

A Vision for the 2020 Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS)



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Topics for today

- RECS: History, Purpose, Uses
- Highlights from the 2015 RECS: Setting the stage for the program's future
- 2020 RECS and state-level estimates



RECS is the only nationwide, benchmark study of household energy use

- Initiated in 1978
- Draws responses from a national, representative sample of housing units
- Each RECS includes multiple data collections and estimation phases
 - Household Survey
 - Customer energy bill collection (Energy Supplier Surveys)
 - Energy end-use modeling
- 2020 RECS will be the 15th study

Household Survey includes over 200 items in a 30-minute questionnaire

YOUR HOME

APPLIANCES

ELECTRONICS

SPACE HEATING

AIR CONDITIONING

WATER HEATING

LIGHTING

ENERGY PROGRAMS

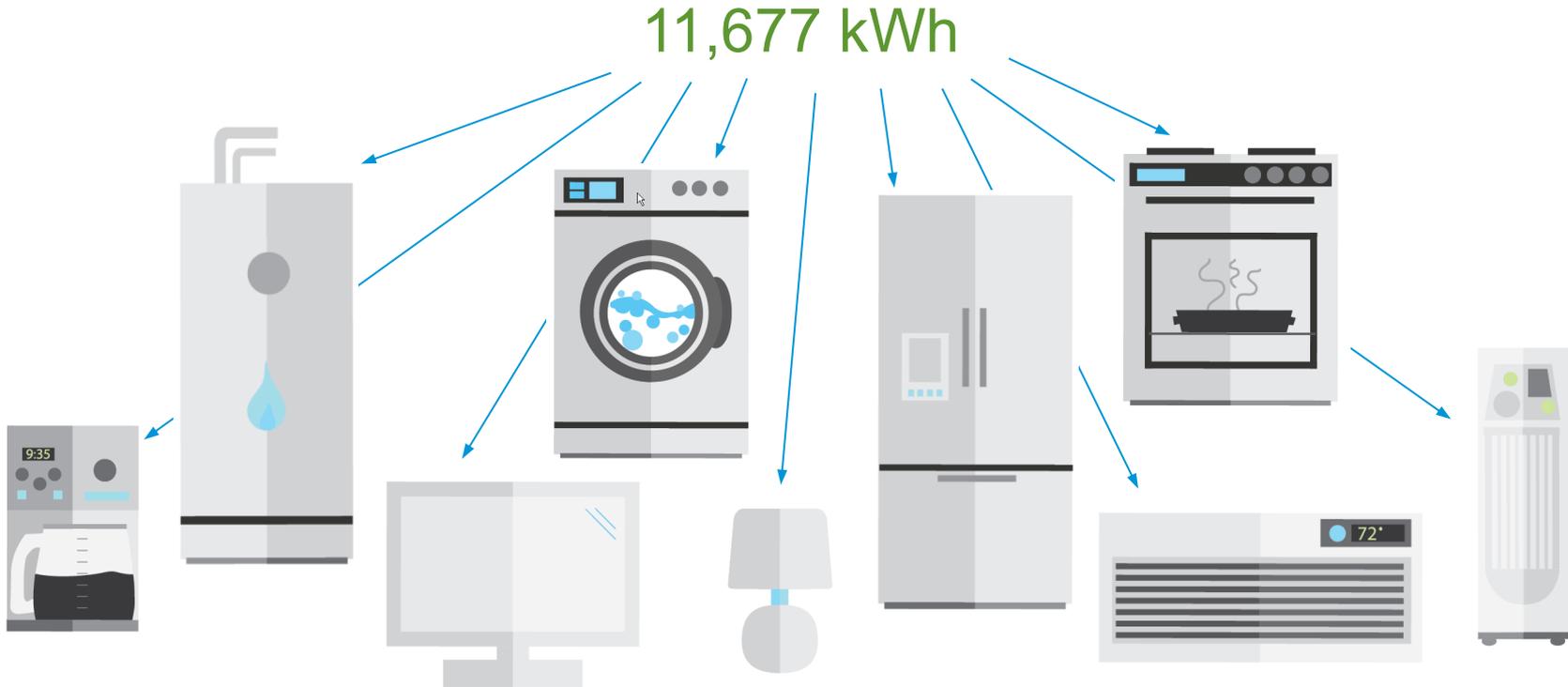
ENERGY BILLS

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

ENERGY SUPPLIERS AND USE

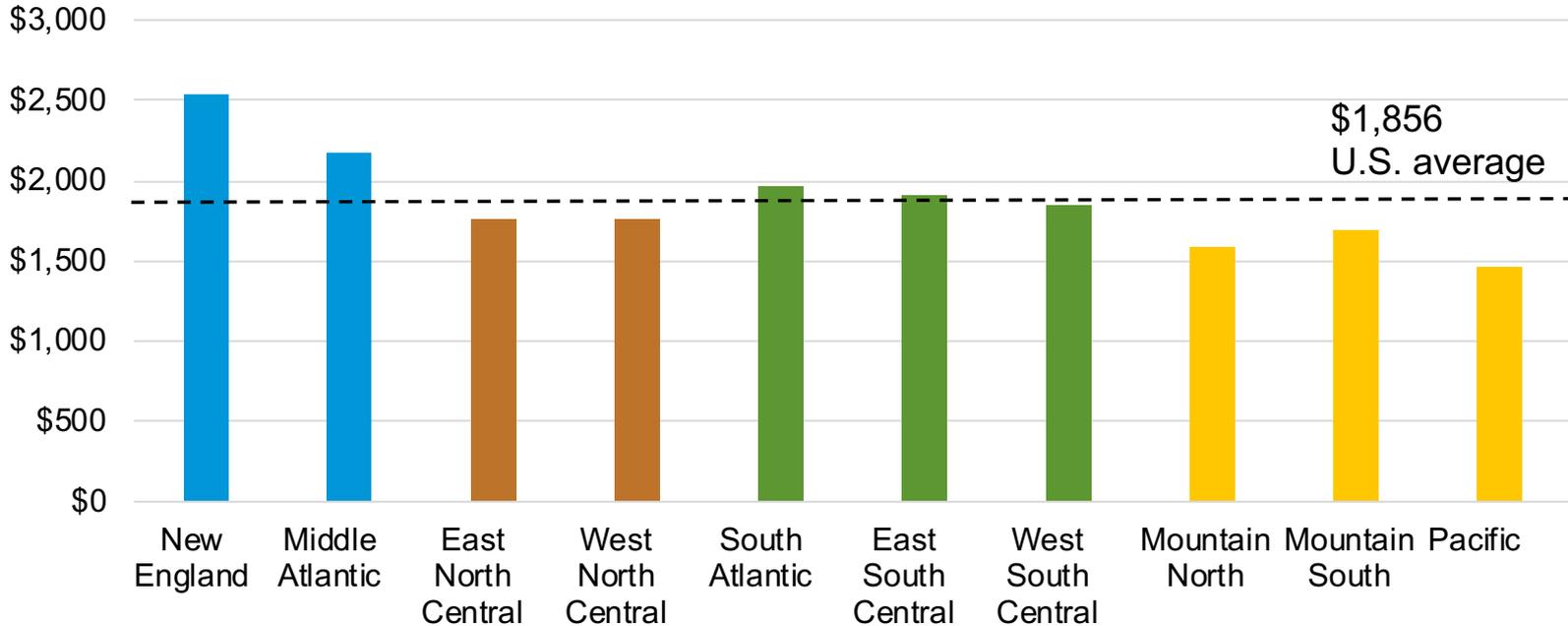
Disaggregate annual fuel totals into energy end-use estimates



2015 RECS Results

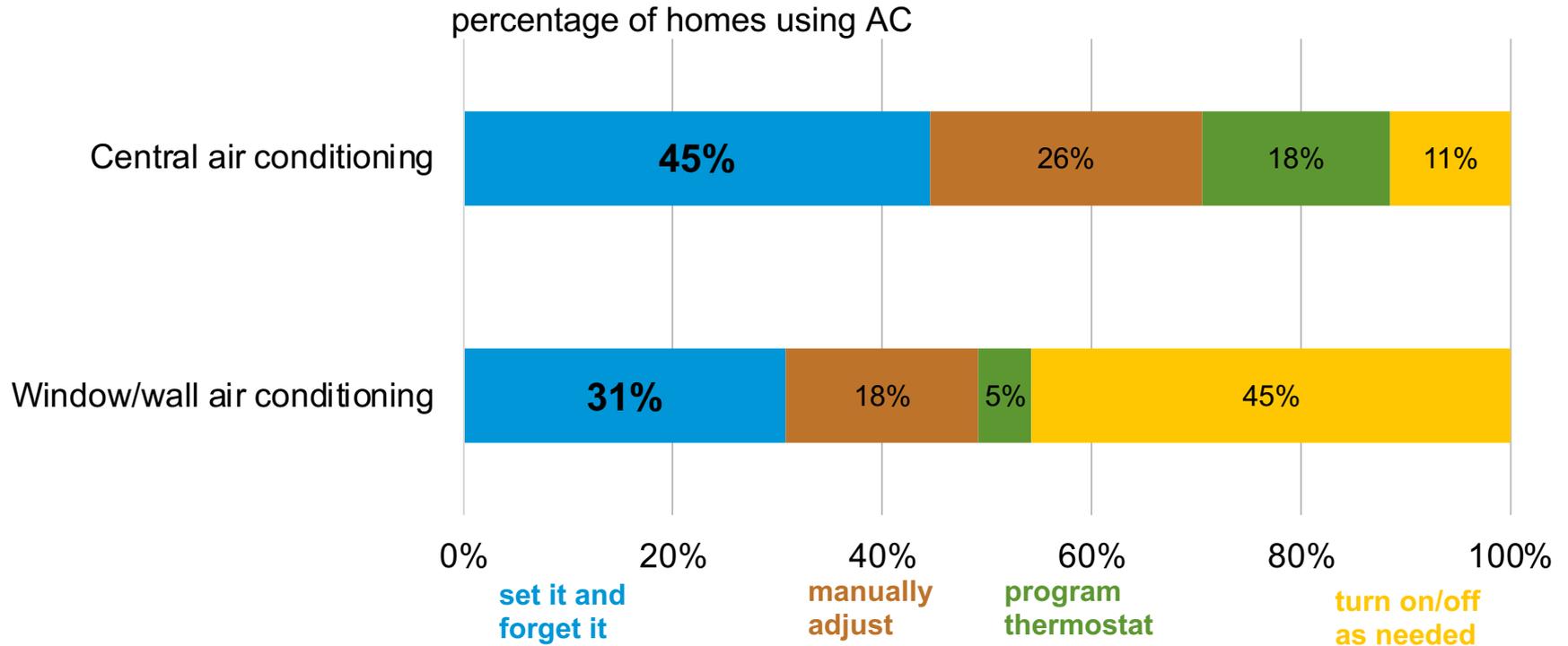
Household energy costs were highest in New England, lowest along the West coast

Average household energy expenditures, 2015



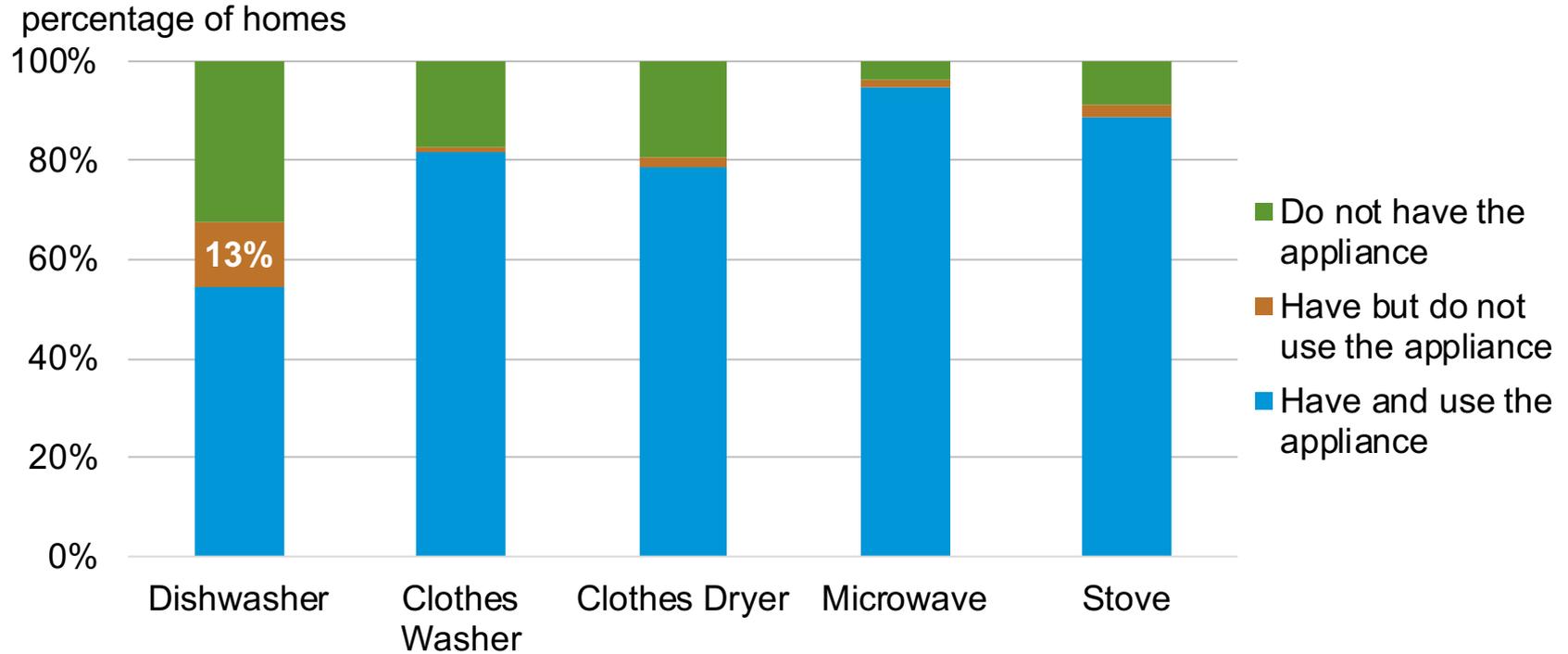
Source: EIA, 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Survey

“Set it and forget it” was most common method for controlling central AC systems



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Dishwashers were the most frequently unused appliance

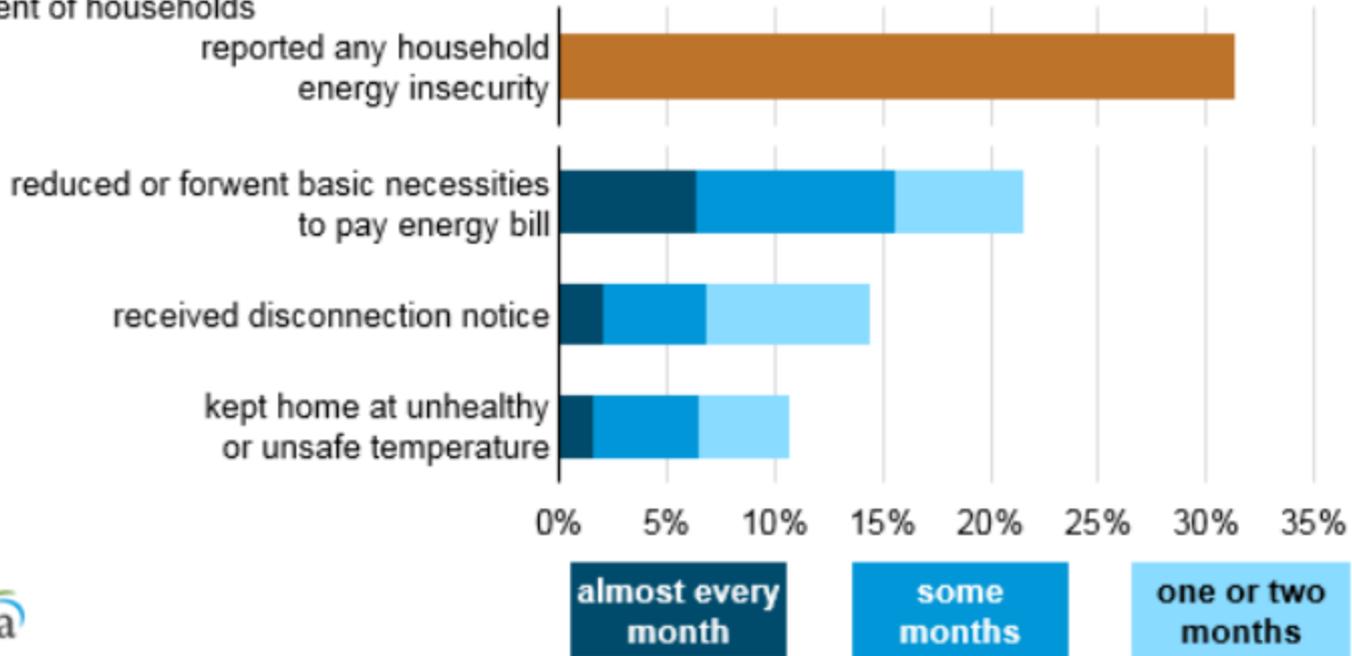


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One in three households faces a challenge in meeting energy needs

Households that experienced energy insecure situations, 2015

percent of households



Source: EIA, 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Survey

2015 RECS featured two key innovations

Web/mail modes

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION SURVEY
A Nationwide Study of Energy Use in American Homes
To be completed by the adult who is most knowledgeable about your home.



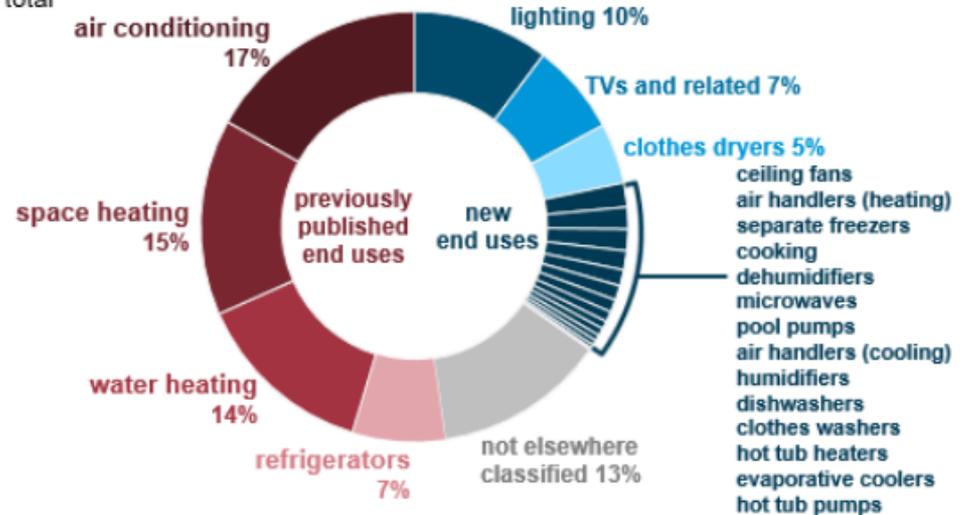
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Expanded end-use estimation program

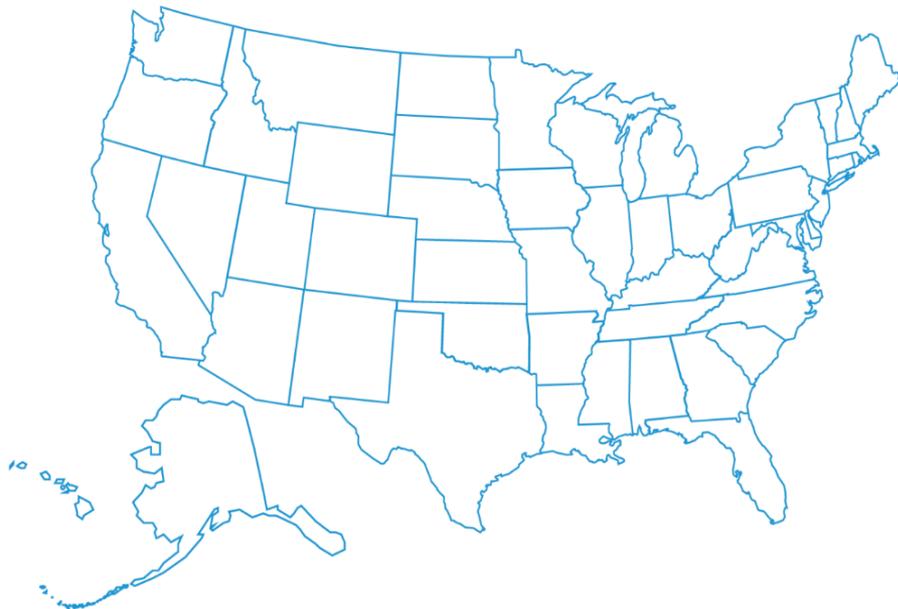
Residential electricity consumption by end use, 2015
percent of total



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Survey

2020 RECS to include largest sample ever

- Key household energy metrics for all 50 states and DC
- Targeting responses from about 20,000 households
- Greater precision for ALL estimates
- Analysis of emerging topics
 - Electric vehicles
 - Electrification
 - Smart devices



Discussion Topic: Reviving RECS state-level estimates

- How could expanded state-level estimates benefit you?
- What topics are most important to states? How does that vary by state?
- What opportunities exist for partnerships and to leverage related data sources?

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