

Energy Efficiency Workforce Analysis

Rhode Island 2021

KEY FINDINGS



FTEs

1,011 full-time equivalent workers (FTEs) were associated with Rhode Island energy efficiency programs in 2021. An FTE is assumed to work 1,768 hours per year.



Percentage Increase

The number of FTEs working on these programs increased by 22% relative to 2020.



Drivers of Increase

This increase was driven largely by reduced COVID-19 restrictions and increased EnergyWise participation over planned levels.

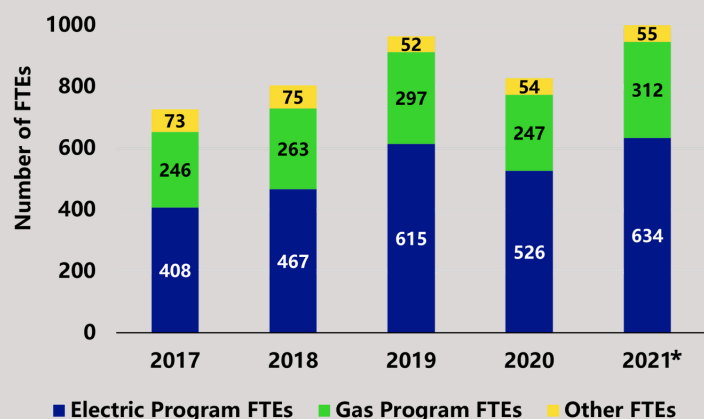


Emerging Opportunities

Vendors noted a shift away from lighting measures and anticipate a shift towards mechanical upgrades. The Narragansett Electric Company can help facilitate this shift by providing training resources for mechanical contractors. As one vendor put it, "heat pumps are the new light bulbs."

BACKGROUND

The Energy Efficiency Workforce Analysis Report quantifies the workforce involved in delivering The Narragansett Electric Company's Rhode Island programs in 2021. Guidehouse identified the number of full-time equivalent workers (or FTEs) by scaling 2020 FTEs by an indicator of change in program activity – the ratio of spending in 2021 relative to spending in 2020. Manual adjustments were made to these calculations based on interviews with The Narragansett Electric Company staff and vendors.



* Other FTEs refer to non-program specific FTEs such as marketing and The Narragansett Electric Company's administrative, non-program specific staff.

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