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Energy Efficiency in Rhode Island: Status and Programs



Did You Know?

Becoming more energy efficient not only cuts down on our energy bills, but it also reduces the amount of new energy infrastructure (poles, wires, powerplants and substations) needed to keep up with demand. This lowers costs for everyone connected to the grid. Rhode Island has long encouraged investments in energy efficiency, which is the most affordable way to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Rhode Island is a nationally-recognized leader in energy efficiency and has consistently ranked in the top five most energy efficient states in the country. Rhode Island's energy efficiency programs offer homeowners, renters, businesses, and municipalities a variety of opportunities to save energy and reduce utility bills.

Looking for a useful resource to explain your electric bill or how to lower it? Visit the [Energy Explained RI Video Series](#) by the RI Energy Efficiency Council!



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Why It Matters

Saving energy through efficiency reduces the need to use fossil fuels, thereby preventing greenhouse gas emissions. Efficiency also reduces the need for additional infrastructure related to electricity generation, lowering costs for all consumers. To reach our greenhouse gas reduction goals, Rhode Island is prioritizing investments in energy efficiency measures that cost less than purchasing additional energy supplies.

There are lots of ways to become more energy efficient. You can install LED light bulbs, reinsulate your home, invest in energy star appliances and smart controls such as Wi-Fi thermostats. Schedule a free energy audit for your home or business to find out what programs may be available to help pay for your energy efficiency upgrades. Call 1-888-633-7947 for information.

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Energy Efficiency in Rhode Island: Home Heating

Source: American Community Survey (2022)



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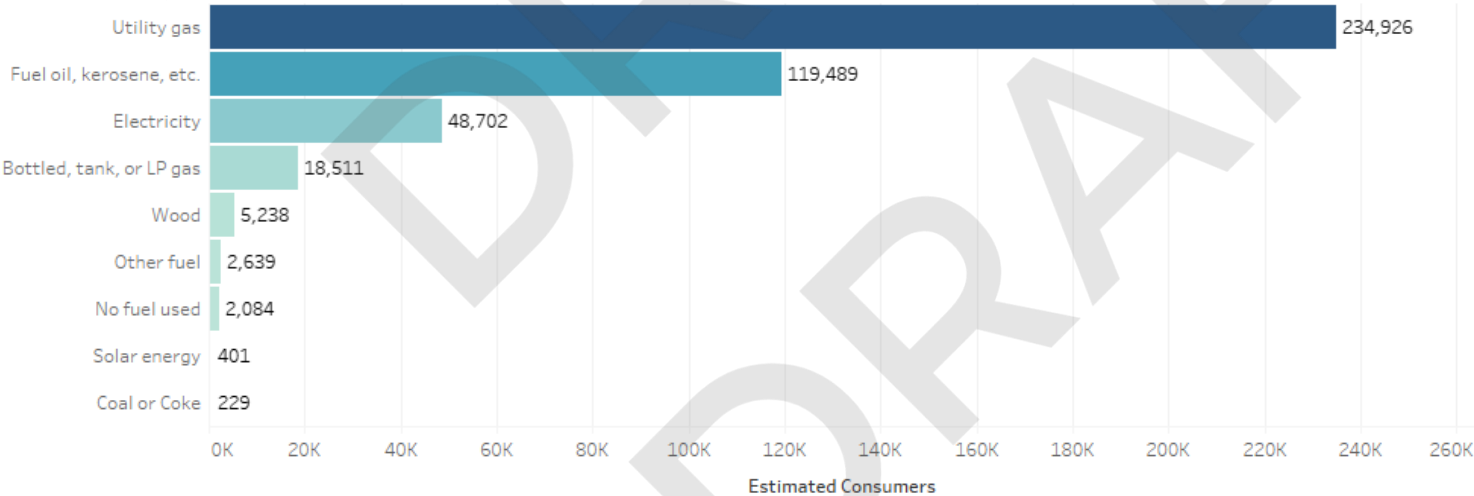
To heat and cool your home, there are two overarching fuel types you can use: **renewables and fossil fuels**. Renewables come from energy sources that can be renewed, like wind power or plants. Fossil fuels are energy sources that can only be used once, and when burned, add more greenhouse gases to our atmosphere. Making investments to reduce how much fuel you use, choosing the right technology to heat/cool your home and investing in renewables can make a big difference in your energy bills.

Learn more at: <https://energy.ri.gov/heating-cooling>

Why It Matters

Currently, the thermal sector – technology that converts power into heating or cooling – accounts for **one-third** of statewide greenhouse gas emissions. The adoption of electric heat will assist Rhode Island in the fight against climate change and to achieve the mandatory greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reduction goals outlined in the 2021 Act on Climate.

How are Rhode Islanders Heating Their Homes?



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Energy Efficiency in Rhode Island: Clean Heat Rhode Island
Source: Clean Heat Rhode Island



Clean Heat RI offers incentives to assist homeowners, non-profits, and small-to-mid-size business owners with the purchase and installation of high-efficiency electric heat pumps, with an emphasis on families in environmental justice communities, minority-owned businesses, and community organizations.

Learn more at <https://cleanheatri.com/>

CO₂ Reduction

The lifetime CO₂ savings for paid incentives is **229,463.2 tons**.

This is equivalent to the CO₂ emissions from **27,956 homes'** energy use for one year!

Number of Applications Paid per Month by Incentive Type

	Residential	Commercial	Income Eligible
October 2023	150		
November 2023	195		
December 2023	186	1	4
January 2024	216	3	2
February 2024	119	15	5
March 2024	192	1	3
April 2024	216	15	2
May 2024	218	22	16
June 2024	259	8	16
July 2024	347	11	11
August 2024	343	16	27
September 2024	274	8	12
October 2024	297	14	28
November 2024	218	28	15
December 2024	305	19	31
January 2025	286	17	51

Lifetime CO₂ (tons) Saved for Paid Incentives by Type

Residential	Commercial	Income Eligible
156,719	62,920	9,824

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**Note: This data is current through Jan. 2025. For most up-to-date Clean Heat statistics, visit <https://cleanheatri.com/resources/program-statistics/>*

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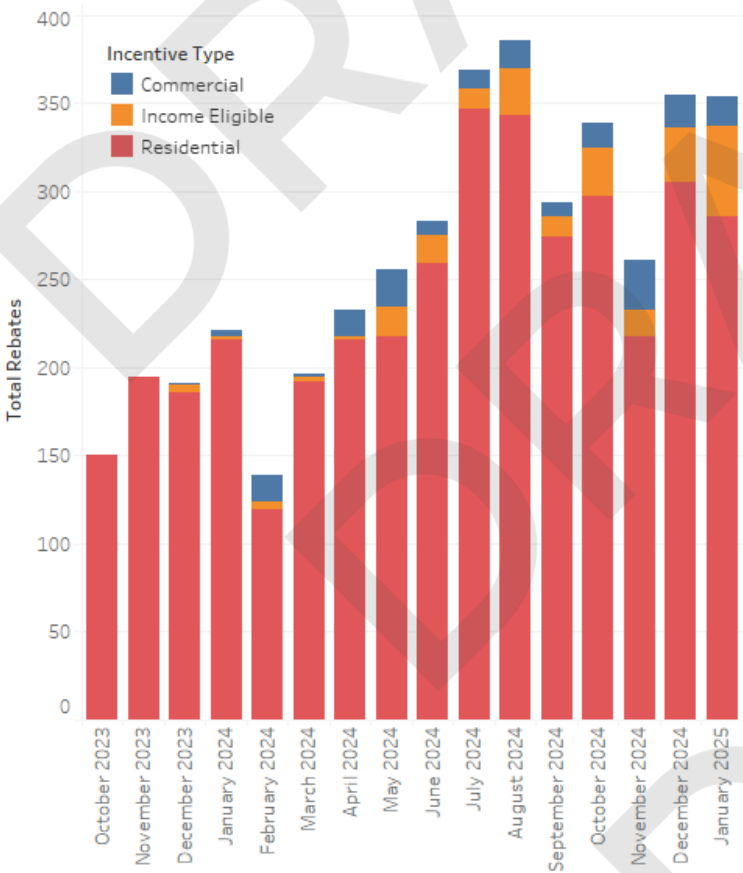
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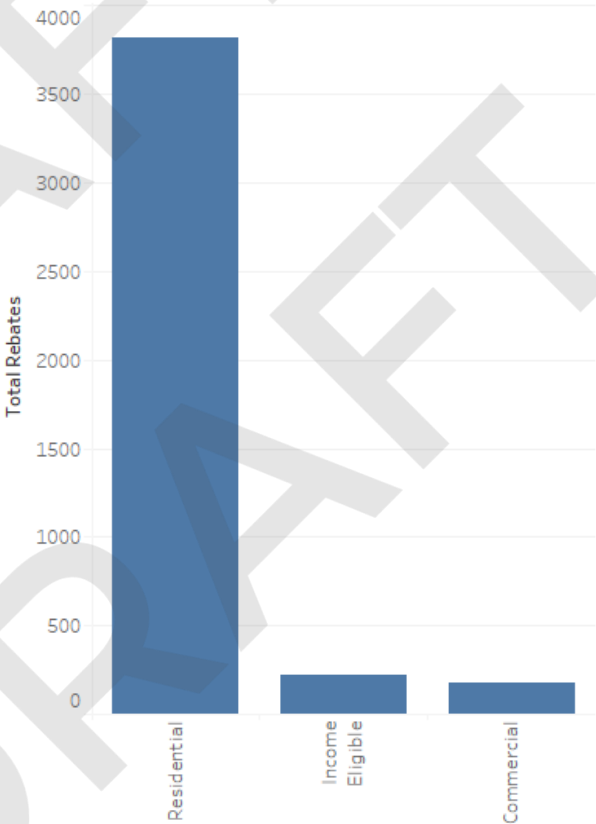
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Source: Clean Heat Rhode Island



Number of Rebate Applications per Month, Paid



Total Number of Rebates Issued
October 2023 thru January 2025



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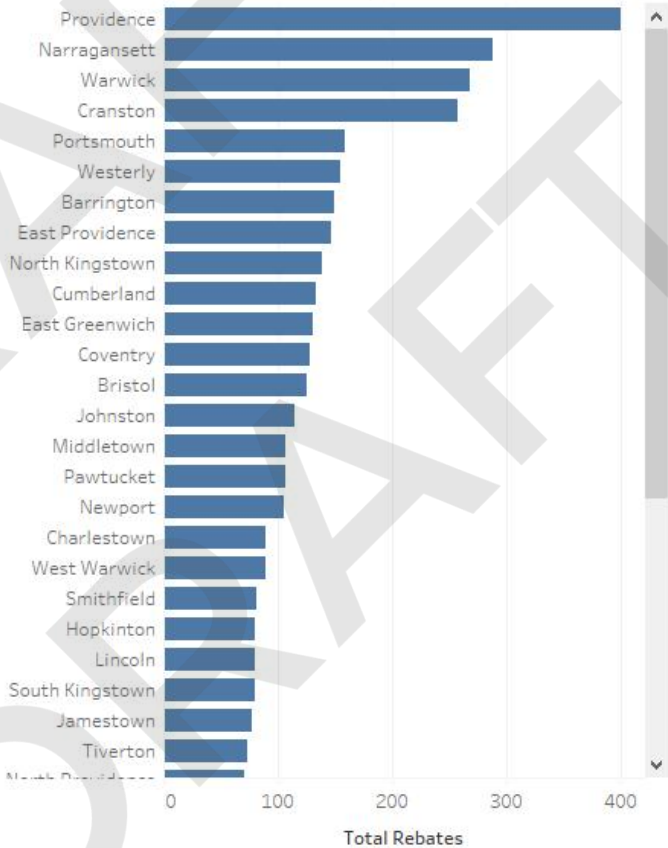
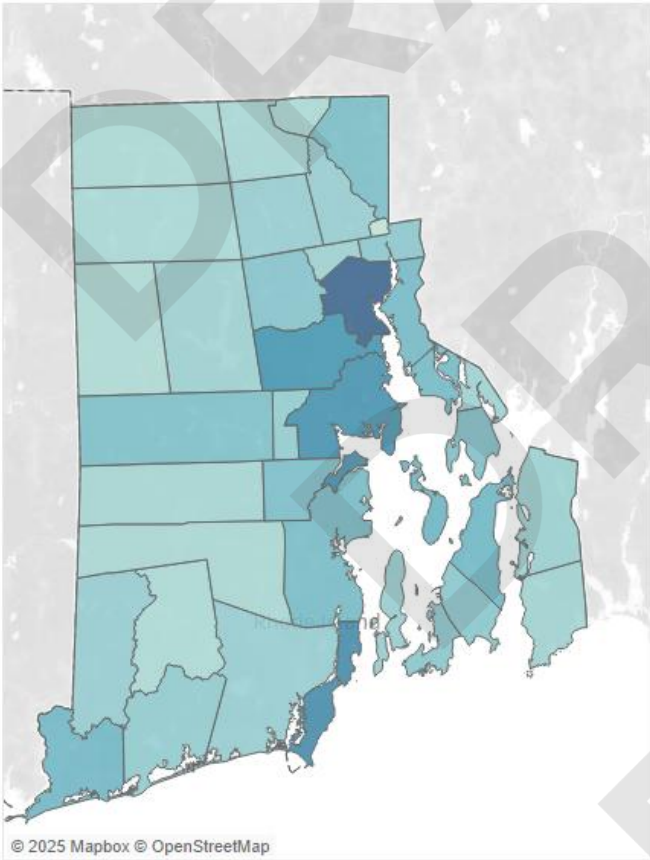
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Rebates Issued by Municipality

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Energy Efficiency in Rhode Island: Benefits
Source: RI Energy Efficiency Council (EEC)



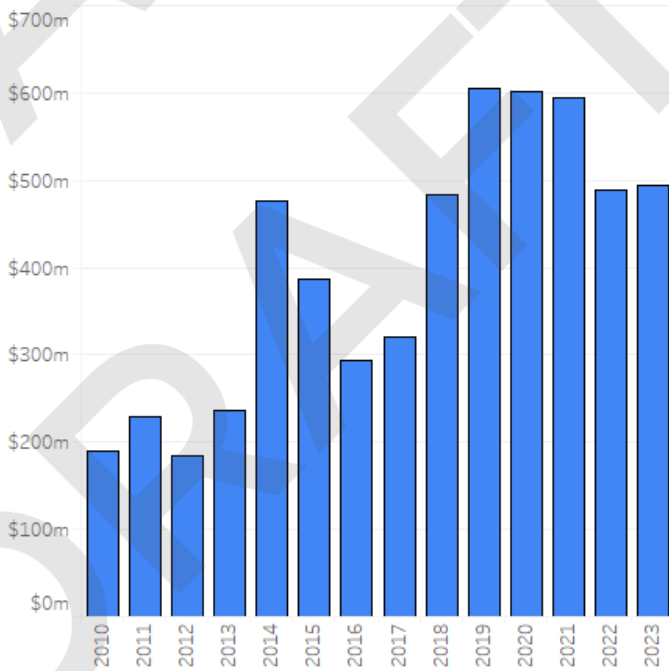
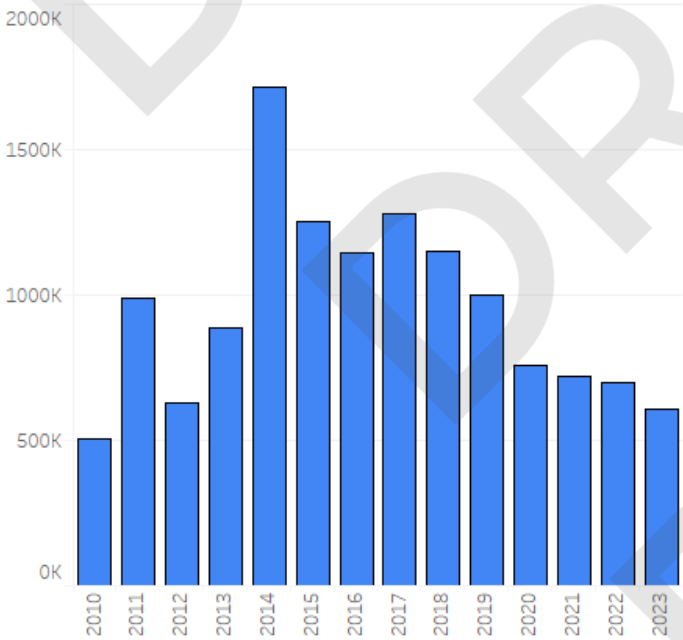
How are Energy Efficiency Programs Benefiting Rhode Islanders?

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided Over the Lifetime of Energy Efficiency Measures Installed, by Year
(in metric tons)

Economic Benefits (Lower Energy Costs) by Year
(in USD)



*Note (1): Years listed reflect data within that calendar year. EEC annual reporting reflects data from the previous calendar year, e.g. the 2024 annual report shows 2023 data.

*Note (2): For GHG emissions, data for years 2010, 2011, and 2012 have been converted from short tons to metric tons.

*Note (3): The RI EEC was formerly known as the RI Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council (EERMC).

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