#### Residential Registered Vendor Monthly Newsletter December 10, 2025



- 1) Weatherization Installer Virtual Discussion Group Invitation You're invited to join us for a virtual discussion group on Thursday, January 15 from 2 3 PM. We'll provide a brief program update and leave plenty of time for you to share feedback. Click <a href="here">here</a> to register.
- 2) **NEW Electric Vehicle Rebates are Available to Businesses** Upgrade your fleet with up to \$14,000 in rebates on commercial vans. For more information click <u>here</u>.
- 3) Customer Issues to Address Before Seeking Rebates for Whole-Home Heat Pumps To facilitate a successful rebate-eligible project:
  - A. Ensure that the homeowner is interested in a heat pump system that will be the primary heating system for the entire home.
  - B. Instill confidence that the heat pump system design and placement will provide adequate distribution and comfort throughout the house the entire winter.
  - C. Determine whether supplemental heating sources are needed for small or out of the way rooms to ensure occupant comfort.
  - D. Confirm that the customer will turn off their pre-existing furnace or boiler (or the thermostats) to reserve it for emergency backup only.
- **4)** Ensuring Boiler and Furnace Thermostats Do Not Call for Heat To ensure furnaces and boilers are reserved for emergency heat only, please make sure thermostats are turned off or down to the lowest setting possible.
- 5) Newly Updated Heat Pump Cold-Weather Performance Brochure Now Available We recently updated our Heat Pump Cold-Weather Performance brochure by removing outdated examples and adding new ones. If you'd like a free supply, you can order them here or call 866-376-2463 and ask to have some sent to you.
- **6)** Heat Pump Installation Training Opportunities The following courses are being offered by Efficiency Maine Registered Trainers. Click <a href="here">here</a> to apply for a scholarship covering 50% of the cost up to a \$500 scholarship per employee.

Dates Course Title Location Registration Information

1/5/2026 – 1/9/2026	Heat Pump Installer	Central Maine Community College	Click for course information
1/5/2026 - 1/9/2026	Heat Pump Installer	Kennebec Valley Community College	Click for course information
1/5/2026 – 3/25/2026	Heat Pump Installer	Portland Adult Education	Click for course information

**7)** Weatherization Training Opportunities – Build Green Maine is offering BPI training and testing classes. If interested, please follow this link to the <u>BPI course registration</u>. You can request a scholarship by filling out our scholarship <u>form</u>.

Dates	Course Title	Location	Registration Information
12/15/2025	Building Science Principles	Build Green Maine	Click for course information
12/17/202 – 12/18/2025	Building Analyst Professional	Build Green Maine	Click for course information

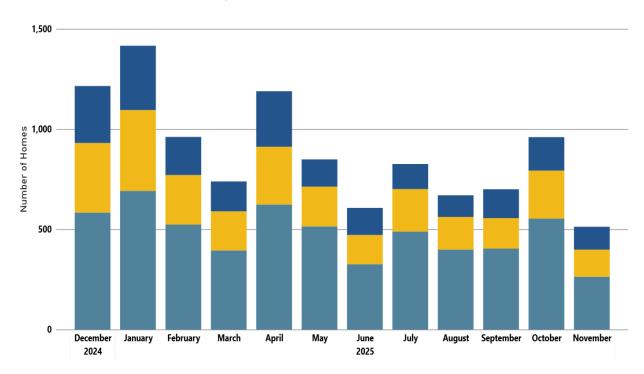
- 8) Top Residential Insulation Performers\* (past four months)
  - a. Evergreen Home Performance
  - b. Mattra Inc
  - c. Free Energy Maine
- 9) Top Residential Whole-Home Heat Pump Performers\* (past four months)
  - a. Dave's World
  - b. Valley Home Services
  - c. Heat Pumps Of Maine

<sup>\*</sup> Based on number of rebated projects

#### **PROGRAM RESULTS**

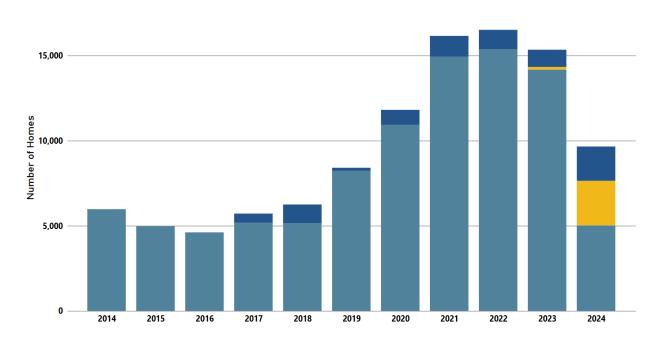
## Number of Whole-Home Heat Pump Rebates by rebate category\*

• Any Income • Moderate Income • Low Income



### Over 100,000 Homes Have Received Heat Pump Rebates (shown by rebate category)\*

• Any Income • Moderate Income • Low Income



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

• Any Income • Moderate Income • Low Income 400 300 Number of Homes 100 February April August September October December January March May July June November 2024 2025

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

• Any Income • Moderate Income • Low Income 3,500 3,000 2,500 Number of Homes 1,500 1,000 500 0 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

#### \*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. The drop in November 2024 activity and a portion of the increases in December and January 2025 were due to a technical issue that prevented rebate processing in November and shifted processing that activity to subsequent months.