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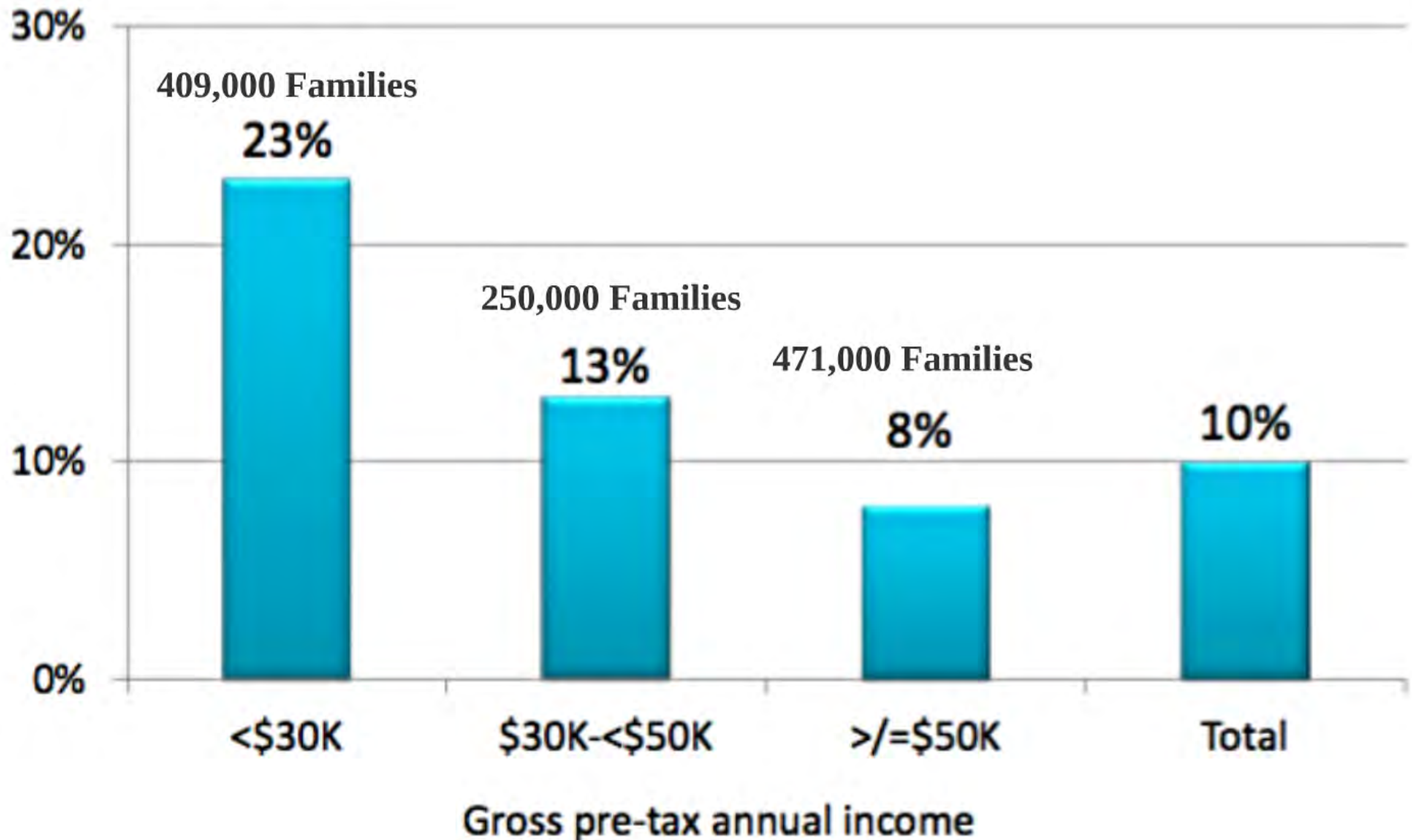
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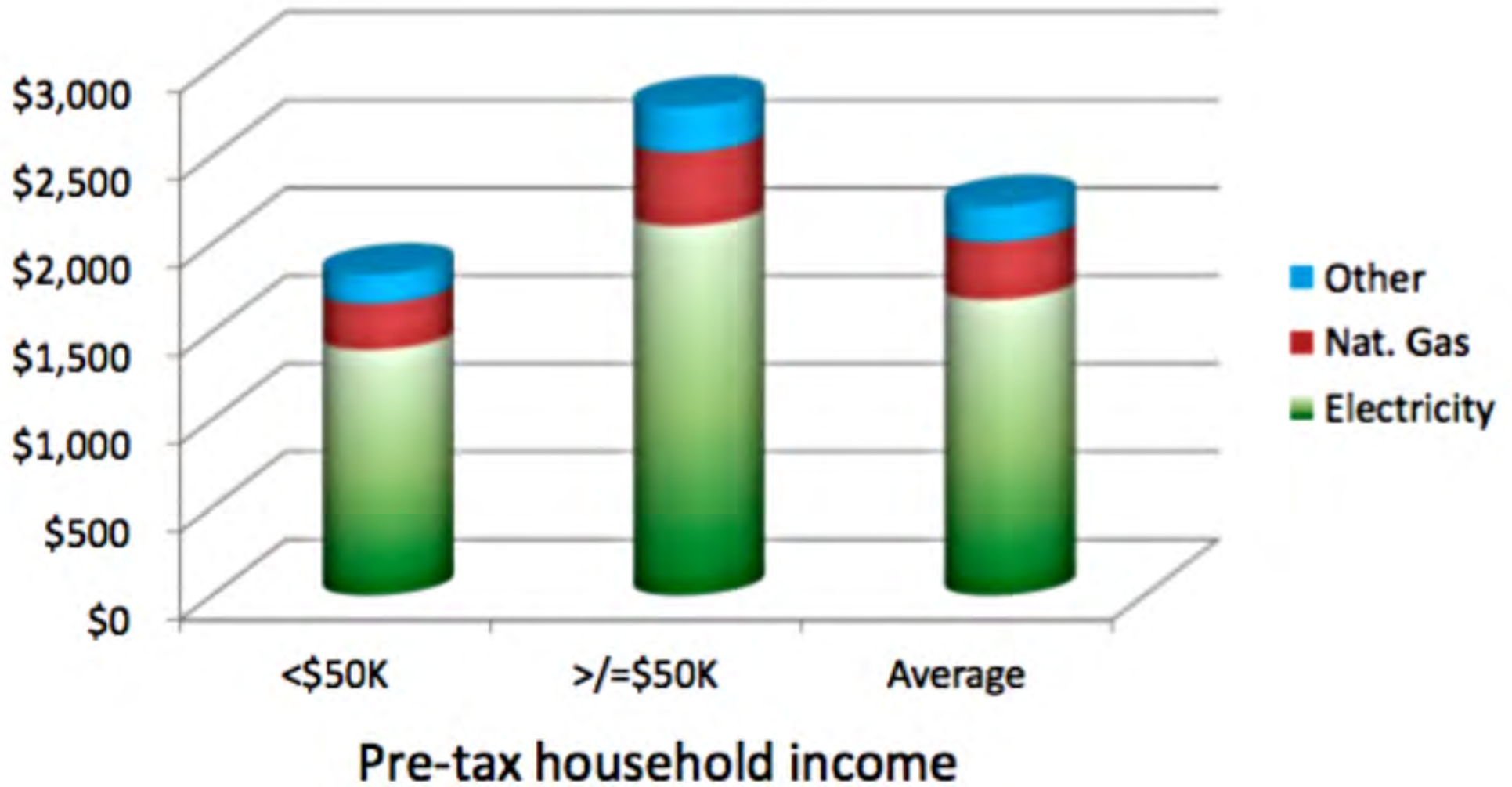
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# Arkansas household energy costs as percentage of after-tax income

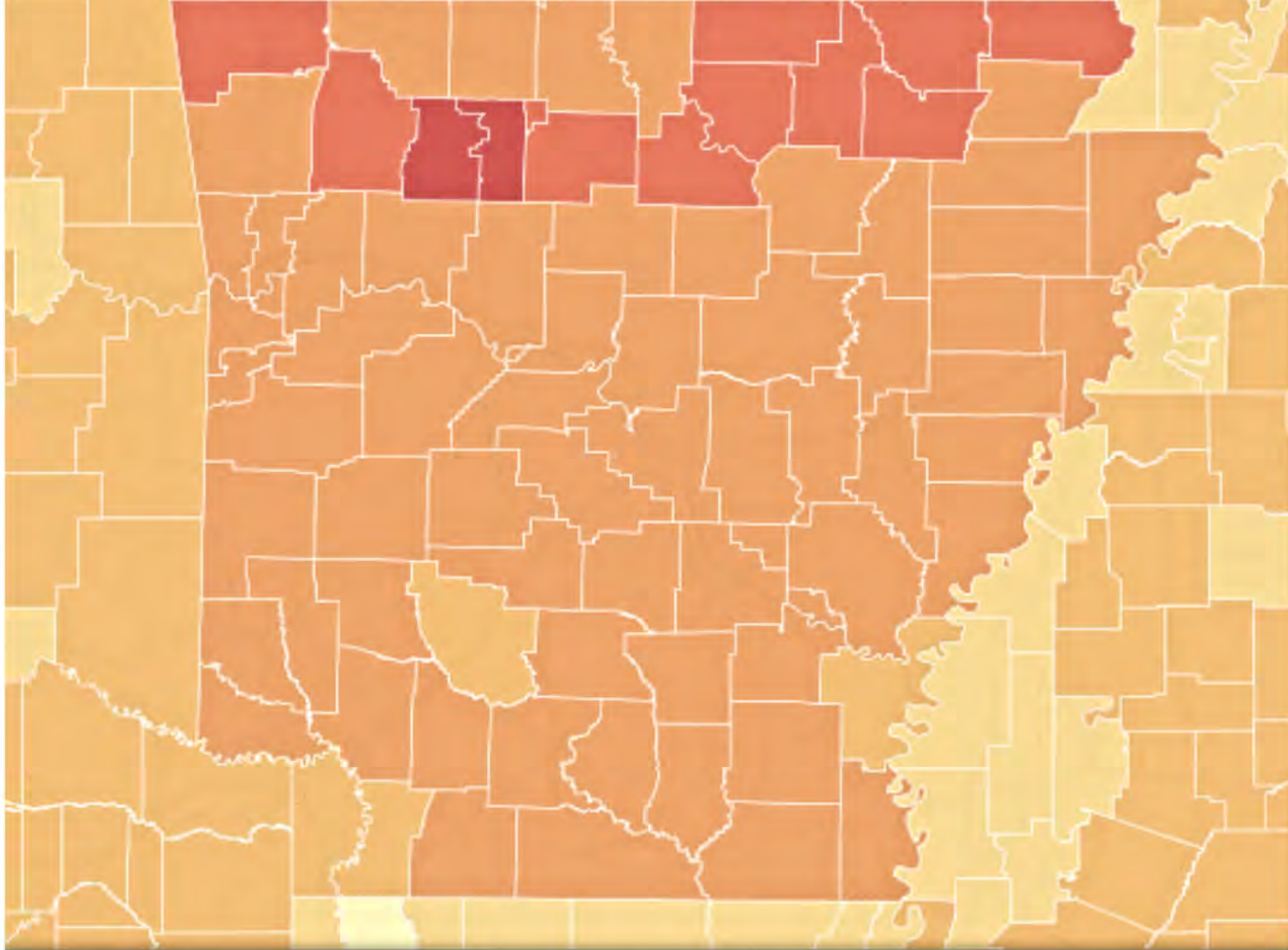


# Estimated 2015 Arkansas residential energy expenditures by pre-tax household income



Sources: U.S. DOE/EIA; U.S. Bureau of the Census.

• 245,600 (8.3%) AR Residents Below 50% Poverty



Source: [theatlantic.com/energy-poverty-low-income-households](http://theatlantic.com/energy-poverty-low-income-households)

**Percent Income Spent on Energy Bills for Homes Below 50% of Federal Poverty Level**

LESS THAN  
24%

53% TO  
75%



Craighead County

Arkansas

PERCENT OF INCOME SPENT ON ENERGY

37.9

ESTIMATED ANNUAL ENERGY COSTS

2750.23

- 10,150 (14.2%) Jonesboro Residents Below 50% Poverty

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## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – LIHEAP

- LIHEAP benefits have three components
  - Cash benefits are paid to provider of heating fuel
  - Crisis benefits are made to resolve heating emergency such as shut-off or being out of fuel
  - Weatherization help with repairs, insulating and weatherizing homes to reduce energy consumption
- LIHEAP funding
  - Federal block grants to states
  - State funds
  - Private donations



**4 in 5**  
LIHEAP-eligible  
households

**don't receive  
any assistance.**

Tell Congress to increase funding.







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<u>Add/Remove</u>	<u>Upgrade</u>	<u>Upgrade Choice &amp; Description</u>	<u>Yearly Savings</u>	<u>Estimated Added Cost</u>	<u>How Much is Too Much?</u>	<u>Simple Payback Time</u>	<u>Estimated Return on Investment</u>	<u>Avoided Emissions (lbs. CO<sub>2</sub>)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check/Uncheck All Upgrades	<b>Total for Selected Upgrades:</b>	<b>\$477</b>	<b>\$231</b>	<b>\$9,540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>204%</b>	<b>5,248</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thermostat	ENERGY STAR-labeled programn	\$339	\$ 85	\$6,780	0	400%	3,731
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Indoor lights	CFLs in high-use fixtures	\$41	\$ 146	\$820	4	13%	1,518
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cool roof	Solar reflectance = 0.50 low-slo <del>p</del>	\$5	\$ 0	\$100	0	10,000%	59
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat pump	SEER=14 HSPF=8.2 ENERGY STA	\$340	\$ 310	\$6,800	1	110%	3,750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electric water heater	EF=0.95	\$33	\$ 90	\$660	3	36%	366
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clothes washer	MEF=1.42 WF=9.5 ENERGY STAF	\$30	\$ 90	\$600	3	32%	172
<input type="checkbox"/>	Duct Sealing	Reduce leakage to 6% of total air	\$119	\$ 890	\$2,380	7	10%	1,311
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central air conditioner	SEER=14 ENERGY STAR	\$22	\$ 218	\$440	10	5%	247
<input type="checkbox"/>	Air sealing	25% air leakage reduction	\$75	\$ 850	\$1,500	11	8%	822
<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows	2-pane/solar-control low-E/argoi	\$37	\$ 450	\$740	12	7%	411
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attic insulation	R-38	\$96	\$ 1330	\$1,920	14	6%	1,057
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Refrigerator	15% better than standard ENER	\$6	\$ 244	\$120	41	NCE	71
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Ceiling fan	ENERGY STAR-labeled	\$0	\$ 30	\$0	9,999	NCE	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Well pump	60% combined pump and motor	\$0	\$ 190	\$0	9,999	NCE	0



# HOME ENERGY SAVER™

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Building ID: 4704 Summit Ridge Dr.  
 Location: Jonesboro, Arkansas  
 Zip Code: 72404  
 Session: 4702334

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## YEARLY ENERGY COSTS

Providing more details will make your results more accurate.



### Potential Yearly Savings

Money: **\$477**  
 Electricity: **5,236 kWh**  
 Emissions: **5,248 lb. CO<sub>2</sub>**

This reduction in greenhouse-gas emissions is like taking 0.5 car(s) off the road.

[Will I make a difference?](#)[Existing Home Configuration](#)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Heating</u>	<u>Cooling</u>	<u>Hot Water</u>	<u>Large Appliances</u>	<u>Small Appliances</u>	<u>Lighting</u>
Existing Home	\$1,612	\$484	\$297	\$191	\$243	\$218	\$179
With Upgrades	\$1,135	\$330	\$112	\$191	\$243	\$218	\$41
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$477</b>	<b>\$154</b>	<b>\$185</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$138</b>

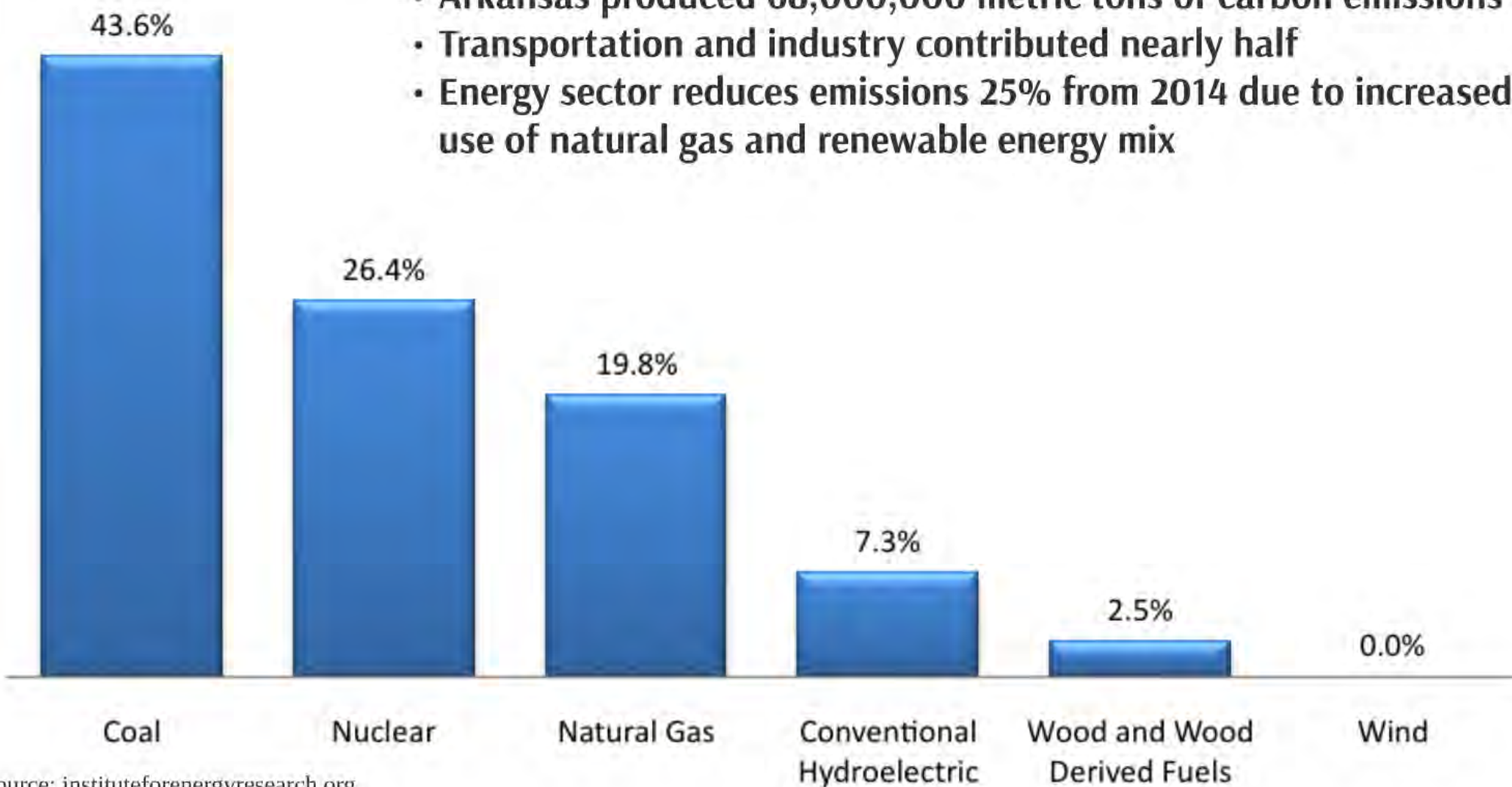
*Important Note:* These are initial estimates only, and results may vary. If the owner has not already done so, we strongly recommend that they retain a professional energy auditor to develop a detailed work scope and budget for improving the home. We also recommend the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program when considering home improvements.

[Comparing Results to Home's Utility Bill](#)



## Arkansas Electricity Generation (2013)

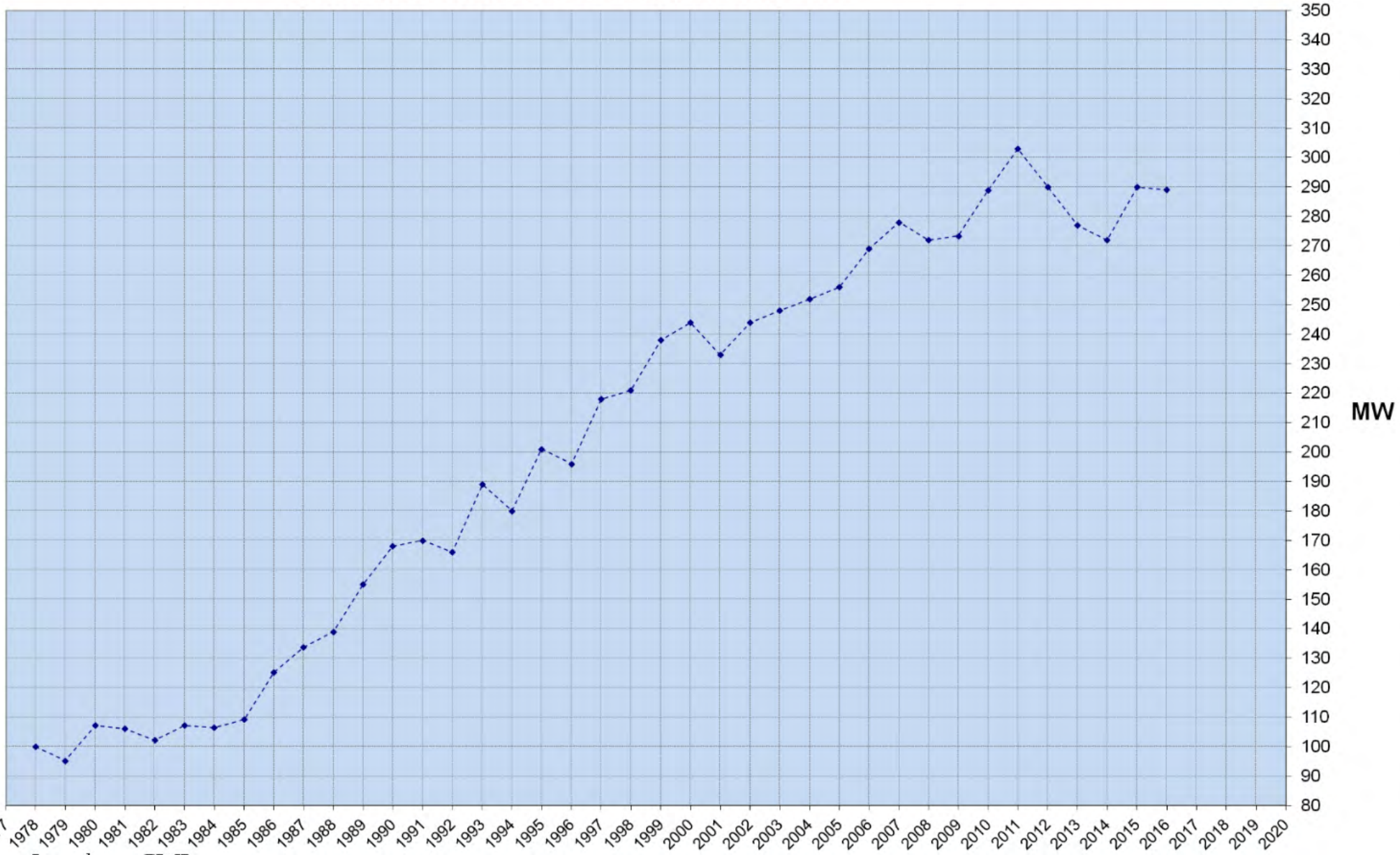
- Arkansas produced 68,000,000 metric tons of carbon emissions
- Transportation and industry contributed nearly half
- Energy sector reduces emissions 25% from 2014 due to increased use of natural gas and renewable energy mix



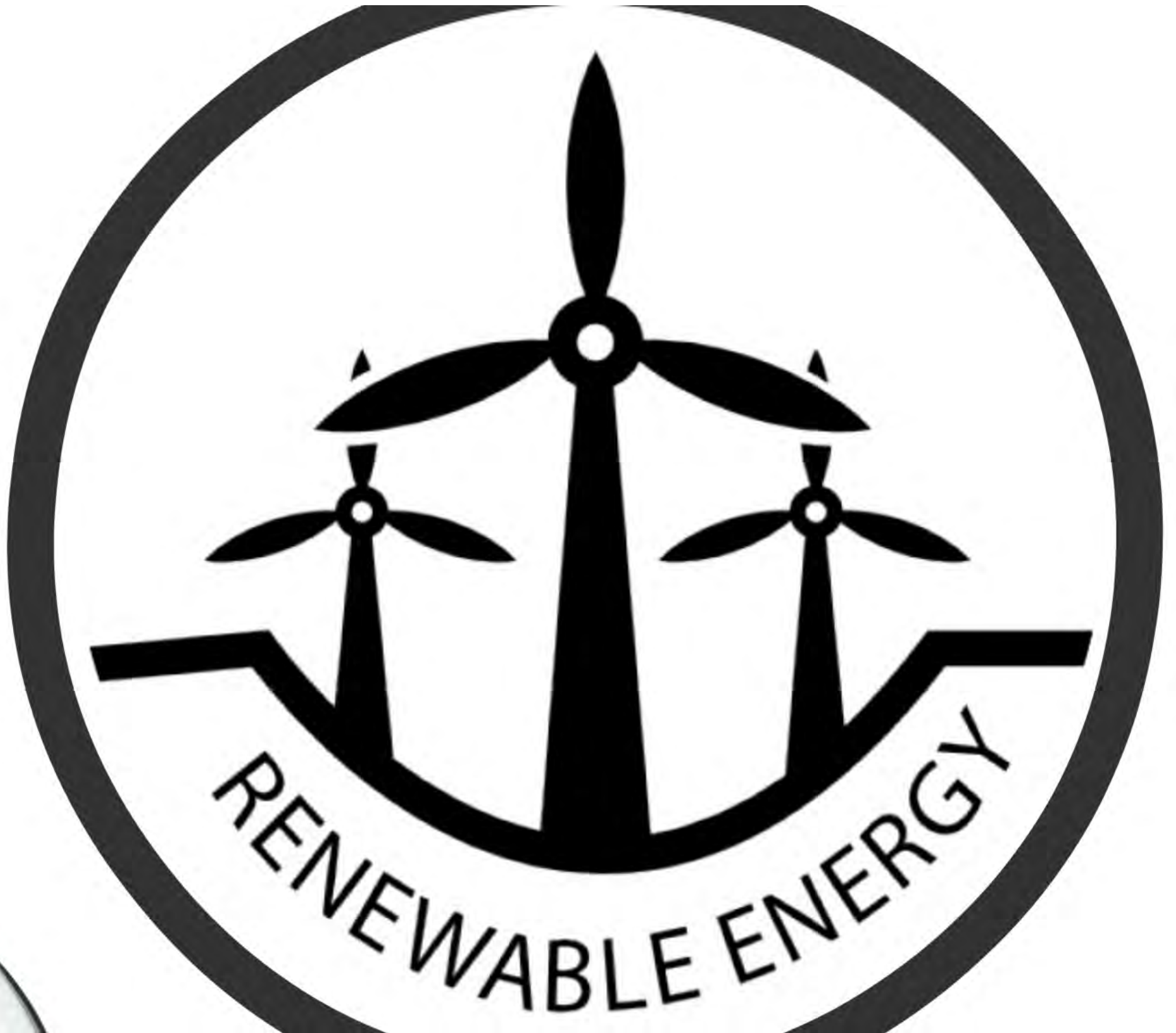
Source: [instituteeforenergyresearch.org](http://instituteeforenergyresearch.org)

\* Totals may not add to 100 percent due to rounding and the exclusion of very minor sources.

# Peak Electric Demand - Jonesboro 1978-2016



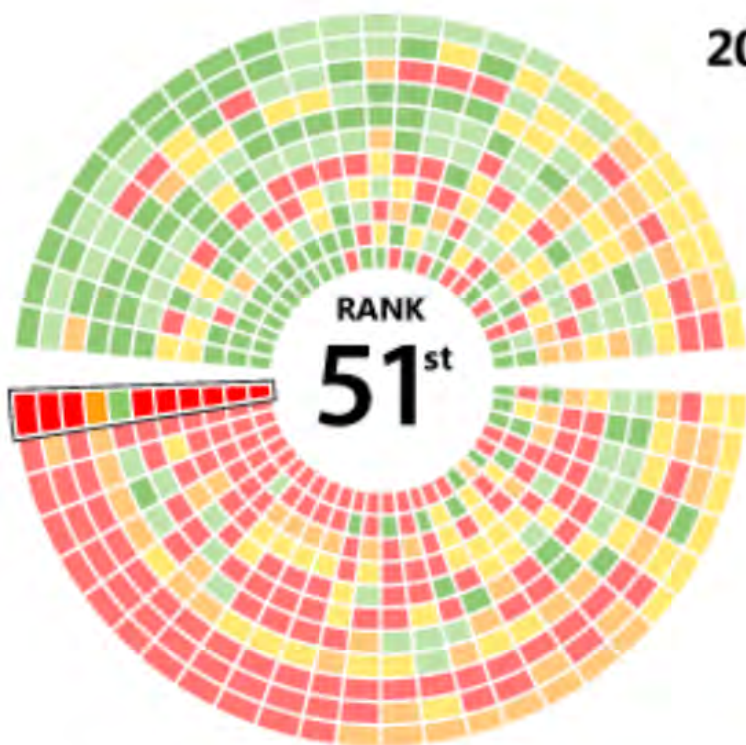
Source: Jonesboro CWL





# Arkansas

## 2016 SOLAR REPORT CARD



**Overall Grade:**

**F**

### Policy

- F** RPS Law
- F** Solar Carve-Out
- D** Electricity Cost
- B** Net Metering
- F** Interconnection

### Incentives

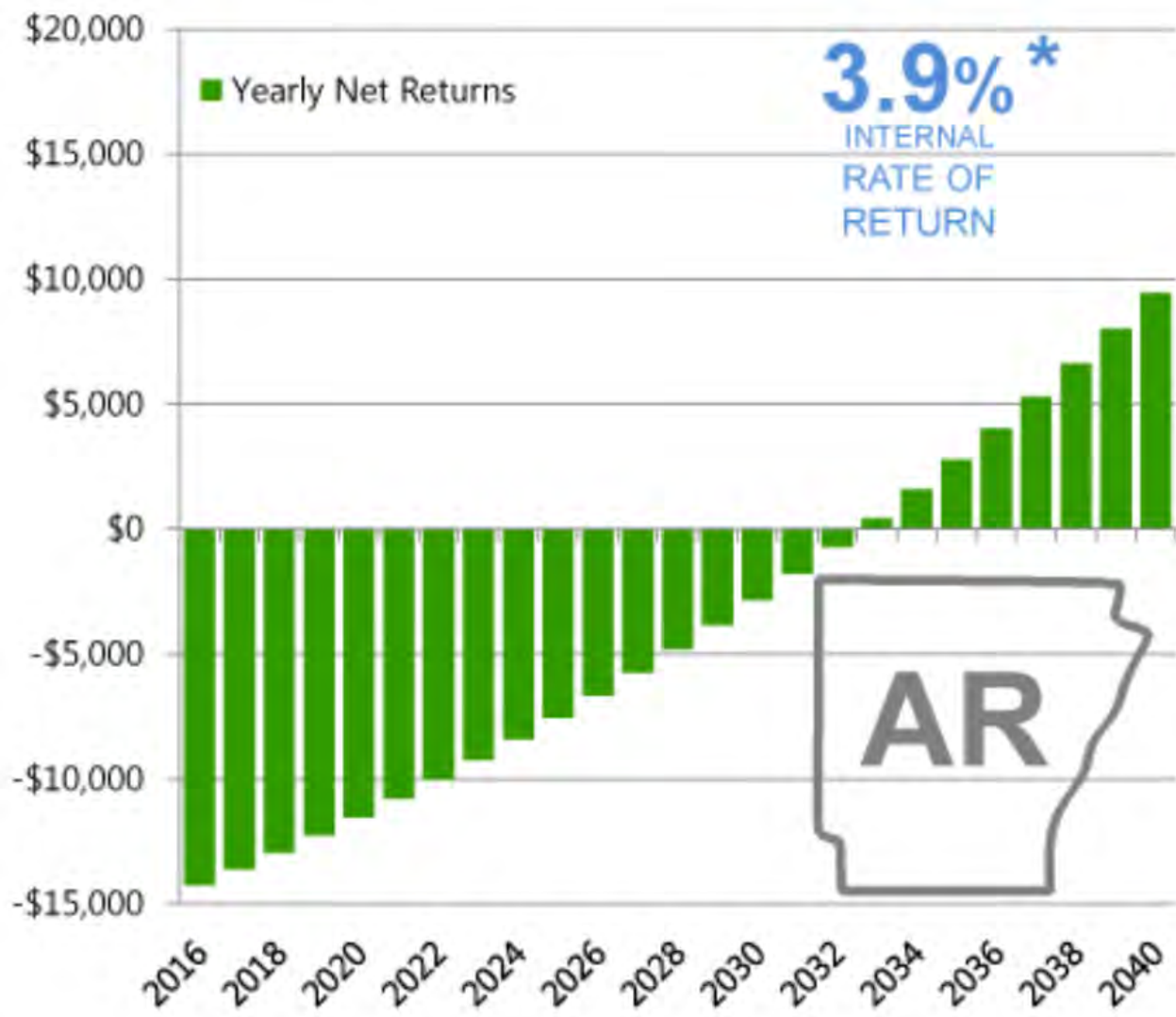
- F** Tax Credits
- F** Rebates
- F** Performance Payments
- F** Property Tax Exemption
- F** Sales Tax Exemption

**5-kW Solar Payback Time:**

**18 Years**

**Investment Return (IRR):**

**3.9%**



Upfront Cost  
**\$21,250**



Awesome Incentives  
**\$6,999**



First Year Cost  
**\$14,251**



- \$9,430** profit from 2028-2039
- \$12,480** increased home value
- \$52** monthly bill savings
- 113** happy trees



[www.SolarPowerRocks.com](http://www.SolarPowerRocks.com)

\* figure does not include increased home value

## ARKANSAS WIND, SOLAR PROJECTS IN THE ENERGY MIX

- 16.3 MW solar installed in AR in 2015, 640% increase over 2014
- 460 kW residential, 244 kW commercial, 15.5 MW utility-scale solar installed in 2015
- 20.1 MW total solar installed ranks AR 40th in U.S. for installed capacity
- 12 MW solar energy facility in Camden recently came online
- 81 MW solar energy facility in Stuttgart coming online in 2018
- For the first time in Arkansas, Ozarks Electric Cooperative of Fayetteville, is allowing its members a chance to purchase shares of solar output as a low-cost alternative to roof-top panels
- L'Oreal begins 1.2 MW array at their Little Rock facility
- 500 kW array in Van Buren soon to go online
- Proposed Clean Line Energy electric transmission venture expected to deliver up to 3,500 MW of wind power
- Four companies supporting the wind industry to open major facilities in AR creating 2,500 jobs

# PACE

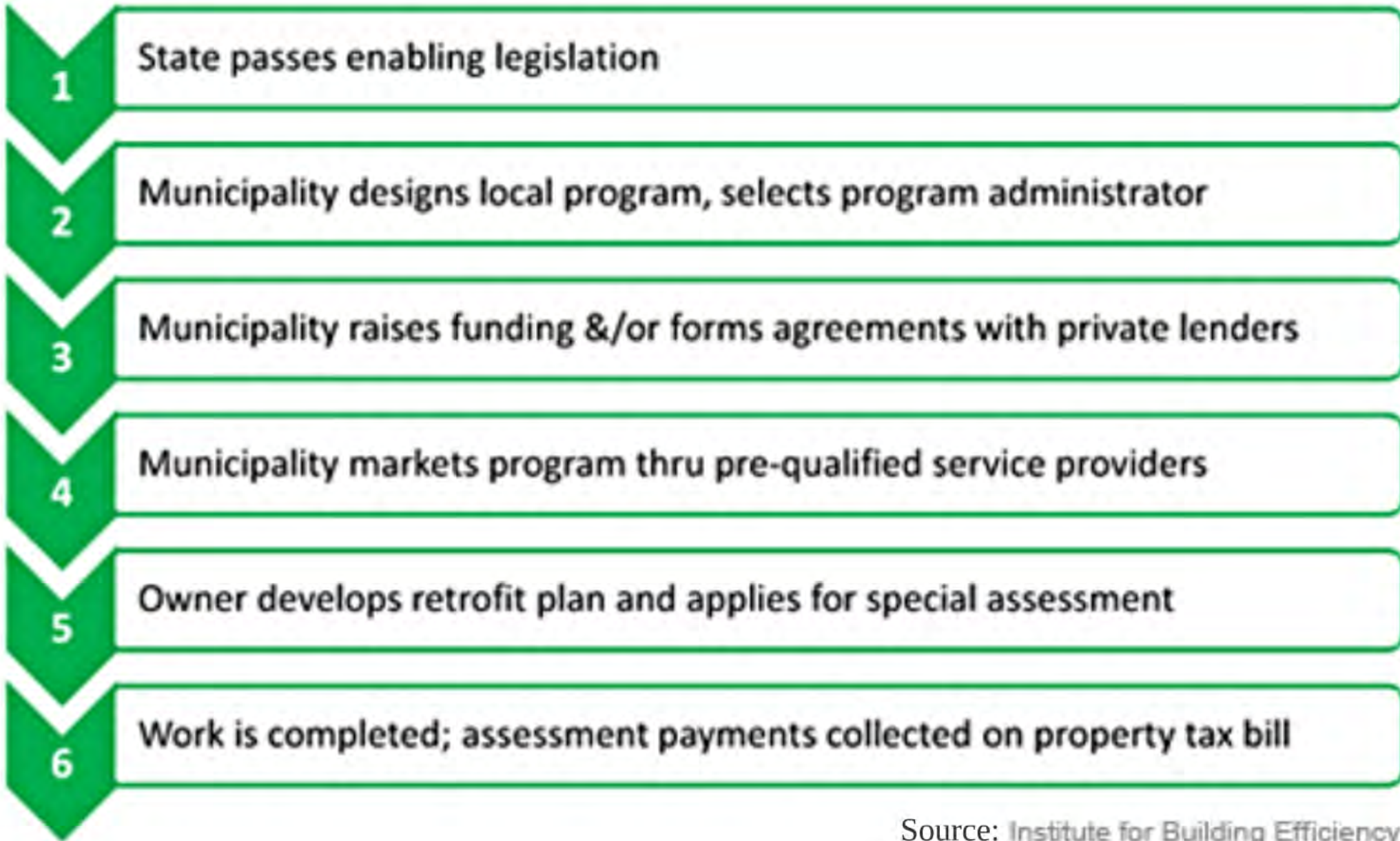
★Energy Efficiency ★Water Saving ★Clean Energy

- Average installed residential and commercial PV system prices have dropped by 48% from 2010
- Many Arkansans still unable to afford out-of-pocket expenses
- PACE financing allows for energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy installations at no up-front cost

Source: [www.SEIA.org](http://www.SEIA.org)



## The PACE Process



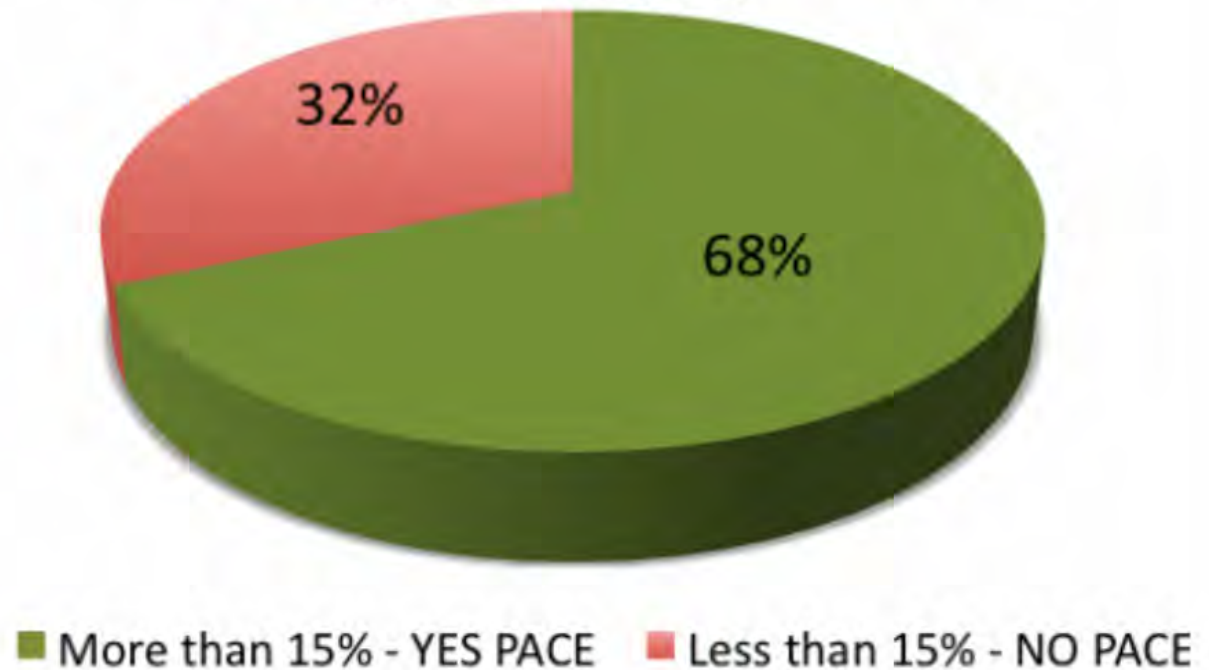
Source: Institute for Building Efficiency

## PACE Legislation Requirements

- Homeowner must have at least 15% positive equity.
- Projects capped at 10% of home value.
- Homeowner must have solid property tax payment history.
- PACE lien does not accelerate in event of default.
- Energy assessment must demonstrate projects pay for themselves.

**68% of US Homes have > 15% Positive Equity**

*Source: McDash Analytics LLC*



# Where is PACE Open for Business?



PACE Equity





## **Use less energy**

Minimising the demand for energy & cut unnecessary use, for example switching off the television when not watching or boiling the required amount of water in a kettle

## **Use efficiently**

consume optimally such as using energy efficient lights, insulating the loft, double glazing the windows, draft proofing doors and windows

## **Use renewable energy**

use energy from renewable resources such as solar photovoltaic, solar hot-water panels, ground source heat pumps etc. or alternatively buying electricity from renewable energy suppliers





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