# **New York 11**

## **Benefits of Household Electrification**



Electrifying the U.S. economy is the foundation for how we get to a clean grid by 2035, zero emissions by 2050 and have a shot at keeping climate warming within 1.5 °C.

The household is the keystone of American infrastructure: 42 percent of our energy-related carbon emissions are the result of decisions we make around our kitchen table: what cars we drive, how we power and heat our homes, how we warm our water, cook our food, and dry our laundry. There are 121 million households in the U.S., which each have a handful of machines that run on oil, gas, or antiquated "electric resistance" technology that will need to be replaced at the end of their useful life: furnaces, baseboard heaters, stoves/ovens, water heaters, clothes dryers, and fossil-fuel vehicles.

To power their new electric replacements, like **induction cooktop stoves**, **heat pump space heaters**, **and heat pump water heaters**, we will need **upgraded breaker boxes** that increase the energy capacity of our homes. This would prepare households for the next step: electric vehicles (EVs), EV chargers, solar roofs and battery storage to power it all. Every time we miss an opportunity to replace an appliance with a clean, electric alternative, we extend the life of our fossil fuel infrastructure by the useful life of that machine — for at least a decade, and maybe two. Altogether, these electrified and solar households will become an extension of the grid, capable of generating a third of our national energy needs.

**How do we get there?** We have all the technology we need now — no moonshots required. We just need to lower upfront purchase and installation costs so that household decisions and contractor recommendations are based on benefits, not price tags.

## OTHER BENEFITS OF U.S. HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIFICATION



Monthly utility bills will be lower for at least 103.0 million out of 121 million households, in every U.S. county, as a result of more efficient heat pump space heating and water heating units.



Millions of new jobs will be created, across every zip code — jobs that cannot be automated or offshored — as electricians, plumbers, and solar installers, as well as in manufacturing, finance, and other indirect sectors.



The savings are particularly meaningful for low- and moderate-income (LMI) households. LMI households have 3x the energy burden (the portion of their income spent on home energy) as other households.



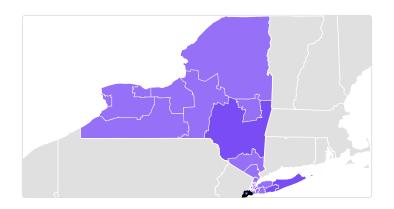
Cleaner air indoors and out; studies show children in homes with gas stoves are 42% more likely to experience asthma symptoms than children in homes with electric stoves, and outdoor air pollution from residential buildings is now responsible for ~15,500 premature deaths annually<sup>1</sup>.



# **New York 11 Household Savings**

#### **LOWER BILLS**

At least 44% of households in New York 11 — 114 thousand — could save \$50 million a year on energy bills if they were using modern, electrified furnaces and water heaters instead of their current machines.



#### **LARGE SAVINGS**

These households — which currently use electric resistance, fuel oil, or propane for heating — will save an average of \$437 per year

	# of Furnaces	Avg. savings if electrified	# of Water Heaters	Avg. savings if electrified
Electric Resistance	10.2K	\$405 / yr	72.9K	\$386 / yr
Fuel Oil	19.0K	\$301 / yr	30.4K	\$171 / yr
Propane	4.9K	\$650 / yr	10.3K	\$320 / yr

<sup>\*</sup> New York 11 is one of the districts where the ratio of natural gas to electricity prices is such that electrified heating is not yet cheaper. We expect this to change, given the trajectory of heat pump technology improvements.

## **EVERYONE BENEFITS**

Of the households that save, 54% are low- and moderateincome. Each year, they would save an average of \$441.

Low- and moderate-income households are those making up to 80% of local area median income

54% of households that save in New York 11 are LMI

4 in 10 adults would have difficulty covering an unexpected \$400 expense.

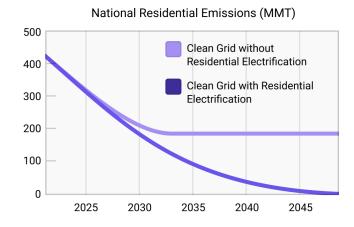
Source: Federal Reserve



### **New York 11 Additional Benefits**

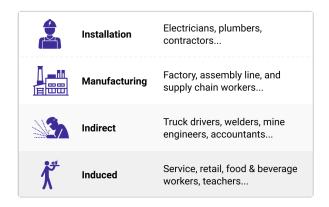
#### **REDUCE EMISSIONS**

Furnaces, water heaters, dryers, and stoves account for at least 95% of residential building emissions but are replaced just once every 10-25 years. Unless we choose modern, electrified replacements for these machines, we will continue to need dirty infrastructure to power our homes, never getting to zero emissions.



#### **CREATE JOBS**

Electrification would create **500** installation jobs in New York 11. Nationwide, it would further generate **230,800** additional installation jobs, **80,000** manufacturing jobs that New York 11 can compete for, and **800,000** indirect and induced jobs, including in New York 11.



#### **IMPROVE HEALTH**

Electrifying these appliances would address the 42% increased risk of children experiencing asthma symptoms associated with gas stove use. Such indoor pollution disproportionately affects low-income households with smaller homes.

Furthermore, outdoor air pollution from residential buildings currently accounts for 1,484 premature deaths in New York (state-wide) per year<sup>1</sup>.

Sources: Utrecht University, UCLA, Harvard University

<u></u>	Indoor Pollutants Emitted By Gas Stoves
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen Dioxide
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Particulate Matter (2.5 microns)
со	Carbon Monoxide
нсно	Formaldehyde

<sup>1</sup>These values are based on additional analysis from Jonathan Buonocore, Sc.D, the study's lead author, RMI used median estimates from the results of 3 reduced complexity models used in: Jonathan J Buonocore (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health) et al, "A decade of the U.S. energy mix transitioning away from coal: historical reconstruction of the reductions in the public health burden of energy", 2021 Environ. Res. Lett. 16 054030, https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/abe74c

