

RHODE ISLAND
ENERGY EFFICIENCY COUNCIL

2026 ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



*Helping Rhode Islanders
save on energy costs.*

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What is Energy Efficiency?

Energy efficiency is the practice of using *less energy* to achieve the *same result* or perform the same task.

Examples of Energy Efficiency in the Home:



- INSULATION
- AIR SEALING
- WINDOWS & DOORS



- HEAT PUMPS
- THERMOSTATS
- WATER HEATING



- APPLIANCES
- ELECTRONICS
- LOW-FLOW FIXTURES

Energy Efficiency Programs in Rhode Island

Rhode Island Energy, the primary utility in the state, currently administers most of the state's energy efficiency programs. They offer an array of energy saving programs that benefit all Rhode Islanders.

Rhode Island Energy's Efficiency Programs:



- Are available to residential, commercial & industrial customers
- Offer financial incentives & rebates, loans & grants, and technical assistance
- Must pass cost-effectiveness tests
- Have significant oversight & regulation
- Are funded through a small surcharge on all gas & electric bills

Energy Efficiency Supports Economy, Jobs & Climate

Benefits of energy efficiency for the most recent year of data available (2025).



Energy efficiency programs in
Rhode Island resulted in...

\$375 million
in total benefits to Rhode
Islanders



Over their lifetime, energy efficiency
measures installed this year will prevent...

220,839 short tons
greenhouse gas emissions



Equivalent to taking almost...

51,000 cars
off the road for one year



Energy efficiency programs in
Rhode Island created...

598 jobs
(full-time equivalent)



620 companies

Delivered energy efficiency
services this year

What is the Rhode Island Energy Efficiency Council?

MISSION

The Energy Efficiency Council monitors the state's energy efficiency programs to maximize cost-effective energy savings for all Rhode Islanders through comprehensive stakeholder representation and expert technical evaluation.

ABOUT

The Energy Efficiency Council, formally called the Energy and Efficiency Resource Management Council, was established by statute in 2006 to provide oversight of the state's ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programs. The Council includes fifteen appointed members that represent the interests of homeowners, renters, workers, businesses, municipalities, and the environment.

Rhode Island has been a leader in energy efficiency in North America. The Council is a key driver of that success, providing technical expertise and informed stakeholder input that shapes energy strategy, planning, and implementation.

Cost-effective energy efficiency is the foundation of a sustainable energy future. The Council is committed to helping Rhode Island achieve its climate mandates and work toward a clean, reliable, and affordable energy economy. This is achievable when all Rhode Islanders have access to the full benefits of energy efficiency.

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Policy Recommendations

R.I.G.L. § 42-140.1-5 directs the Energy Efficiency Council (EEC) to provide recommendations that support energy affordability, system reliability, and the continued advancement of energy efficiency and resource management in Rhode Island. The Council offers the following recommendations to ensure that the State continues to deliver cost-effective energy savings, reduce long-term energy costs, and meet its statutory climate obligations.

Core Recommendations

- Sustain robust energy efficiency investment
- Evaluate tradeoffs of fixed budget constraints
- Align policy decisions with Climate Action Strategy
- Preserve core principles of energy efficiency policy
- Support transition to multi-year planning

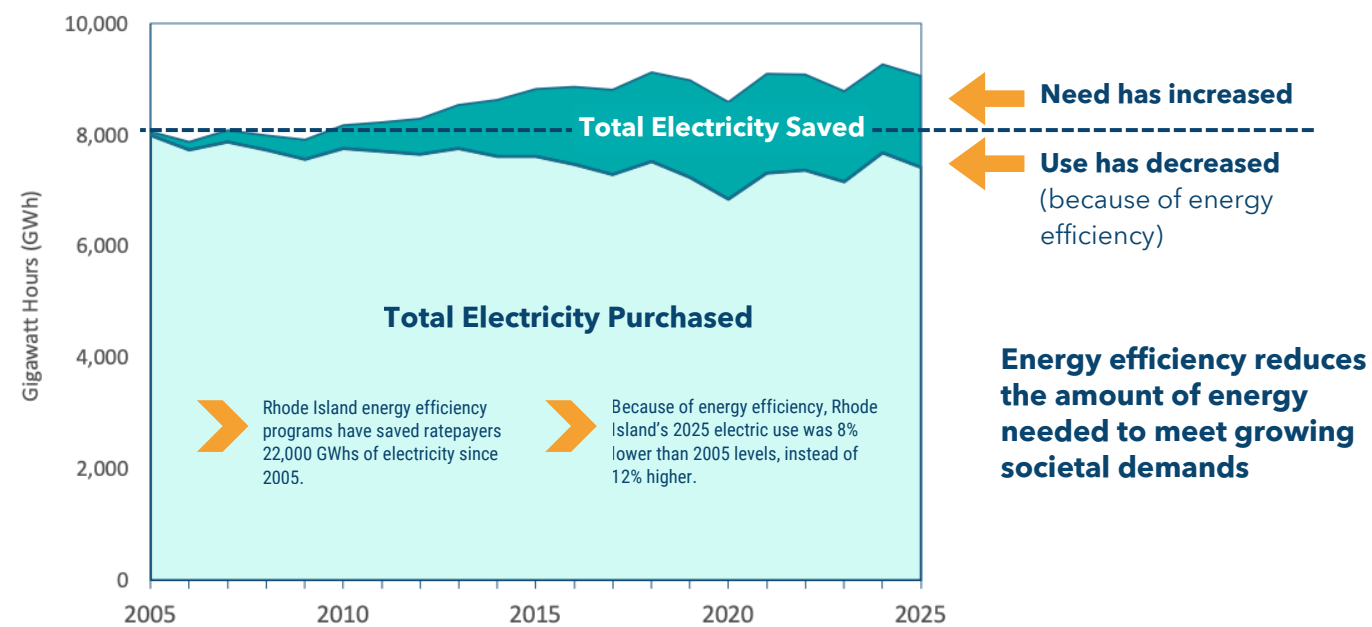
Supporting Recommendations

- Increase access for underserved communities
- Leverage workforce development
- Promote building energy transparency
- Advance integrated building upgrades
- Strengthen public sector leadership
- Expand benchmarking and data capacity

Energy Efficiency Is a Resource

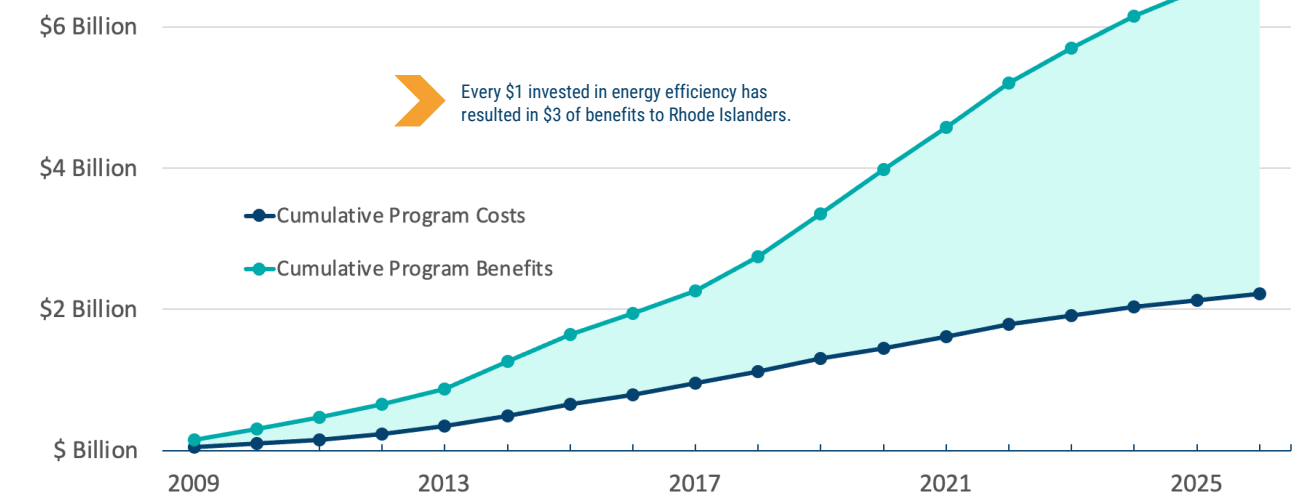
Energy Efficiency Is Cost Effective

Cumulative Impact of Energy Efficiency on RI Electric Use



To meet the growing needs for the services provided by energy systems, we can either generate more energy or use it more efficiently. Energy efficiency is capable of displacing energy generation and is often less expensive. It can also defer expensive upgrades to utility infrastructure, improve system reliability, reduce peak demand, and increase energy security.

Value of Energy Efficiency Program Benefits Compared to Costs



Over time, the cumulative benefits of energy efficiency programs far outweigh the costs of implementation. Since 2009, Rhode Island's ratepayer funded energy efficiency programs have realized about \$6 billion in societal benefits, compared to total program costs of about \$2 billion. These benefits include the need to generate and deliver less energy to customers, reduced emissions and associated environmental benefits, and improved reliability of our utility systems.