

Residential Registered Vendor Monthly Newsletter July 8, 2026



- 1) **Heat Pump Program Updates** – We’ve updated our heat pump program effective 7/1/2026. As reflected on the updated [rebate claim form](#):
 1. We clarified our heating system requirement by switching from “Primary, fossil-fuel, space-heating system, if any, reserved for emergency backup...” to “Primary, fossil-fuel **furnace or boiler**, if any, reserved for emergency backup only...”
 2. We switched from ASHRAE 2021 to ASHRAE 2025 design temperatures, which are slightly higher. We also added more locations to the list to make it easier for you to find the appropriate design temperature for each installation.

- 2) **REMINDER: 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) **Weatherization Program Updates** – Effective 10/1/2026, we’ll switch from our current rebate based on project cost, to prescriptive rebate amounts. All upgrades (including reserved low- or moderate-income projects) completed:
 - a. On or before 9/30/2026 will be processed using the [current rebate](#).
 - b. On or after 10/1/2026 will be processed using the [new rebate](#) and [weatherization requirements checklist](#).

- 4) **Air-to-Water Heat Pumps** – Air-to-water heat pumps can work well for customers with radiant heating, but are not commonly used in Maine and are not currently eligible for Efficiency Maine rebates. We are exploring the potential for using air-to-water heat pumps to replace a home’s boiler, but do not yet have sufficient information to offer incentives for such systems. We are conducting a pilot study in Maine to test these systems and look forward to seeing ENERGY STAR® or equivalent standards once they are available.

5) 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
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

6) 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
8/4/2026	Building Science Principles	Build Green Maine	Click for course information
8/19/2026 – 8/20/2026	Building Analyst Professional	Build Green Maine	Click for course information

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

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

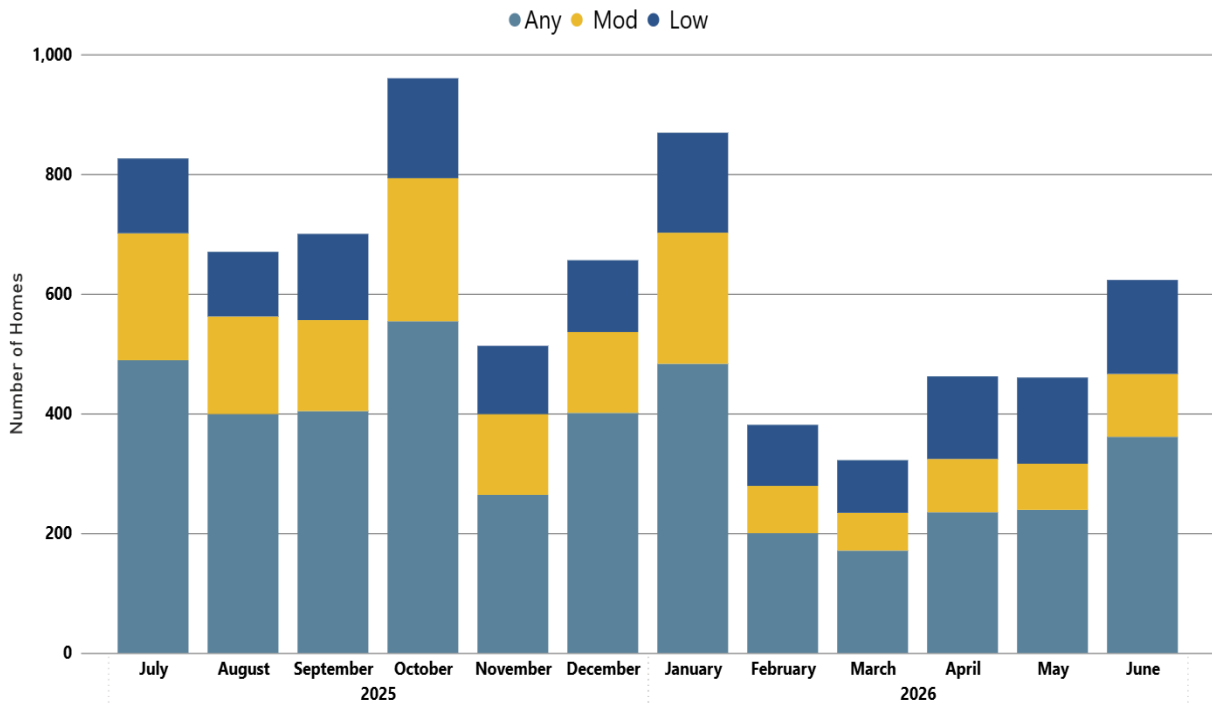
8) Top Residential Whole-Home Heat Pump Performers* (past four months)

- a. Dave’s World
- b. Valley Home Services
- c. Aroostook Air

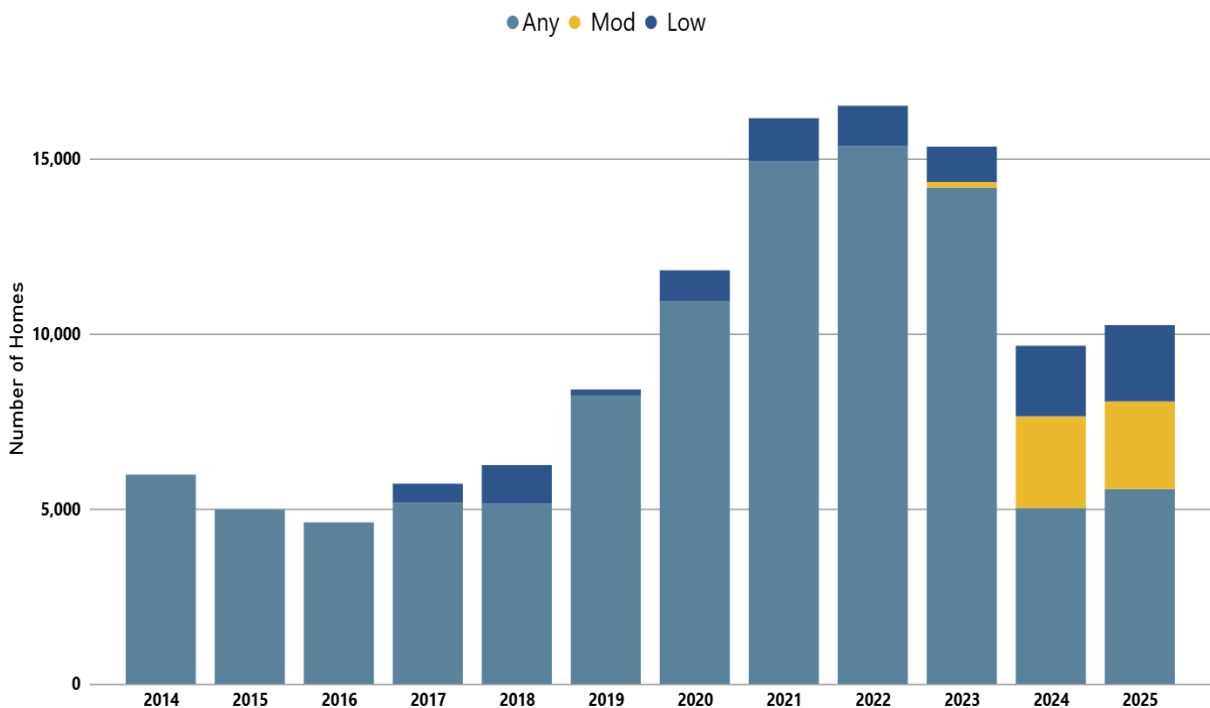
* Based on number of rebated projects

PROGRAM RESULTS

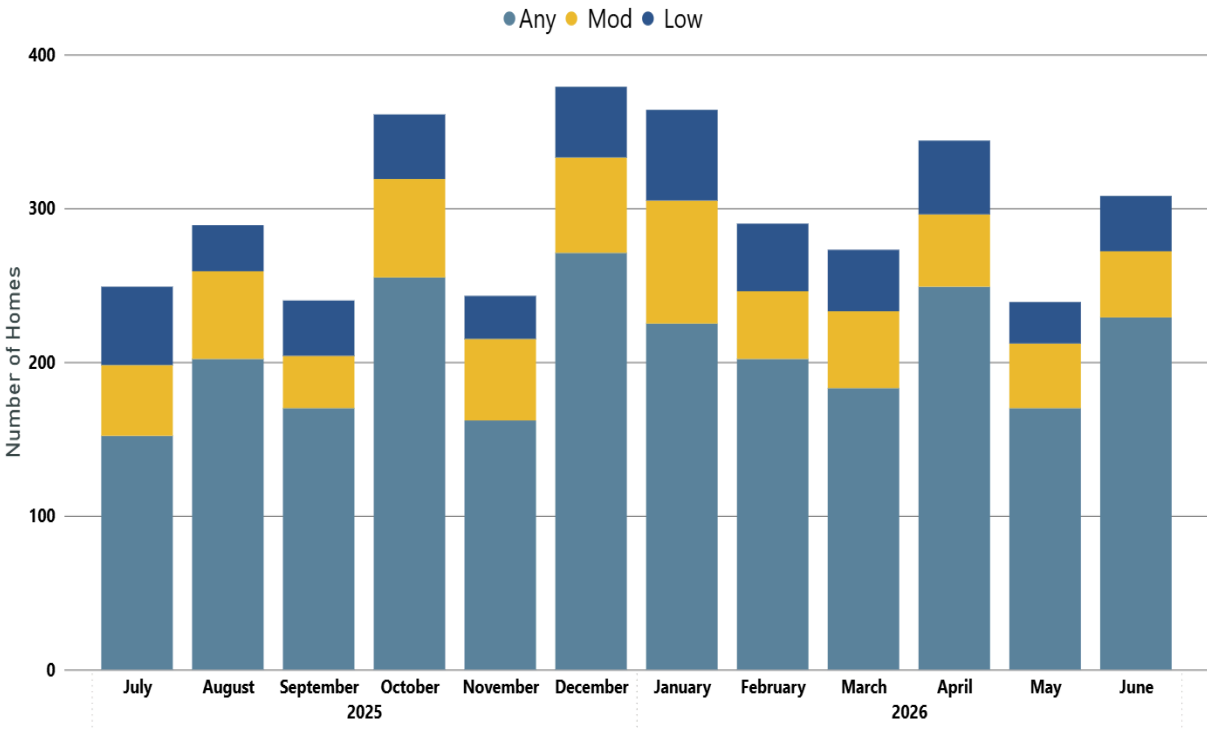
Number of Whole-Home Heat Pump Rebates by rebate category*



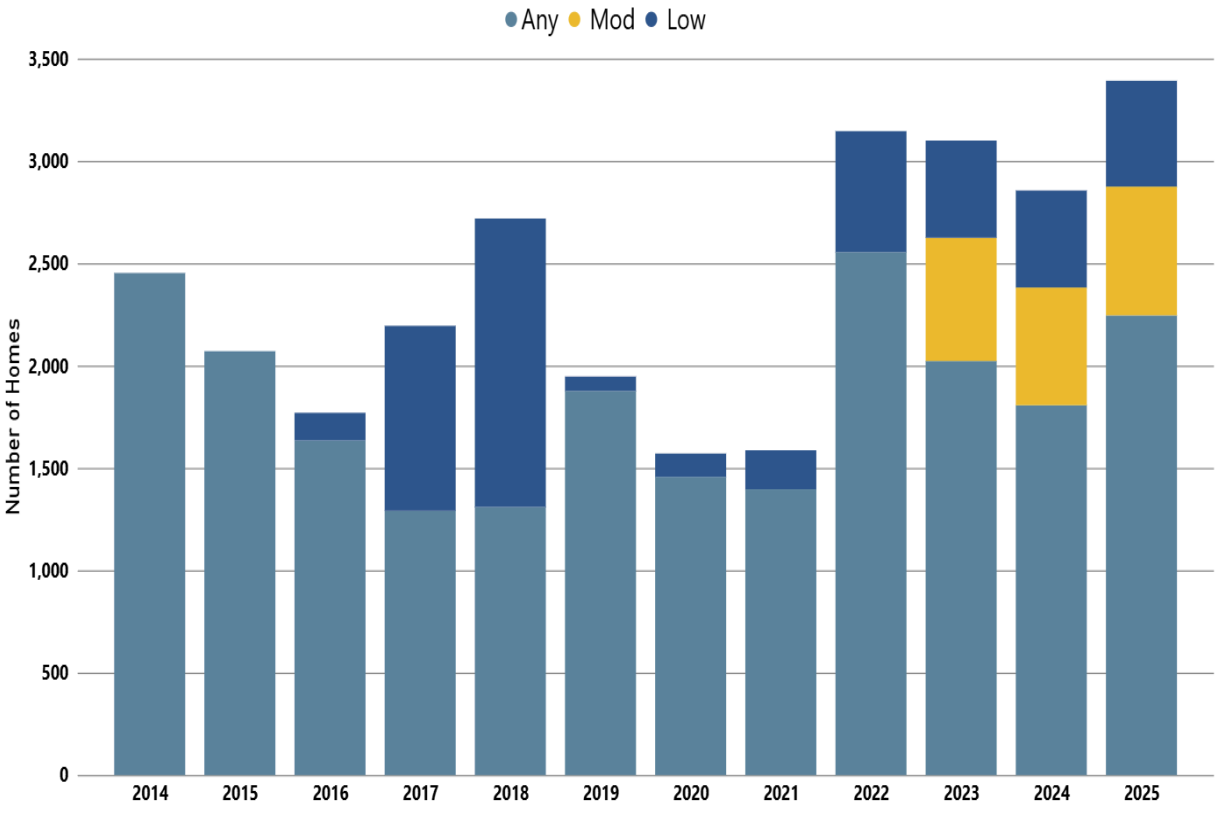
Over 100,000 Homes Have Received Heat Pump Rebates (shown by rebate category)*



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.