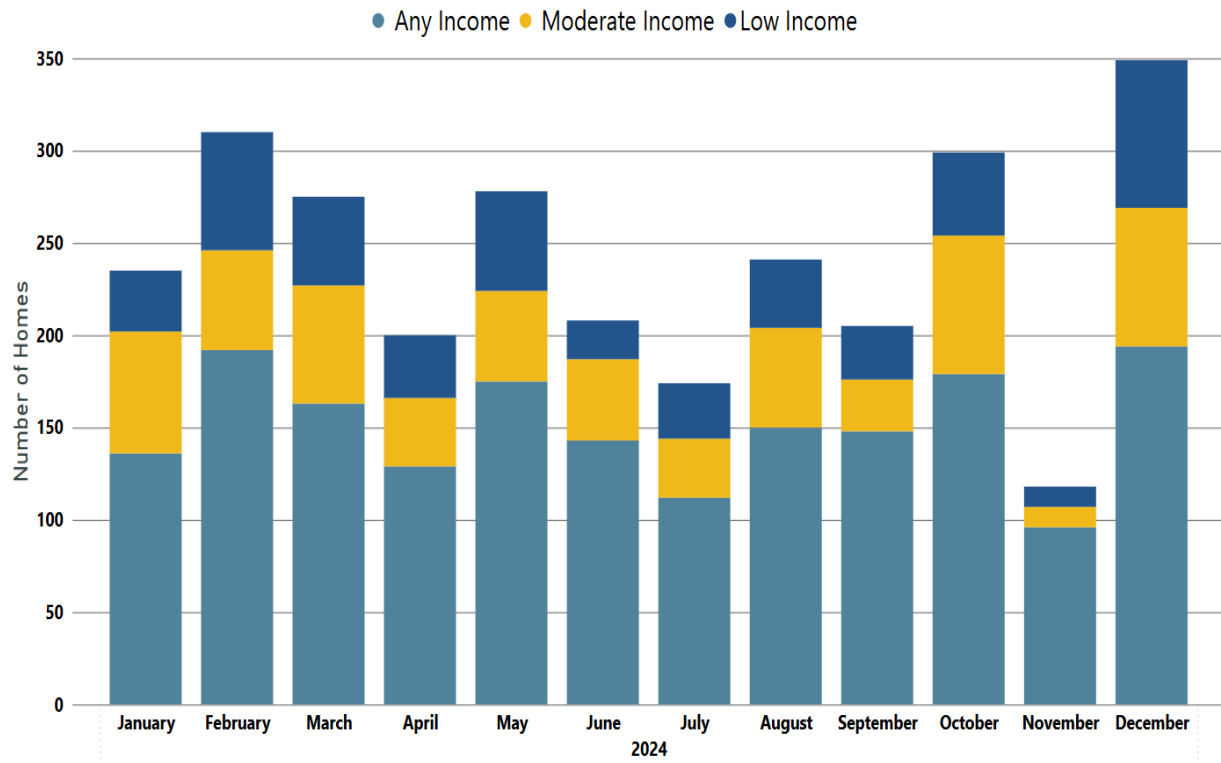
**12) *Top Residential Whole-Home Heat Pump Performers (past four months)***

- a. Dave's World
- b. Valley Home Services
- c. Northeast Heat Pumps

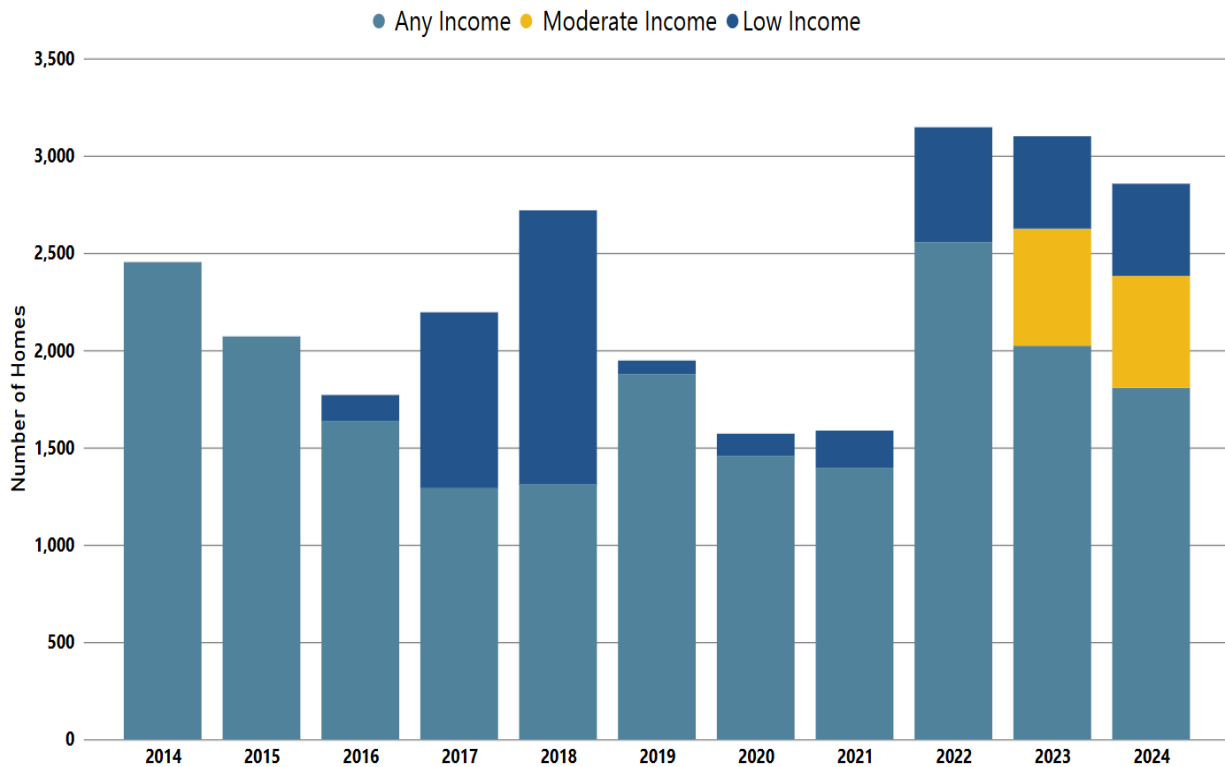
PROGRAM RESULTS



### Number of Homes Weatherized in Last 12 Months by rebate category\*



### Over 25,000 Homes Have Been Weatherized (shown by rebate category)\*



**\*Notes:**

1. "Any Income" is Efficiency Maine's standard rebate available to any residential customer completing an eligible project. A portion of these rebates may include low- or moderate-income individuals who decided not to verify their income with Efficiency Maine or who do not qualify based on specific program definitions.
2. Enhanced Heat Pump "Moderate Income" rebates were launched in September 2023. Enhanced Insulation "Moderate Income" rebates were launched in January 2023.
3. Drop in November 2024 activity was due to a technical issue that prevented rebate processing.