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Home Energy Rebates Program Saves Americans Money

The Home Energy Rebates Program is an $8.8 billion program serving 2.5 million Americans and more than 700 Tribal communities through formula grants to state, territory, and Tribal governments who have the autonomy to develop rebate programs that meet their unique needs.

Programs:

Home Owner Managing Energy Savings Rebates
(50121 or HOMES Rebates)

- ✓ $4.3 billion for states
- ✓ Eligible on whole-home energy upgrade projects
- ✓ Available to households at all income levels
- ✓ Projects must meet 20% energy savings

High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebates
(50122 or HEEHR Rebates)

- ✓ $4.275 billion for states; $225 million for tribes
- ✓ Eligible on efficient electric appliances & other home upgrades
- ✓ Available to low- and moderate-income households

Advancing Affordability for Americans: Expected Impact

The HOMES and HEEHR Programs **directly address the rising costs of housing and essential home appliances**. These programs together are projected to serve 2.5 million households, can save households over $600 per year on energy bills, and achieve 21 billion kWh savings.

	HOMES	HEEHR
Anticipated Households Served	**1.2 million American households**	**1.3 million American households**
Anticipated Household Bill Savings	**$836 per year on average**	**$628 per year on average**
Anticipated Energy Savings	**13 billion kWh**	**8 billion kWh**

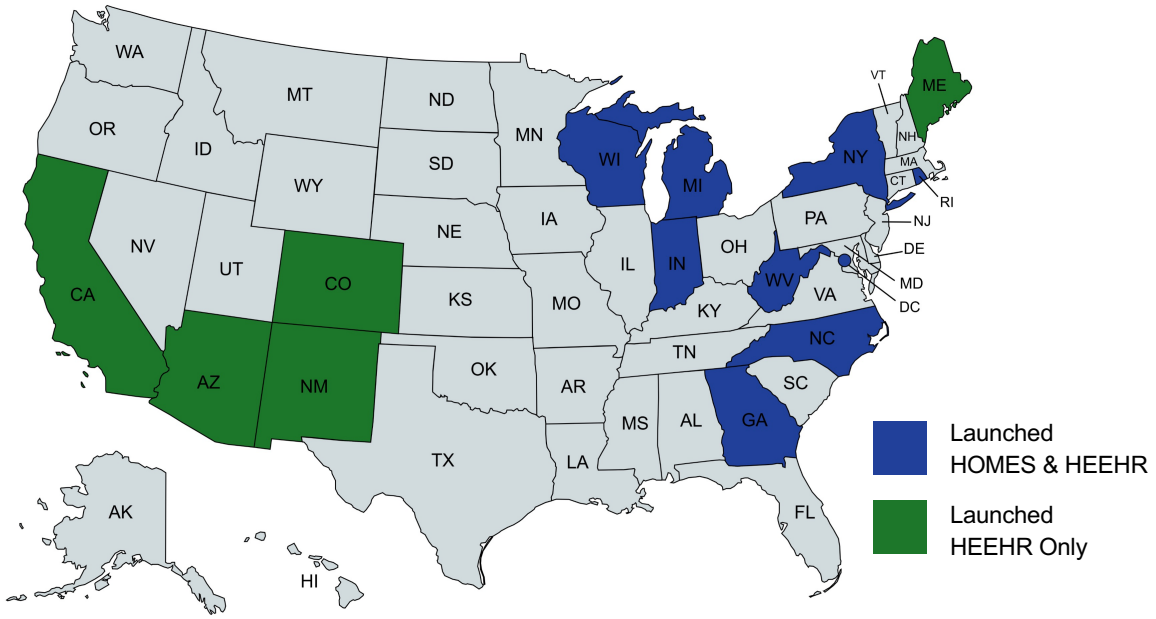
Launched Programs Are Reaching Homeowners

Home Energy Rebates Programs have launched in 14 states across the country. These programs are delivering rebates to American households, with more than 64,000 projects completed and more than $145 million reserved for in progress projects.

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Launched Programs

33,948
Households Served

$247.1 M
Rebates Distributed



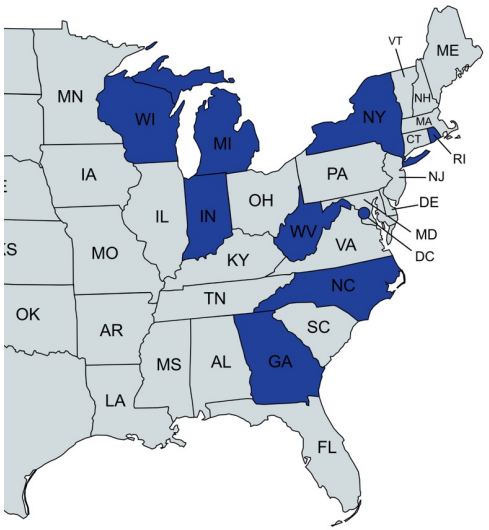
Launched HOMES Programs Deliver Whole-Home Savings

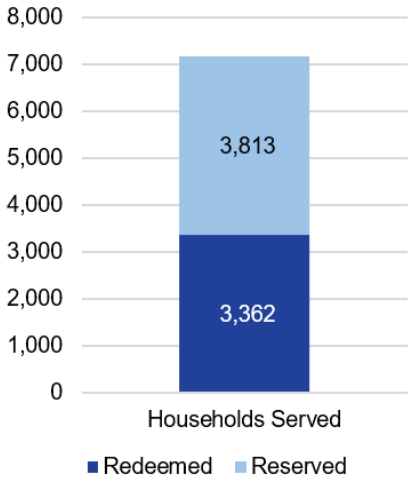
HOMES Rebate Programs have launched in 9 states across the country and are delivering rebates to American households—collectively achieving over 9.4 million kWh of energy savings to date or an average of over 2,700 kWh each year per household.

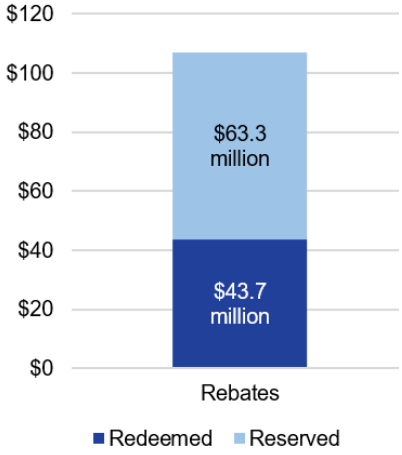
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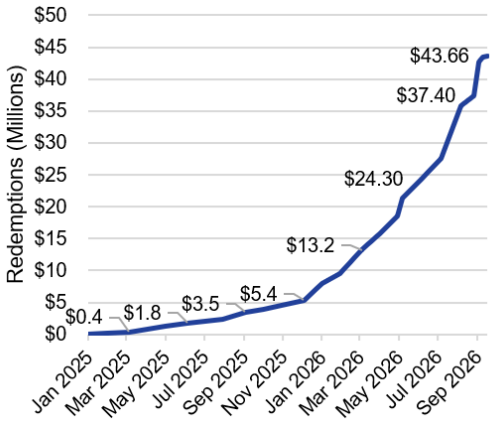
7,175 Households

$107 M Rebates Redeemed & Reserved









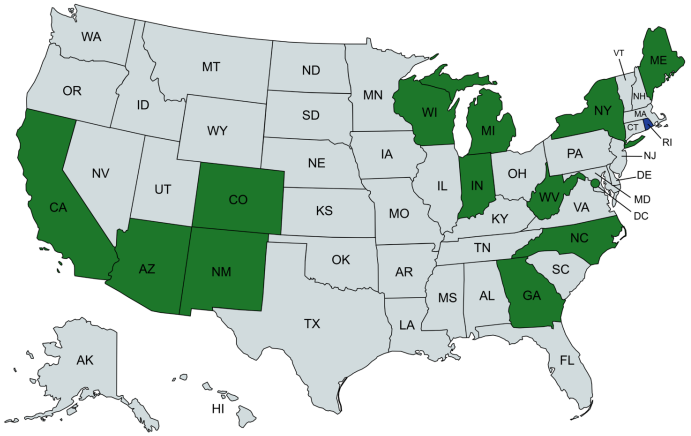
Launched HEEHR Programs Provide Instant Discounts

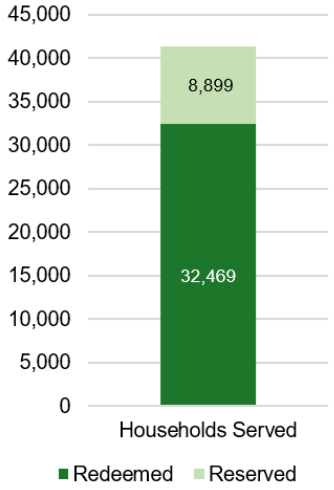
HEEHR Rebate Programs have launched in 14 states across the country and are delivering rebates to American households. Nearly half of these programs offer a retail pathway, enabling consumers to achieve instant savings at local home improvement stores.

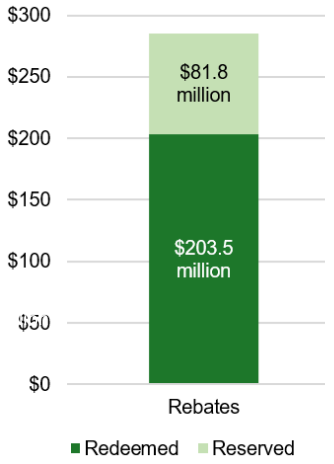
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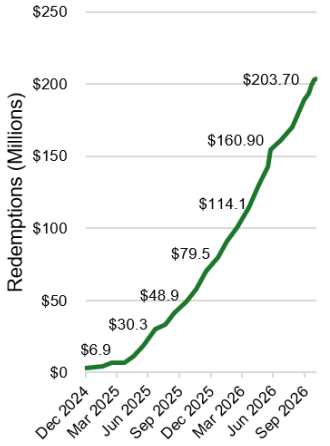
41,368 Households

$285.3 M Redeemed & Reserved









Guidance Changes Enhancing HOMES and HEEHR

To improve and advance the HOMES and HEEHR programs, DOE made extensive changes that:



Align with DOE Policy and Statutory Requirements



Empower State Flexibility and Program Participation



Advance Affordability and Expand Consumer Choice



Expand Retail Pathways



Ensure Good Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars



Streamline Program Administration

Newly Launched Programs: West Virginia

West Virginia HOMES and HEEHR

West Virginia's HOMES program, launched July 28, 2026, will serve single-family and multifamily buildings. All single-family and multifamily homes are eligible for rebates of up to $2,000 for 20% to 34% energy savings and $4,000 for 35% or more energy savings.

West Virginia's HEEHR program, launched Sept. 28, 2026, will offer rebates to eligible owners of single-family homes and multifamily buildings. Eligible households can save up to $14,000 per home.

The programs are expected to serve approximately 10,000 West Virginia homes and generate between $3 million and $4.5 million in annual savings for participating households.

The first West Virginia homeowner to receive upgrades through the program, Judy Fry, saw her first electric bill following the improvements drop by 33.5%, saving her $102 in one month.





Judy Fry cuts the ribbon at the West Virginia launch event and poses with Assistant Secretary of Energy Audrey Robertson. *Photos from West Virginia Office of Energy*

Newly Launched Programs: West Virginia



Newly Launched Programs: Rhode Island

Rhode Island HOMES

Rhode Island is the first New England state to launch the HOMES Program, and the first state in New England to have both active HEEHR and HOMES programs. Their HEEHR program has already awarded over $600,000 to serve Rhode Islanders.

Rhode Island's $32 million HOMES program, launched Sept. 23, 2026, will support heat pump installations for income-eligible multifamily properties with five or more units with a modeled energy savings of at least 20%. The maximum heat pump system grant will be $16,000 per housing unit.

"This program ensures that multifamily households benefit directly while reducing their household energy bills long-term," said Acting Office of Energy Resources Commissioner Chris Kearns.



Looking Forward for Home Energy Rebates

New rebate programs are launching across the country, giving more American families access to practical, cost-saving home upgrades. As additional states launch their programs, more households will have opportunities to save.

Programs Launching Soon

The following programs are finalizing implementation plans and launch details. DOE anticipates the following will likely launch in the coming months:

- Florida HEEHR
- New Hampshire HEEHR
- California HOMES
- Colorado HOMES
- Minnesota HEEHR
- Pennsylvania HEEHR
- New Jersey HOMES
- Oregon HOMES and HEEHR.

Active Programs Delivering Savings

Launched HOMES and HEEHR programs have redeemed a **combined total of $247.1 million** for residents.

Individual programs are hitting major milestones, with Georgia's Home Energy Rebates program surpassing **$50 million in rebates** issued to households.

Collaborative Focus on Preventing Fraud, Waste & Abuse

DOE and states are **scaling up prevention, detection and mitigation** of fraud, waste and abuse on these programs.

These activities **protect taxpayer funds, maintain program credibility, and ensure intended cost savings outcomes** for homeowners.

Thank You!

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