

Residential Registered Vendor Monthly Newsletter June 10, 2026



- 1) **Multi-zone Heat Pump Efficiency Findings** – Efficiency Maine installed data collection meters in Maine homes that installed multi-zone heat pumps between 2023 and 2025. Interim results with data from winter 2025-2026 suggest that the efficiency of multi-zone heat pumps can only reach the efficiency of single-zone heat pumps when ALL indoor units connected to one outdoor unit are producing heat simultaneously. Even one indoor unit sitting idle, while others remain running, can significantly decrease the efficiency of the total system. The drop in efficiency becomes more pronounced for each additional indoor unit that is not heating. These findings apply to all outdoor temperatures experienced during a Maine winter. ([Heat Pump RRV FAQ 3.3](#)).

- 2) **Virtual Discussion Group for Weatherization Installers** – You’re invited to join us for a virtual discussion group on Thursday, July 16 from 2 - 3 PM. We’ll provide a brief program update and leave plenty of time for you to share feedback. [Click here](#) to register.

- 3) **New Training Requirements for EV Charger Installers** – Effective 5/29/2026 we are requiring new training for EV Charger Installers. In addition to insurance and a [Maine Electrician’s License](#), we’re now asking that installers watch these videos:
 1. [Pro Charger Installation Video](#)
 2. [Vue Installation Video](#)
 3. [Vue Unboxing Video](#)and read these articles:
 1. [Emporia App](#)
 2. [PowerSmart \(Pro Charger Software\)](#)Because of these new requirements, we have removed all existing EV charger installers from the [RRV locator tool](#) until they review the above videos and articles, then:
 1. Call us at 866-376-2463 or
 2. Send us an [email](#) confirming that you’ve reviewed them or
 3. Send us a completed [Residential Registered Vendor Agreement form](#)

- 4) **Using the Square-Foot Method for Estimating Heat Load** – When using the square-foot method for estimating heat load, our requirement for existing homes is to include “any area that is currently served by any heating system.” ([Claim form](#) Pg 2) This includes

conditioned areas that don't have a dedicated heat source. For example, if the upstairs of a cape is served by warm air drifting up from a furnace serving the first floor, we do not require a heat pump upstairs. However, it is heated square footage, so it should be included in the heat load.

- 5) **For Heat Pump Installs Outside of Heating Season** – Customers should be coached to adjust for fall, winter, and spring by switching to heating mode, setting heat pumps for comfort, and keeping central system thermostats off (or all the way down).
- 6) **Updated Battery Incentive Webpage** – Visit our [Small Battery Incentives](#) webpage to learn more about how customers can earn and save \$10,000 - \$20,000 over 10 years using batteries for back-up power. You can also use [this form](#) to sign up as a registered installer.
- 7) **Benefits of Inspection Reports** – The inspection reports from Efficiency Maine provide you with direct, unbiased customer feedback on how satisfied they are with the project. You can use this feedback to help with marketing or to gain insight into the performance of your installation teams.
- 8) **Stay Current on Changes** – If you're not receiving emails from efficiencymaine.com, check your spam/junk folder and mark efficiencymaine.com as not spam.
- 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
6/15/2026 – 6/19/2026	Heat Pump Installer	Maine Energy Marketers Association	Click for course information
7/20/2026 – 8/9/2026	Heat Pump Installer	Northeast Technical Institute	Click for course information
8/10/2026 – 8/14/2026	Heat Pump Installer	Kennebec Valley Community College	Click for course information

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
7/2/2026	Building Science Principles	Build Green Maine	Click for course information

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

- a. Evergreen Home Performance
- b. Mattra Inc
- c. Horizon Homes

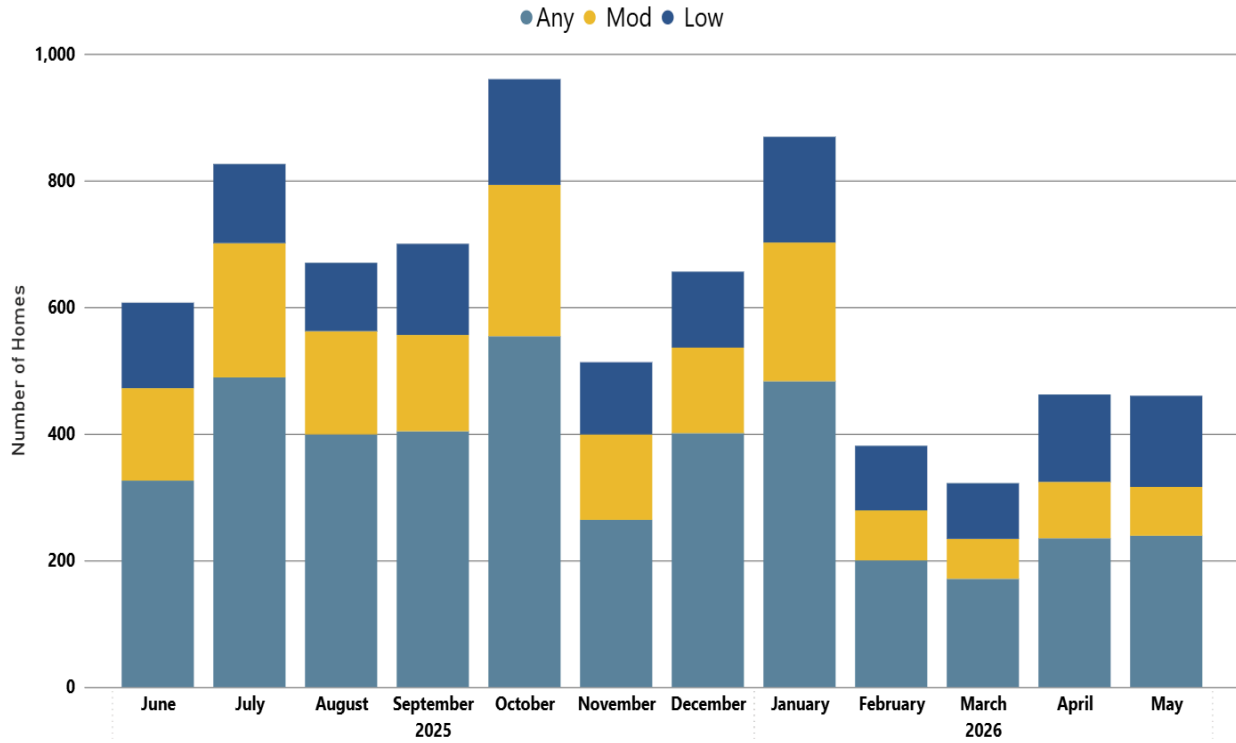
12) Top Residential Whole-Home Heat Pump Performers* (past four months)

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

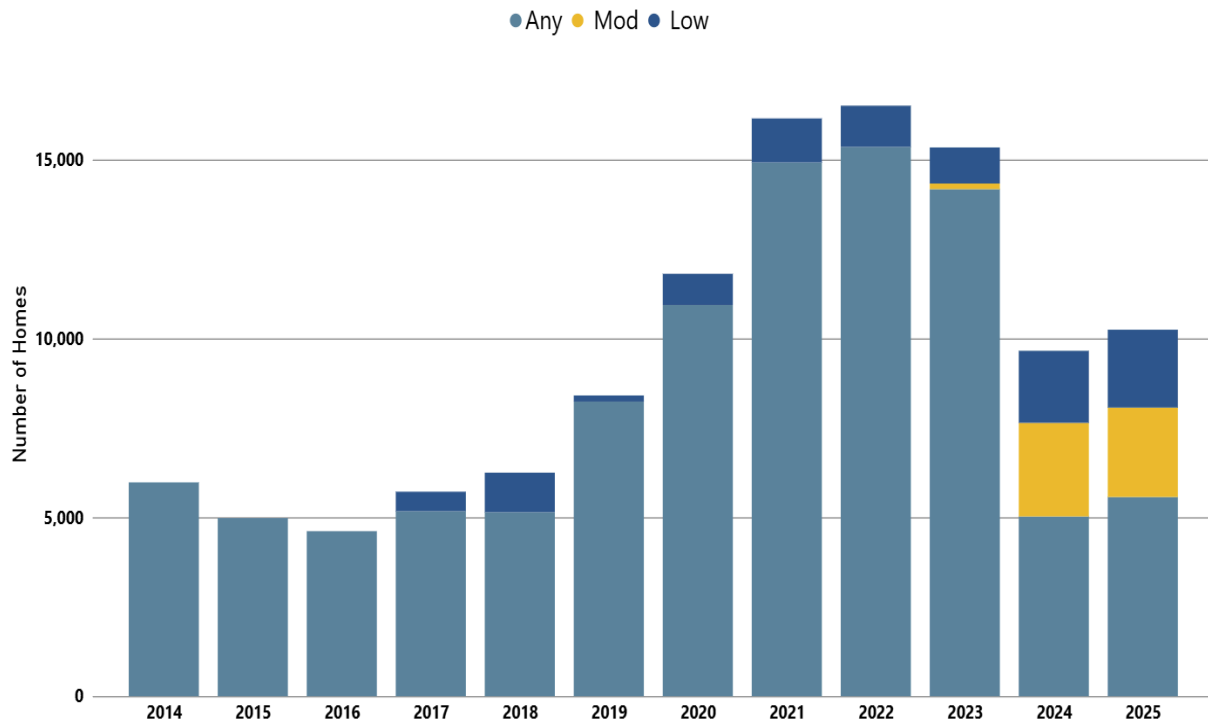
*** Based on number of rebated projects**

PROGRAM RESULTS

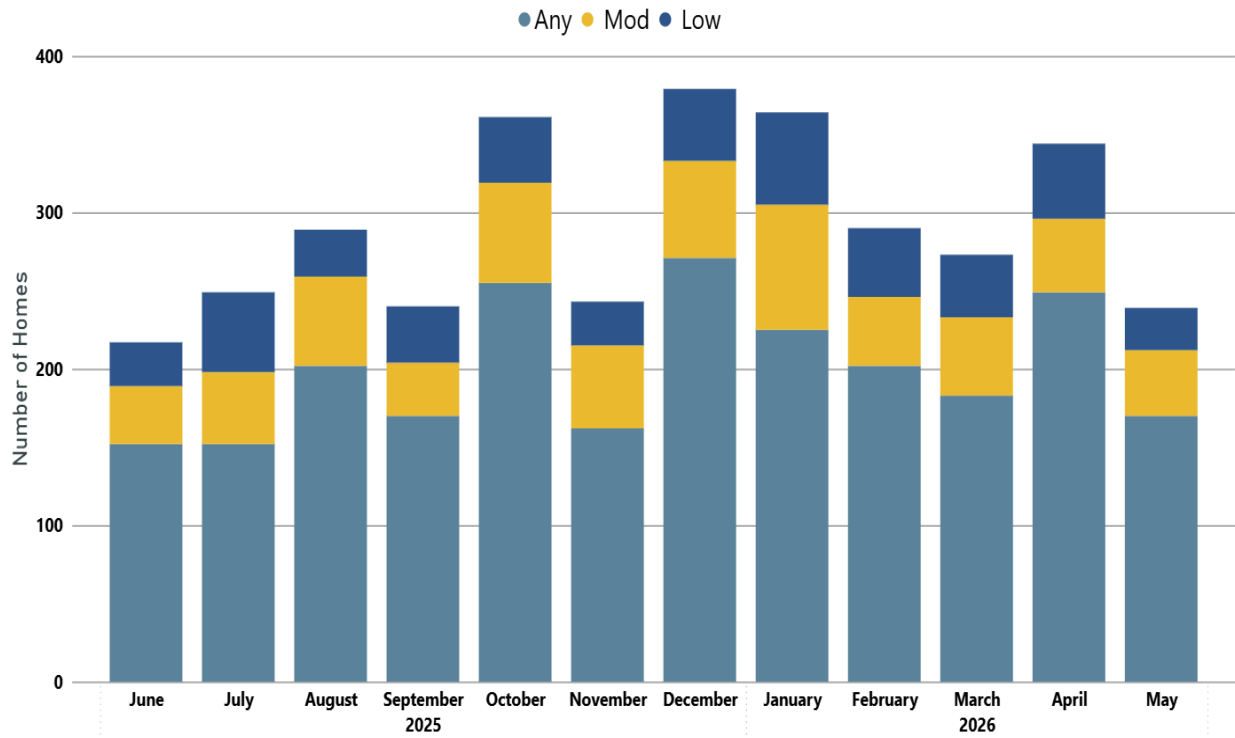
Number of Whole-Home Heat Pump Rebates by rebate category*



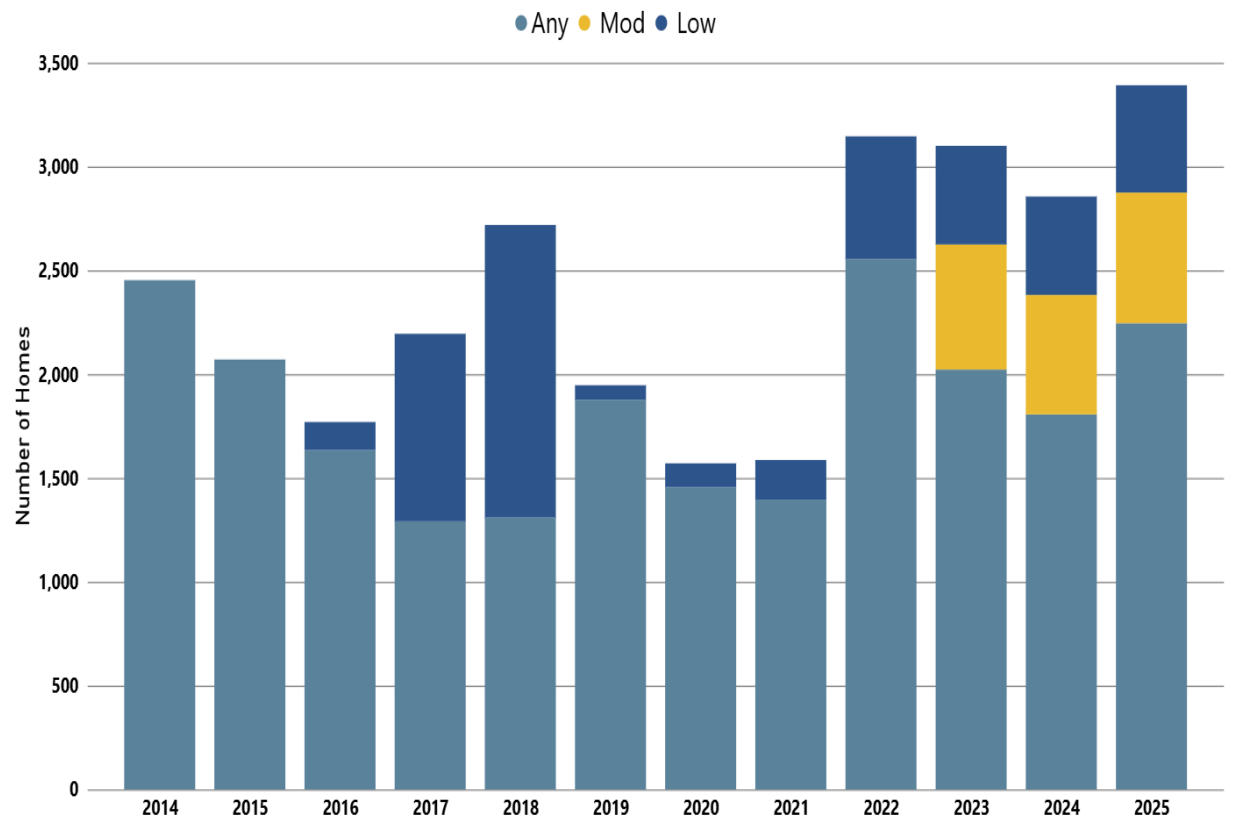
Over 100,000 Homes Have Received Heat Pump Rebates (shown by rebate category)*



Number of Insulation Rebates in Last 12 Months by rebate category*



Over 25,000 Homes Have Received Insulation Rebates (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. The drop in November 2024 activity and a portion of the increases in December 2024 and January 2025 were due to a technical issue that prevented rebate processing in November and shifted processing that activity to subsequent months.