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MASSACHUSETTS
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INDUSTRY REPORT







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# **ABOUT MASSCEC**

Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is accelerating the clean energy transformation and powering the climatetech economy.

MassCEC works closely with our partners across state government, including the state's Executive Offices of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Economic Development, Labor and Workforce Development, and the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience. The Commonwealth's whole-of-government approach to climate action, led by Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll, has positioned Massachusetts as a national leader in combating the climate challenge.

A state economic development agency,
MassCEC works to spur job creation, deliver
statewide environmental benefits, and secure
long-term economic growth for the people of
Massachusetts.

MassCEC is governed by a Board of Directors, chaired by Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. The agency fosters collaboration among industry, state government and municipalities, higher education institutions and schools, community-based organizations, labor, and the financial sector to advance the state's clean energy and climatetech economy.

MassCEC has a proven track record of identifying and supporting promising climate solutions. We specialize in funding early-stage technology crucial for reducing carbon emissions and protecting communities from the impacts of climate change. Our program teams and partners are breaking down barriers by accelerating the adoption of new commercially ready climate technologies, creating

and scaling business models, and developing and supporting critical clean energy infrastructure.

We're committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive clean energy and climatetech industry anchored by a workforce that produces good jobs and fulfilling careers.

Improving the quality of life for residents and strengthening local economies is central to our mission. Our work is rooted in the belief that every resident of Massachusetts should benefit from clean energy and climate innovation.

Most of the infrastructure we own supports the Commonwealth's growing offshore wind industry, an energy source vital to achieving our climate goals. MassCEC's Wind Technology Testing Center in Charlestown, the only facility of its kind in North America, conducts endurance testing for commercial-scale wind blades. MassCEC's New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal, the nation's first purpose-built offshore wind port, recently launched an expansion and improvement project to meet the increasing demands of the industry and position the facility as a clean energy asset for years to come. In August 2024, MassCEC broke ground on the Salem Offshore Wind Terminal, sparking the transformation of a former oil- and coal-fired power plant into Massachusetts' second offshore wind port.

Together with partners and communities across Massachusetts, we're building a clean energy and climatetech industry that will meet the climate challenge and unlock economic opportunities for generations to come. For more information about our work, visit our website at masscec.com.

All MassCEC metrics since 2010 and the MassCEC Spotlight Metrics were compiled from awardee data and other internal data sources

# SINCE 2010 MASSCEC HAS:\*



Awarded \$788M through clean energy programs and investments and attracted over \$2.8B in private and federal capital.



Supported 6,500+ internships for college and vocational students with 670+ clean energy employers, 67% of which were women and minority interns.



Tested **57** wind turbine blades at the Wind Technology Testing Center, generating over **\$28M** in revenue.



Developed the **1st** purpose-built port in the U.S. for staging and deployment of offshore wind projects.



Supported the verification of 23 M renewable, solar, thermal, and clean peak certificates, accounting for transactions exceeding \$5.6B in revenue to Massachusetts residents and business owners.

# **MASSCEC FOCUS AREAS**



# **Emerging Climatetech**

We help new climate-focused businesses grow faster by backing a vibrant community of researchers, startups, and established industry players - creating an ecosystem where they connect and thrive.



# Accelerating Decarbonization

We contribute to meeting our state's ambitious climate goals by tackling barriers to widespread use of clean energy and climate technology in buildings, transportation, and the grid.



# Large Scale Deployment: Offshore Wind & Solar

We're building a cutting-edge offshore wind industry, marshaling world-class ports, while addressing supply chain and workforce development challenges.



# Clean Energy & Climate Workforce Development

We're growing a diverse and talented clean energy workforce by supporting a dynamic network of community-based organizations, labor, training providers, schools, and employers committed to a sustainable future for all.

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"From Brockton to the Berkshires, my experiences over the past year have made me more optimistic than ever that a clean energy future is within our grasp and that we are well-positioned to make Massachusetts the climate innovation hub for the world!"

-Emily Reichert, Ph.D., MassCEC Chief Executive Officer

# EMILY REICHERT | NOTE FROM THE CEO

I am proud to present MassCEC's 2024 Massachusetts Clean Energy Industry Report!

Over the past year, I've had the privilege to travel to communities across the Commonwealth, visiting climatetech companies and manufacturing facilities, touring world-class labs and high school clean energy training programs, and meeting with the hard-working individuals responsible for our progress towards our climate goals.

This annual report provides an in-depth look at Massachusetts' growing clean energy industry and highlights the collaborative steps we're taking to stimulate economic development across the state. In the following pages, you'll read about the talented workers and thriving businesses driving this industry forward. I'm also thrilled to share that we'll expand next year's report to include the entire climatetech industry in Massachusetts, not just clean energy.

Thanks to the leadership of the Healey-Driscoll Administration and Massachusetts Legislature, we are taking a whole-of-government approach to achieve our climate goals and strengthen this growing industry. In addition, MassCEC is partnering with the private sector to develop solutions that will drive down emissions globally while creating jobs here at home. We want climatetech and clean energy companies to stay and scale in Massachusetts, and we have a time-limited opportunity to make it happen. Spurred by the passage of the Mass Leads Act of 2024, we're on track to make a significant and strategic investment not only in the climate solutions that will emerge from these companies but also in massive economic opportunities for our cities and towns.

Our collective work is already paying off. The clean energy industry has experienced 100% job growth since 2010. Massachusetts is home to 115,291 direct clean energy jobs, with the industry further supporting an additional 118,136 jobs.

But we must continue this momentum to lower costs, secure energy independence, and protect communities from the worst impacts of climate change. To meet our climate goals, we know we must add 28,000 more workers to the industry by 2030.

MassCEC is working hard every day to make that happen.

Last fall, I had the pleasure of visiting with students and educators at Brockton High School to announce more than \$16 million in MassCEC workforce development grant awards. These grants will support business creation and expansion, helping more than 200 Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses (MWBEs) in industries whose workers, like electricians and HVAC technicians, are essential to meeting our climate goals. For example, IBEW Local 103

and the National Electrical Contractors Association will develop a program to empower MWBE contractors, setting them up for success in the clean energy market. Additionally, the grants will ensure over **1,850** participants will benefit from training programs, focusing on Environmental Justice communities. Finally, the funding will raise awareness of clean energy careers for over **600** learners and provide improved training access and modern equipment for over **1,700** students and job seekers.

While at Brockton High, I had the opportunity to meet with auto shop students who were excited to learn how to repair electric vehicles and another group of students who participated in the school's summer solar energy program. Who knew clean energy could be the subject that would drive students to school in the summer? These young leaders and their aspirations to make positive change with their career choice truly inspired me, and I know that one day we will have them to thank for powering our clean energy transformation.

From Brockton to the Berkshires, my experiences over the past year have made me more optimistic than ever that a clean energy future is within our grasp and that we are well-positioned to make Massachusetts the climate innovation hub for the world!

There is much to look forward to in 2025. I encourage you to reach out to our team at MassCEC to explore how we can support your business, career, or community. We have a lot of work ahead, but Massachusetts has a history of tackling big problems with innovative ideas and a revolutionary spirit, and our response to the climate challenge will be no different.

Onwards,

Emily Reichert, Ph.D.,
Chief Executive Officer



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** 



# **2024 INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

The Massachusetts clean energy industry has seen continued growth in jobs, businesses, and economic impact. Sustained expansion of the industry across sectors, subsectors, and the value chain will be critical to meeting the state's clean energy and climate goals.

115,291

n

100% industry job growth (57,610 workers) since 2010



5%

(or 5,226) increase in jobs since 2023 compared to a 1% increase in overall jobs in MA



3% of all MA jobs are in the clean energy industry.

Massachusetts



4% of national clean energy jobs are in MA vs. only 2% of the U.S. population. CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATETECH ECONOMIC IMPACT



#1

in U.S. climatetech startups per capita.



#2

for solar jobs in the U.S.



#2

for clean energy storage jobs per capita.

MA CLEAN ENERGY GROWTH OUTSIDE GREATER BOSTON:



9%+

job growth in both the Central Mass and Pioneer Valley Workforce Skills Cabinet regions since 2023.

\$15B

in Gross State Product contributed from direct clean energy jobs in 2023, or 2% of the state's overall GSP that year.

\$3.4B

invested in early stage MA climatetech companies in 2023.

\$59M

in public grant funding received by all clean energy companies, researchers, and innovators in MA in 2023.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** 233,427 total direct, indirect, and induced jobs supported by the clean energy industry. 7,512 clean energy businesses in Massachusetts. \$36.8B in Gross State Product generated by 233,427 total direct, indirect, and induced jobs supported by the clean energy industry.



# **CLEAN ENERGY JOBS BY** SECTOR, SUBSECTOR, & **VALUE CHAIN**

nationally for the highest rate of growth in Electric Vehicle jobs in 2024.

#1

22%

increase in Clean Transportation jobs since 2023.

66%

of clean energy jobs are in the **Energy Efficiency, Demand Management, and Clean Heating** and Cooling sector.

28%

of clean energy jobs are in the Installation segment of the value chain, which experienced the highest rate of growth since 2023.

SUB-SECTORS THAT EXPERIENCED

Between 2023-2024 reports

**GREATEST INCREASE IN JOBS** 



**Electric Vehicles** 23%



Advanced & Recycled Building Materials



Clean, High Efficiency, & ENERGY STAR **Heating and Cooling** 

# **CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS INSIGHTS**

74%

of businesses are located outside of **Greater Boston.** 

**58%** 

of businesses are small, with 10 or fewer workers.

**53%** 

of businesses are focused on Energy **Efficiency, Demand Management,** and Clean Heating and Cooling.

37%

of employers found it very difficult to hire qualified workers.



energy occupations

vs. the average MA hourly wage.

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# **MASSACHUSETTS IS A LEADER**

# #1

- On the Clean Energy Community Power Scorecard
- In U.S. climatetech startups per capita B
- Most educated U.S. state across degree levels<sup>c</sup>
- Most environmentally friendly state
- Highest rate of growth in electric vehicle jobs in the U.S. E

# #2

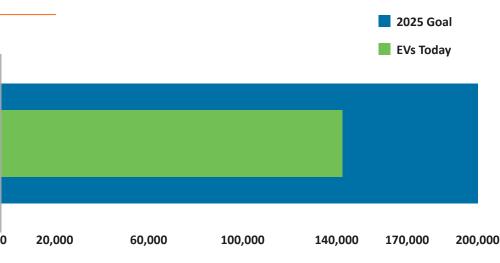
- For overall innovation in the U.S.
- For solar jobs in the U.S. E
- For clean energy jobs as a percentage of of total state employment <sup>E</sup>
- For clean energy storage jobs per capita E
- For energy efficiency policy and implementation <sup>6</sup>
- A. Institute for Local Self-Reliance (2023)
- B. Boston Consulting Group provided based on Powerhouse | The Geography of Climate Tech: Findings from Powerhouse's Data. 2. 2022-23 (>3k total). Boston Consulting Group Greentech Portal informed by natural language processing of United States Patent and Trademark Office filing data.
- C. U.S. Census American Community Survey, based on HS diploma, Bachelor's, and advanced degree attainment.
- D. Forbes Sustainability Index ranking of 50 states' environmental policy based on water use, energy use, solar friendliness.
- E. U.S. Department of Energy USEER Report (2024)
- F. WalletHub (2024)
- G. American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy



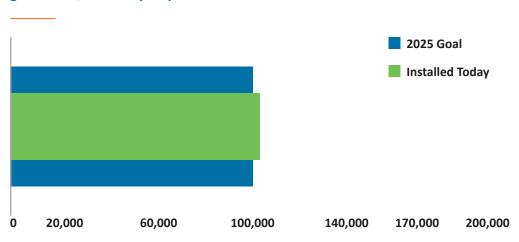
## **MASSACHUSETTS CLIMATE GOALS**

Massachusetts has demonstrated its leadership by setting a goal to fully decarbonize the state's electricity generation and reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Commonwealth has made progress in decarbonizing the electric grid, buildings, and vehicles, but more needs to be done to ensure the state meets its ambitious and critical goals. MassCEC and its state government partners are poised to help tackle the most difficult challenges to achieving this climate goal, including testing and demonstrating new technologies and business models, supporting budding climatetech startups, supporting complex supply chains, engaging and informing consumers, and training a diverse and equitable workforce.

As of March 1, 2025, there were 143,425 electric vehicles in Massachusetts, relative to the 2025 goal of 200,000. x



As of 12/31/2024, there were over 103,000 homes with heat pumps installed in Massachusetts since 2020, relative to the 2025 goal of 100,000 heat pumps.<sup>x</sup>



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X 2024 Massachusetts Climate Report Card: "www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-clean-energy-and-climate-metrics".



# MASSACHUSETTS LEADERSHIP IN OFFSHORE WIND

Offshore wind will be the Commonwealth's largest source of clean energy to meet the increased demands of electrification. MassCEC provides pivotal support to the offshore wind industry through work that accelerates the responsible development of offshore wind projects while increasing the role of Massachusetts companies, institutions, and workers in the industry.

As part of this work, MassCEC has entered into a unique private-public partnership with Crowley Wind Services and the City of Salem to redevelop the site of a former oil- and coal-fired power plant, transforming it into the Salem Offshore Wind Terminal. When complete, this site will be the second purpose-built port specifically designed to support the construction of offshore wind in Massachusetts. The Salem Offshore Wind Terminal will support both fixed-bottom wind projects as well as the construction and installation of floating offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine.

To Learn More: www.masscec.com/masscec-focus/offshore-wind/infrastructure

The first dedicated offshore wind port in Massachusetts is the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal, which is owned and operated by MassCEC. Vineyard Wind began its lease of the Terminal in January 2023 and in January 2024 announced the delivery of the first offshore wind power in the state.



A 2023 report found that Vineyard Wind's reported numbers for the Vineyard Wind 1 project doubled the initial projections in both jobs created and economic output, a fact attributed partly to a longer than expected development period and changes to the overall project parameters. X

# **Gulf of Maine**

## **Planning Process**

- Four areas leased in 2024 auction.
- BOEM, states, developers, and stakeholders planning for future floating wind projects.

# **Southern New England**

Largest Offshore Wind Area in U.S.

- Informed by 15 years of stakeholder engagement, wildlife surveys, and metocean data collection
- More than 14GW of renewable energy capacity to serve regional markets
- 1 project operating, 2 projects in construction, 6 projects in development

## Massachusetts Offshore Wind

5.6 GW Authorized

- 2 GW awarded in state's 4<sup>th</sup> procurement
- 20+ GW needed to meet climate goals

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# **TOTAL CLEAN ENERGY JOBS**

Total clean energy jobs in Massachusetts have increased to **115,291**, after a brief decline due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and doubled in size since 2010. XY Between 2010 and 2023, the Commonwealth's clean energy industry added a net **57,610** jobs, which accounts for **12%** of all net jobs created in the state during that same time.

# MA clean energy industry ranks nationally:



#2 for total jobs relative to number of overall jobs



#3
total jobs per capit



Total clean energy jobs in Massachusetts have increased 13% following COVID-19 induced job losses in 2021, while total employment in the state has grown 0.02%.<sup>2</sup>



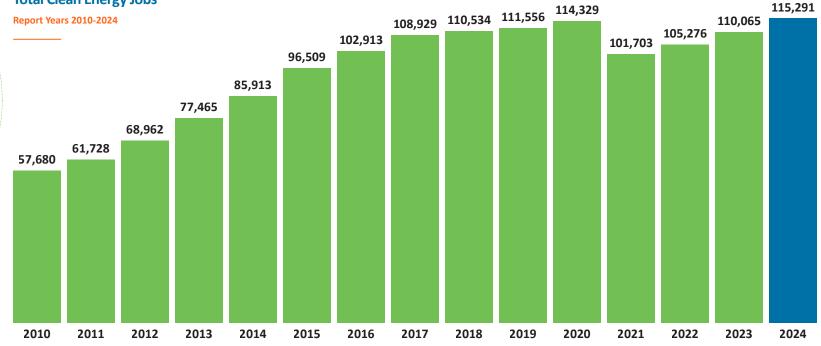
X This report defines a clean energy worker as a person who spends some portion of their time working in renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation, or other carbon management technologies. Only those workers who are directly supporting clean energy activities, such as conducting research, manufacturing products, performing installations, or repairing and maintaining clean energy systems are included as clean energy workers. However, the impact of the industry is significantly greater than these "direct" jobs alone.

Y The definition of clean energy has been updated from previous reports to remove Woody Biomass and include Hybrid Electric and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles, along with Hydropower. Previous year's figures have been updated to this definition unless otherwise noted.

Z Annual job numbers are based on 4th quarter averages from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on the Massachusetts labor market, clean energy jobs have fully recovered from pandemic-related losses. Between the 2023 and 2024 reports, clean energy businesses added 5,226 jobs, which is a 5% increase as compared to 1% growth of the overall state economy of the same time frame.\*\*

# **Total Clean Energy Jobs**



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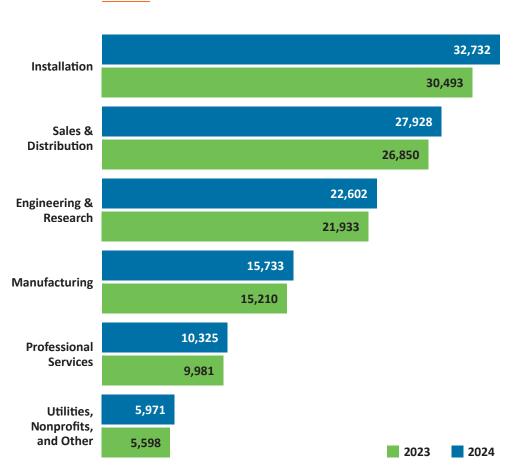
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# **CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY JOBS BY VALUE CHAIN SEGMENT**

All parts of the clean energy industry value chain continued to grow, adding jobs between the 2023 and 2024 reports. Businesses with a primary focus on Installation represent the largest portion of the industry, and experienced the highest growth rate (7%), adding 2,239 workers.XY

Although the Utilities, Nonprofits, and Other segment represents the smallest portion of the value chain, it also experienced a 7% increase in jobs (373 jobs). The second largest value chain segment, Sales & Distribution, grew by 4% (1,078 jobs).

Over 28% of clean energy jobs are in the Installation segment of the value chain, which also experienced the highest rate of growth between the 2023-2024 Reports.



# **CLEAN ENERGY JOBS BY SECTOR**

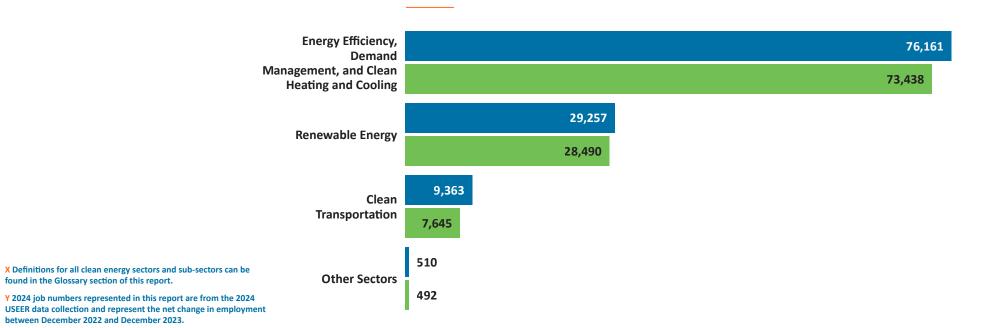
Clean Transportation saw the greatest growth rate at 22%, adding 1,719 jobs. This is attributed to the increasing number of Electric Vehicle jobs, which aligns with a national trend.XY

The Renewable Energy sector grew by 3% and the Energy Efficiency, Demand Management, and Clean Heating and Cooling sector grew by 4%.

While the Energy Efficiency, Demand Management, and Clean Heating and Cooling sector continues to have the largest number of jobs (68%), Clean Transportation now represents 8% of clean energy jobs, an increase from 4% in the 2023 report.



All clean energy sectors experienced job growth between the 2023-2024 Reports



X Definitions for all clean energy value chains, sectors, and subsectors can be found in the Glossary of this report.

Y 2024 job numbers represented in this report are from the 2024 USEER data collection and represent the net change in employment

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found in the Glossary section of this report.

etween December 2022 and December 2023.



# MODERNIZING THE ELECTRIC GRID

The majority of our country's electric grid was built in the 1960s and 1970s and it is increasingly apparent that it is ill-equipped to address the needs of a changing climate. It was not designed to accommodate distributed renewable energy generation, energy storage, increased electrification of buildings and transportation, and more frequent and higher intensity weather and natural disasters. The grid must be upgraded and modernized, but questions remain about how to do it equitably and cost-effectively.

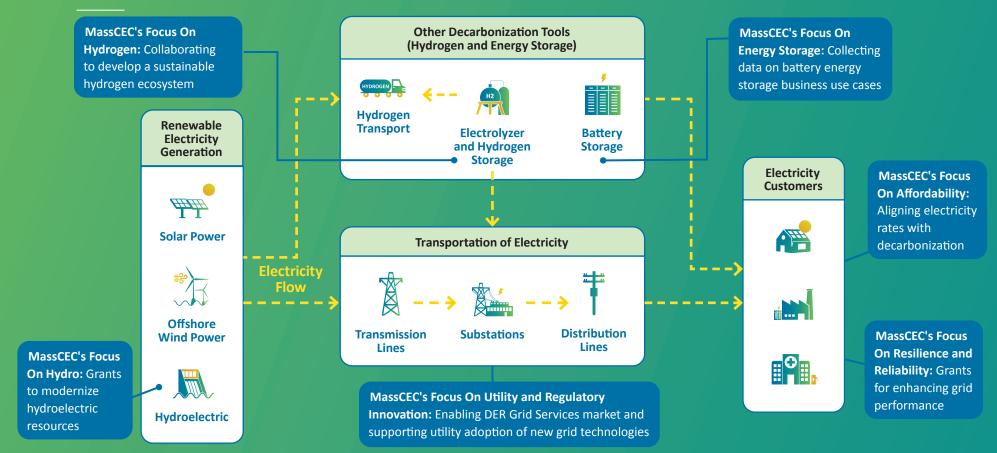
To Learn More: www.masscec.com/masscec-focus/net-zero-grid

The future electric grid is one is an electric grid that enables a decarbonized energy system and supports:

- Massachusetts' 2050 climate goals
- High levels of reliability, resilience, efficiency, and flexibility
- Pathways for innovative solutions
- An equitable energy transition

MassCEC's Net Zero Grid program helps Massachusetts stakeholders answer some of these difficult questions and develop innovative solutions to equitably meet our climate goals.

MassCEC's Net Zero Grid programs span the electric grid



# Tracking key barriers to modernizing the electric grid

Cost is one of the key barriers to our transition to a future grid, and utilizing the flexibility of distributed energy resources (DERs) is one solution to make the grid more cost efficient. MassCEC's Grid Services Study is a multistakeholder project that will create a new method for compensating DERs for responding to grid needs, and an implementation plan for how to maximize the value of DERs to the distribution grid. This work, which will unlock additional opportunities for virtual power plants to develop and support the grid, is conducted in partnership with the Massachusetts investor owned utilities (National Grid, Eversource, and Unitil), the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, and the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General.

# Accelerating the adoption of key grid technologies

Grid resilience, or the ability of the electric grid to prepare for, withstand, and recover from disruptive events, will become increasingly important as homes, businesses, and transportation electrify and are more dependent on the grid. MassCEC will deploy \$13.5M in federal funds to support projects that equitably enhance the resilience and reliability of Massachusetts' grid, support the state's clean energy and decarbonization goals, and create good paying jobs.

Emerging grid technologies (gridtech) will be pivotal in the grid transition, helping to optimize existing grid capacity, enable more flexible operations, and empower customer control of energy usage. However, gridtech faces many barriers to adoption and scaling, particularly given the complicated regulatory environment that utilities are in. MassCEC's Net Zero Grid program provides support to gridtech companies and utilities by providing grants and facilitating partnership opportunities for technology adoption and scaling the deployment of gridtech to benefit ratepayers.



# Facilitating collaboration and convening key stakeholders and decision makers

MassCEC, in partnership with the Alliance for Climate Transition, a Massachusetts-based non-profit organization, developed the Transitioning to the Future Grid Event Series to discuss how innovation and collaboration across the industry can help achieve the "future grid." The series concluded with a set of actionable recommendations that would facilitate an efficient, equitable, and clean grid. Over three hundred diverse stakeholders from across the grid landscape attended the events and contributed to the recommendations.

"Events like this foster the excellent dialogue needed to pave the way forward as we collaborate, act, and lead the response to the climate crisis. Let's continue to work together to make a meaningful impact!"

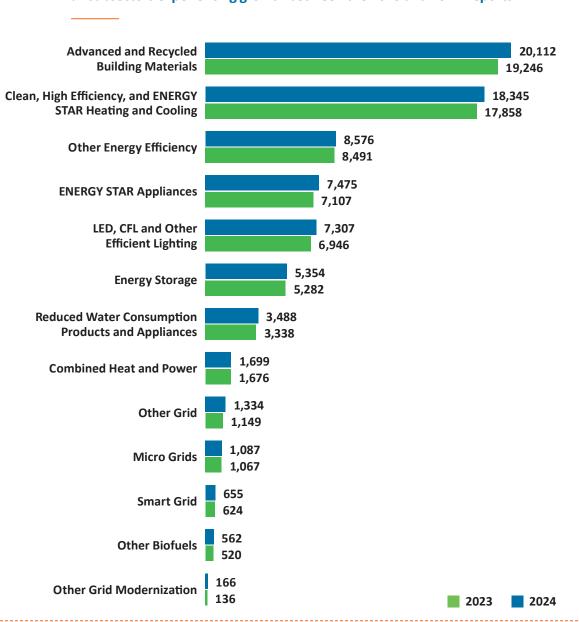
- Transitioning to the Future Grid Event Participant

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY, DEMAND MANAGEMENT, AND CLEAN HEATING AND COOLING JOBS

Within the Energy Efficiency, Demand Management, and Clean Heating and Cooling sector, Advanced and Recycled Building Materials saw the largest number of jobs (866) added, followed by Clean, High Efficiency, and ENERGY STAR Heating and Cooling (487 jobs) between the 2023 and 2024 reports.XY

The highest rates of growth were seen in the Other Grid Modernization (22%) and Other Grid (16%) subsectors.

The Energy Efficiency, Demand Management, and Clean Heating and Cooling sector represents the largest portion of clean energy jobs, with all subsectors experiencing growth between the 2023 and 2024 Reports.





Y This year's report removes Woody Biomass from this sector.
Previous year's numbers have been adjusted to reflect this change

MassCEC Spotlight ——

# CHARTING A PATH TO HOME DECARBONIZATION

Transitioning existing homes away from fossil fuels can be challenging, and many homeowners struggle to navigate the planning, new technologies, and home improvements needed. MassCEC's Decarbonization Pathways program has developed comprehensive home decarbonization assessments, providing homeowners with a plan, technical assistance, and financial incentives for implementation. With this pilot, MassCEC created and tested a model for comprehensive consumer engagement and home decarbonization that could be scaled for statewide adoption.

To Learn More: www.masscec.com/program/decarbonizationpathways-pilot

Decarbonization Pathways by the Numbers:



6

total units/ homes participating



67%

of units owned by low- and moderate-income homeowners



\$4M

deployed, including public and private investment (projected)



"I never could have done it by myself – having that roadmap and the prioritizations was really helpful to visualize everything and make sure everything gets accomplished... I am so grateful for this project. It has really enhanced the quality of all of our lives."

- Holyoke, MA Homeowner

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## **CLEAN TRANSPORTATION JOBS**

The Massachusetts Electric Vehicle workforce continued to grow, adding 1,018 jobs for a growth rate of 23%. This is significantly higher than the rate of Electric Vehicle job growth in the U.S., which increased by only 13% over the same time.X

The Commonwealth ranks **1st** in growth rate of Electric and 4th for total number of Electric Vehicle jobs created in the U.S. between the 2023 and 2024 reports.

All Clean Transportation subsectors experienced job increases between the 2023 and 2024 Reports, with the largest increase seen in Electric Vehicle jobs.

**Electric Vehicles** 

**Hybrid Electric** 



Plug-in Hybrid

Electric

Other Clean

**Transportation** 

X 2024 job numbers represented in this report are from the 2024 USEER data collection and represent the net change in employment between December

Y This year's report includes the addition of Hybrid Electric and Plug-in Hybrid Electric in the Clean Transportation sector. Previous years numbers have been adjusted to also include this clean energy definition change.

X www.cesa.org/projects/state-leadership-in-clean



# **ELECTRIFYING MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUSES**

MassCEC's Accelerating Clean Transportation (ACT) School Bus program assists public school districts and transportation providers to complete successful electric school bus deployment. The program prioritizes underserved and overburdened school districts and offers free consultant services to provide a long-term path for fleet electrification. ACT School Bus also assists award recipients of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus program, which helps bring millions of federal funding into the state.

Electric school buses eliminate tailpipe exhaust, which is a significant source of air pollution linked to asthma and other respiratory issues in children. Replacing a single diesel school bus with an electric one helps eliminate the equivalent of about 147 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year. This transition also improves air quality around schools and along bus routes, directly benefiting students' health. ACT School Bus has informed the development of similar programs in New Jersey, the National Renewable Energy Lab, the Connecticut Green Bank, and other financing entities across the country. MassCEC's ACT School Bus program was recognized by the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) and awarded the 2024 State Leadership in Clean Energy (SLICE) Award for leadership in innovation, cost-effectiveness, and replicability. X

To Learn More: www.masscec.com/accelerating-clean-transportation-act-school-bus-overview

# **MassCEC Impact:**



everaged in public and private funding



electric buses and charging nfrastructure funded to date



school districts awarded across



3M+

kilograms of carbon dioxide prevented from former diesel buses

"Diesel-fueled school bus emissions are especially harmful to vulnerable children in low- and moderate-income communities... It is a thoughtful approach to equity, creating tangible public health benefits, while decarbonizing transportation. By working with school districts to increase a wide range of capacities needed to roll out a successful conversion to EV buses, this program stands out."

CESA SLICE Award Judge on MassCEC's ACT School Bus Program

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JOBS AND BUSINESSES

### **JOBS AND BUSINESSES**

# RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION JOBS

Wind energy employment grew by 4% between the 2023 and 2024 reports, adding 110 new jobs. This is lower than the nationwide growth in wind jobs of 5%, but higher than New York's wind energy job growth of 3%. XY

Massachusetts' solar industry grew by 3% (520 jobs), which is lower than the nationwide growth in solar jobs of 5%.

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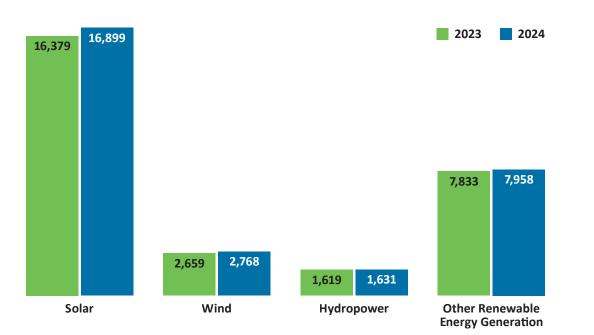
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Y This year's report includes the addition of Hydropower into the Renewable

Energy sector. Previous years numbers have been adjusted to also include this



7,512 clean energy businesses in 2024



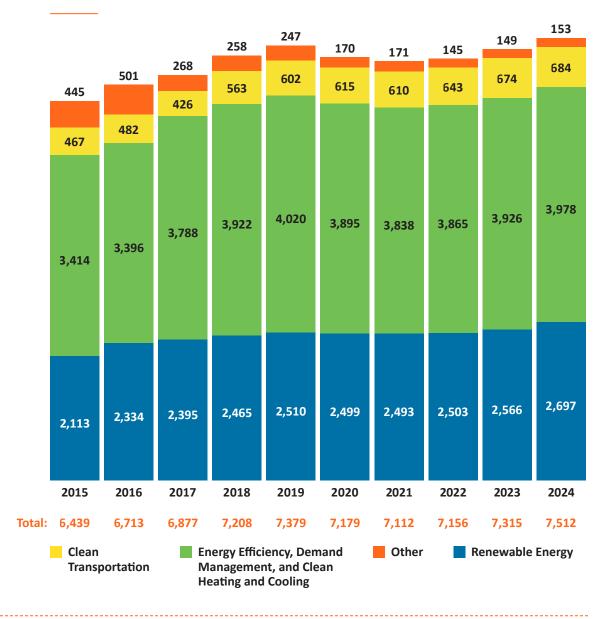
# **CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS**

The overall number of clean energy businesses in Massachusetts increased by 139 (or 2%) relative to the year before, with the largest addition of Renewable Energy businesses, at 72. Similar to prior years, the majority (53%) of businesses focused on Energy Efficiency, Demand Management, and Clean Heating and Cooling.

For the last few report years, small businesses (1 to 10 employees) account for 58% of all clean energy firms, while mid-size businesses (11 to 49 employees) represent 27%.

X For purposes of this report, a business is an establishment location. A clean energy business or firm with multiple locations would be counted multiple times in this analysis. based on the number of unique locations.

The composition of clean energy businesses in Massachusetts remains relatively unchanged since 2015, with majority of businesses focused on Energy Efficiency, Demand Management, and Clean Heating and Cooling. Y



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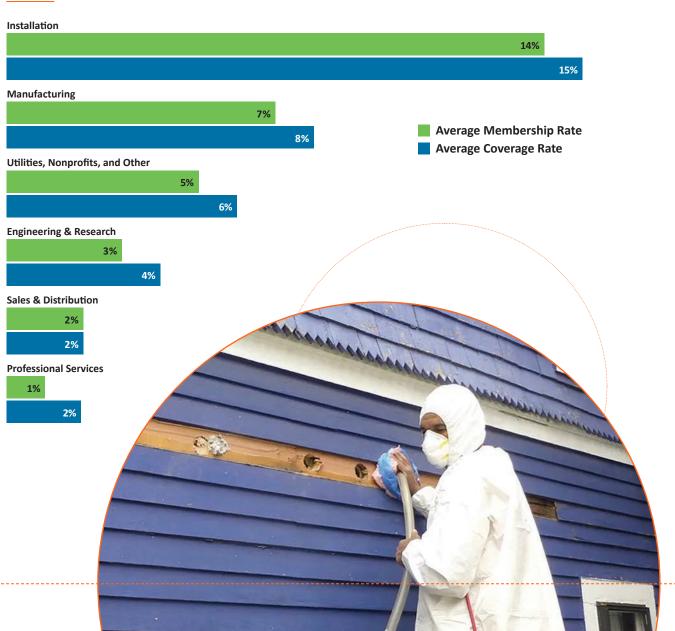
Y Employment extrapolations are based off BLS QCEW and survey data, resulting in totals that carry precise decimal values. As a result, some totals for tables and graphs in the report will sum differently due to rounding.

# UNIONIZATION AMONG CLEAN ENERGY WORKERS

Unionization rates across the clean energy value chain vary. The Installation segment has the highest average rates of membership and coverage, at 14% and 15% respectively. This is likely driven by the number of workers in occupations that have higher rates of unionization, such as electricians, plumbers, HVAC technicians, and construction workers.

The average unionization rate of the clean energy industry within Massachusetts is 6%, less than half of the overall unionization rate of the state at 13%.

The Installation segment of the value chain has the highest rates of union membership and coverage.



# CLEAN ENERGY OPPORTUNITY: TALENT WANTED

As of December 2023, **84%** of clean energy employers reported that it was "very difficult" or "somewhat difficult" to find qualified talent.<sup>X</sup>

Over 37% of clean energy employers found it very difficult to hire qualified workers when surveyed for the 2024 Report.

**Very difficult** 

37%

Somewhat difficult

47%

Not at all difficult

16%

X Massachusetts clean energy employer hiring difficulty was extrapolated from national hiring difficulty by technology, applied to MassCEC defined sector and subsector segments, and averaged with Massachusetts all energy hiring difficulty from the 2024 United States Energy and Employment Report (USEER). See the methodology for more details.

X Union coverage refers to workers that are represented by a union through collective bargaining but may not be members of the union directly.

JOBS AND BUSINESSES



# **OFFSHORE WIND WORKFORCE AND COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**

Since 2017, MassCEC has awarded over \$18M to 30 different organizations and institutions to advance offshore wind workforce development, improve access to opportunities, and conduct workforce studies. This funding has enabled the construction of multiple facilities and infrastructure projects, the purchase of specialized equipment, targeted recruitment for existing training programs, support to enable workforce participation, and increased interest in offshore wind careers.

MassCEC has also established a Community of Practice for Massachusetts Offshore Wind Workforce Training and Development. This unique initiative connects a network of 30 offshore wind workforce grantees, partners, and stakeholders to facilitate information sharing, collaboration, and resource coordination. Through this effort, MassCEC is supporting a cohesive ecosystem of training providers, educational institutions, community development organizations, and support services across the Commonwealth to cultivate a world-class offshore wind workforce in Massachusetts.

To Learn More: www.masscec.com/our-focus/offshore-wind/sector-development

"The Offshore Wind Works program has been instrumental in advancing Massachusetts Maritime Academy's Maritime Center for Responsible Energy (MCRE) Global Offshore Wind (GWO) training initiatives, providing more than 1,000 course participants with the skills necessary to work safely in this thriving industry. Through the OSWW Community of Practice, we have fostered collaboration and shared expertise, amplifying the impact of our programs and strengthening the region's offshore wind workforce."

- Captain Michael Burns, Jr., Executive Director, MCRE, Massachusetts Maritime Academy



"MassCEC has awarded Local 56 a grant to support workforce training specifically for offshore wind projects. This funding will significantly enhance our capabilities in this rapidly growing sector. Over the past three years, our operations have seen remarkable growth. In 2022, we logged 15,000 work hours. This increased to 35,000 hours in 2023; in 2024, we achieved an impressive 70,000 work hours. MassCEC's support is a tremendous opportunity for Local 56 to excel and lead in the offshore wind industry."

- John Dunderdale, Business Manager - Pile Drivers and **Divers Local Union 56** 

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP IN OFFSHORE WIND

MassCEC, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the State of Maryland provided funding to a team led by University of Massachusetts Amherst and Johns Hopkins University to establish the Academic Center for Reliability and Resilience of Offshore Wind (ARROW). Offshore wind must provide reliable power at scale and be resilient to recover quickly from disruptions. ARROW's regional approach is a cross-cutting effort to advance these national priorities for offshore wind.

ARROW will prepare the next generation of offshore wind professionals, researchers, and educators to achieve U.S. deployment goals through a multidisciplinary program of education and research.

ARROW brings together 8 institutions, 25+ industrial partners and governmental agencies, and 3 National Labs, and will operate in three program areas:

- ARROW-Empower prepares the next generation of offshore wind professionals through leadership in comprehensive offshore wind education.
- ARROW-Innovate focuses research and innovation on increasing reliability of offshore wind and advancing targeted solutions for offshore wind resilience.
- ARROW-Engage encompasses outreach aspects of the center and integrates principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility into the fabric of ARROW's operations, education programs, and research initiatives.



To Learn More: www.arrowosw.org/





# EMPOWERING MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES' ADOPTION OF CLEAN ENERGY

Everyone needs and deserves to be part of our clean energy future, but underserved populations have less access to the benefits of clean energy and spend more of their paycheck on energy costs. MassCEC's Empower Massachusetts program provides funding for local organizations to innovate, develop, and implement targeted community-based clean energy solutions. The program provides funding to address resource gaps, facilitate local engagement, and drive collaboration in underserved communities.

## **Results Across the Program**

Awarded over \$13.3 million over 3 years to grantees to support:



130



20+

workshops to share approache



200+



24

projects advanced to receive additional funding

Learn More: www.masscec.com/program/empower-massachusetts





# TAKING CONTROL OF HOMEOWNER ENERGY BILLS

MassCEC provided a \$150K Empower Massachusetts grant to All In Energy to work with communities in North Suffolk and Merrimack Valley regions to assist residents and small businesses in reducing energy use, improve buildings, and save money.

All In Energy provided energy bill check ups, which helped residents to better understand their electric bills and determine if they were overpaying for electricity. This critical work demonstrated that 29% of residents and businesses needed translation of energy information and options into a language other than English. All in Energy also collaborated with Mass Save Community First Partnership to expand the effort and benefits offered.

# Impact of MassCEC's Funding and MassSave Community First Partnership



2,215

no-cost home energy assessments for residents



**317** 

small business contractors connected to Mass Save®



369

nergy bill check



1,313

completed weatherization or HVAC upgrades



"I have seen that energy bill check ups have been a force for empowering residents to take control of their energy bills and finances. Through this program, we've been able to shed light on what residents are actually paying for, which has turned their electricity bills from a mystery document that they blindly pay each month into something that is understandable and within their control."

 Lauren Krake, All In Energy Community Programs and Partnership Manager.

X www.allinenergy.org/billcheckup.html

# CLEAN ENERGY WORKER DEMOGRAPHICS

The representation of workers by demographic group as a percentage of the clean energy workforce remained roughly unchanged from the 2023 to 2024 reports. There was a 10% increase in female workers compared to a 3% increase in male workers in absolute numbers, however the percentage of women working in the clean energy industry is still significantly lower than the overall Massachusetts workforce. The industry also saw a 9% increase in the number of workers over the age of 55.



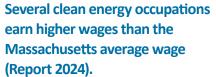
X Data for age, race, ethnicity, gender: www.bls.gov/lau/table14full23.htm. Population percentages for American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Two or more races was used due to lack of BLS data: www.jobseq.com. Veterans' employment: www.bls.gov/news.release/vet.t06a.htm & BLS QCEW 2023 Annual Employment for Massachusetts.

The lower representation of women in the clean energy industry demonstrates the need to increase equitable workforce opportunities and resources (2024 Report).

	2024 Clean Energy Employment	Percent of 2024 Clean Energy Workforce	Percent of 2024 Overall MA Workforce
Male	77,475	67.2%	51.0%
Female	37,815	32.8%	49.0%
Hispanic or Latino/a/x	17,870	15.5%	12.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino/a/x	97,421	84.5%	88.0%
White	86,122	74.7%	78.7%
Black of African American	9,339	8.1%	9.1%
Asian	9,569	8.3%	8.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,153	1.0%	0.6%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	807	0.7%	0.2%
Two or more races	8,186	7.1%	2.1%
Veterans	9,684	8.4%	3.0%
Workers over the age of 55	17,985	15.6%	26.0%

# **CLEAN ENERGY WAGES**

Massachusetts needs **28,000** additional clean energy workers by the end of this decade to meet our decarbonization goals.<sup>X</sup> It is important to increase awareness of careers within the industry, as many clean energy occupations currently earn hourly wages that are higher than the average hourly wage in Massachusetts.<sup>Y</sup>



(Report 2024).	25th Percentile Hourly Wages	Median Hourly Wages	75th Percentile Hourly Wages	Average Hourly Wages
Massachusetts Average	\$19.30	\$29.18	\$47.17	\$38.62
Clean Energy Occupations:				
Carpenters	\$27.26	\$31.86	\$44.41	\$36.01
Construction Managers	\$52.85	\$64.64	\$80.87	\$69.63
Electrical Engineers	\$45.34	\$60.32	\$73.12	\$61.50
Electricians	\$27.92	\$39.02	\$47.44	\$39.35
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$28.95	\$35.43	\$42.02	\$36.15
Insulation Workers	\$18.93	\$25.45	\$38.23	\$29.08
Mechanical Engineers	\$41.38	\$52.16	\$63.82	\$55.55

X Source: "Powering the Future: A Massachusetts Clean Energy Workforce Needs Assessment", Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, July 2023. The definition of a clean energy job for the 2024 Report differs slightly from that used in the MassCEC

Workforce Needs Assessment. Given this difference in methodology, the 28,000 additional jobs needed is a

Y Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupation Employment and Wage Statistics. May 2023. Accessed August 2024. www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\_stru.htm.

rough estimate.

# **CLEAN ENERGY OCCUPATION DEMOGRAPHICS**

The disproportionately high representation of people of color among some of the more physically demanding roles masks inequality. For instance, Hispanic or Latino/a/x workers make up 40% of Insulation Workers in Massachusetts, but only 4% of Mechanical or Electrical Engineers. Women are underrepresented industry-wide, particularly in some of the high-growth occupations, such as electricians, just 3% of whom are women.

Demographic representation in many of the highest-paying clean energy occupations is not equal (2024 Report).

	Carpenters	Construction Managers	Electrical Engineers	Electricians	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	Insulation Workers	Mechanical Engineers
Female	3.1%	10.1%	10.1%	2.9%	2.3%	5.4%	8.9%
Male	96.9%	89.9%	89.9%	97.1%	97.7%	94.6%	91.1%
Hispanic or Latino/a/x	28.3%	7.7%	4.1%	14.5%	14.2%	40.4%	4.1%
White	84.8%	87.8%	74.8%	85.5%	84.1%	70.3%	78.5%
Black of African American	4.3%	2.9%	2.5%	5.3%	7.7%	8.3%	2.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	1.0%	0.0%
Asian	1.5%	2.0%	21.0%	1.8%	0.8%	0.6%	15.3%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Two or more races	9.0%	7.1%	1.8%	7.0%	7.2%	19.8%	4.1%
Workers over the age of 55	19.2%	32.1%	32.6%	23.0%	22.0%	14.1%	23.4%

Y These data represent wages for a subset of occupations in Massachusetts, which have significant representation in the clean energy industry. The data are not for clean energy jobs specifically. Source: JobsEQ® www.jobseq.com. Accessed September 2024. Occupation Wages, Average Hourly in Massachusetts, 2024Q1 & Occupation Diversity, in Massachusetts, 2024Q1, based on place of residence estimates.



# MASSCEC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

MassCEC's workforce development programs focus on expanding and diversifying the clean energy workforce, fostering heightened awareness of clean energy careers, and increasing the availability and effectiveness of training and advancement opportunities. The programs address three priority areas: students and young adults, new entrants and incumbent workers, and climate-critical businesses, with a focus on minority and women business enterprises.

To Learn More: www.masscec.com/workforce





Expanding on a planning and capacity grant from FY22, in FY23, the Black Economic Council in Massachusetts received \$667,664 in workforce equity grant funding to develop and expand its Electric Vehicle (EV) Kickstarter workshops, which help businesses expand into the EV charging industry as resellers, owner-operators, installers, or maintenance providers. MassCEC's funding was critical in allowing the program to offer back-office support, coaching, and mentoring to 20 minority or women business enterprises to empower entry into the EV charger space. As a result, several participants have subsequently secured contracts on EV charger installation and maintenance, including Better Together Braintrust, which recently secured a contract with the City of Boston to install 68 EV chargers.



Energetics, in partnership with the Automotive Career Development Center, received \$1.12M from MassCEC to create a workforce development program focused on fossil fuel workers currently employed as automotive technicians. The program helps upskill workers from environmental justice neighborhoods in their transition to servicing hybrid and electric vehicles, which is a growing segment of the clean energy industry. Launched in March 2024, this program is expected to upskill over 60 participants through 2025.



In 2023, MassCEC awarded Greenfield Community College (GCC) \$1.1M to renovate and repurpose a campus greenhouse to launch an HVAC and heat pump training program. The program will help address the shortage of building decarbonization workers. GCC's Workforce Development programs serve some of the neediest populations in the community by providing robust wraparound supports and a case management approach to build close relationships with students. GCC connects them to support through community-based organizations and offers communities of

practice to build economic and social stability.

GCC also received \$150K from MassCEC to support the development of a Youth Climate Corps, which will offer clean energy career awareness outreach and activities for middle schoolers and a summer work experience for older youth. Further MassCEC investments are helping GCC also pursue federal funds to add clean energy training program offerings for students.

"This grant provides GCC with an amazing opportunity to offer career pathways to skilled jobs by providing free training and reskilling programs in the high-growth sector of Clean Energy. These are good jobs in our communities. This equity workforce grant...will allow us to specifically focus recruitment efforts on historically underrepresented members of our community, to create new opportunities for them and their families."

- Kristin Cole, GCC's Vice President of Workforce Development

"The Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA) is incredibly grateful to MassCEC for their support in helping to scale our EV Kickstarter program, which guides and accelerates the transition of diverse and experienced entrepreneurs into the electric vehicle charging industry. With our proof of concept established and a growing number of businesses eager to participate, MassCEC stepped in at a crucial moment, providing the essential capital and guidance needed to replicate and scale the program. The initiative not only empowers entrepreneurs and expands their economic opportunities, but also plays a vital role in helping Massachusetts achieve its supplier diversity and clean energy goals."

"We are thrilled to partner with the Automotive Career
Development Center and MassCEC to provide essential training
to automotive technicians across Massachusetts and prepare the
workforce for the growing presence of electric vehicles. This initiative
not only strengthens our clean energy workforce, but also prepares
technicians and shop owners for an evolving vehicle marketplace."

Victoria McGarril, Energetics, CLEAResult EnergySustainability Consulting

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JOBS AND BUSINESSES

## **REGIONAL ANALYSIS**

The Central Mass and Pioneer Valley Workforce Skills Cabinet (WSC) regions saw the highest rates of clean energy job growth, at 10% and 9% respectively, between the 2023 and 2024 reports. The Berkshire WSC region experienced 5% growth in clean energy businesses over the same time, with clean energy businesses now representing 7% of all businesses in the region.

Clean Energy Employment and Businesses in the Workforce Skills Cabinet regions in Massachusetts, Report Years 2023 – 2024

		2023 Report	2024 Report	2023–2024 Report Change	Percent of Total Clean Energy Jobs / Businesses in 2024	Percent of Total Jobs/Businesses in Region
Berkshire	Employment	3,129	3,284	5.0%	2.8%	5.2%
Berksnire	Businesses	244	257	5.2%	3.4%	6.8%
Cano Cod	Employment	5,579	5,928	6.3%	5.1%	4.6%
Cape Cod	Businesses	527	544	3.3%	7.2%	4.8%
Central Mass	Employment	17,987	19,724	9.7%	17.1%	5.2%
Central Mass	Businesses	1,129	1,159	2.7%	15.4%	6.0%
Greater Boston	Employment	38,448	40,725	5.9%	35.3%	2.2%
	Businesses	2,342	2,409	3.1%	32.1%	3.4%
Nouthoost	Employment	11,001	11,642	5.8%	10.1%	2.7%
Northeast	Businesses	815	830	1.9%	11.1%	3.3%
Diamagn Vallay	Employment	9,870	10,713	8.5%	9.3%	3.4%
Pioneer Valley	Businesses	829	845	1.9%	11.3%	5.8%
Courthooot	Employment	22,436	23,274	3.7%	20.2%	3.9%
Southeast	Businesses	1,430	1,462	2.3%	19.5%	4.3%

X Source: JobsEQ® www.jobseq.com. Accessed September 2024. Data Explorer, Industry Data, 4-quarter moving average employment in Massachusetts, 2022 & 2023.

# STATE-BY-STATE COMPARISON

Massachusetts continues to be a leader in clean energy jobs. The Commonwealth ranks 2nd for total number of clean energy jobs as a percentage of total employment in the state.\*

# Subset Of State Clean Energy Job Rankings, Report Year 2024

# TOTAL CLEAN ENERGY JOBS RELATIVE TO STATE WORKFORCE

### TOTAL CLEAN ENERGY JOBS PER CAPITA

### **TOTAL CLEAN ENERGY JOBS**

1 Vermont	4.5%	1 Vermont	2.2%	1 California	453,650
2 Massachusetts	3.1%	2 District of Columbia	1.9%	2 Texas	254,264
3 Michigan	3.0%	3 Massachusetts	1.6%	3 Florida	155,732
4 Wyoming	2.9%	4 Wyoming	1.4%	4 New York	144,215
5 Utah	2.9%	5 Michigan	1.3%	5 Michigan	130,582
6 Rhode Island	2.8%	6 Utah	1.3%	6 Massachusetts	115,291
7 Tennessee	2.8%	7 Rhode Island	1.3%	7 Illinois	106,464
8 California	2.6%	8 North Dakota	1.2%	8 Ohio	102,798
9 Indiana	2.5%	9 Tennessee	1.2%	9 North Carolina	91,283
0 Oregon	2.5%	10 California	1.2%	10 Virginia	86,677

Y Business data is only available at the county level and the Workforce Skills Cabinet (WSC) regions are determined by zip code. Some counties fall within only one WSC and can be categorized as a single WSC region. Other counties fall within multiple WSC regions, so establishment data from the county level is allocated proportionally between the multiple WSC regions based on employment data per region at the zip code level. Report change growth may be inflated due to state clean energy definition changes.

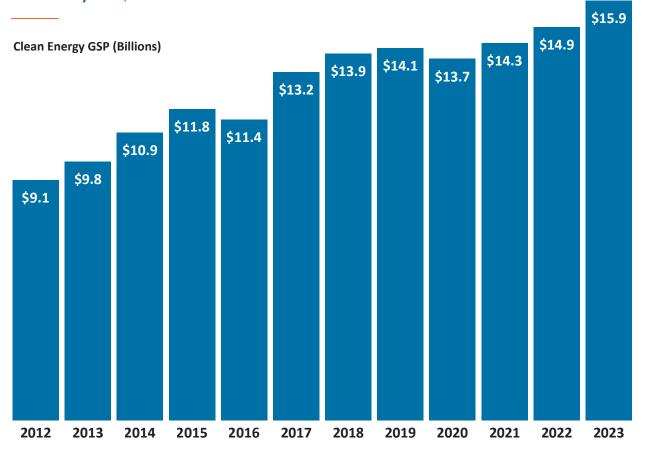
X These employment values were calculated based on the Massachusetts clean energy definition, which may vary from the definitions of other states or organizations. For example, Massachusetts does not include HVAC or corn ethanol in its clean energy definition, while other states and organizations may. This was done for consistency so that employment values could be compared across states.

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# **CLEAN ENERGY GROSS STATE PRODUCT**

The clean energy industry contributed \$15.9 billion, or roughly 2%, to the Commonwealth's Gross State Product (GSP) in 2023. The industry's GSP increased by 74% from 2012-2023. This outpaces overall growth in Massachusetts GSP, which grew by 52% over the same time. Clean energy GSP increased by 7% between 2022 and 2023, compared to an industry such as Retail Trade, which grew by only 4% during the same time.

Massachusetts clean energy Gross State Product increased by over \$1 billion between 2022 and 2023.



The Manufacturing value chain segment was the largest contributor to the \$15.9 billion in Massachusetts clean energy GSP in 2023.

Clean Energy GSP (Billions)

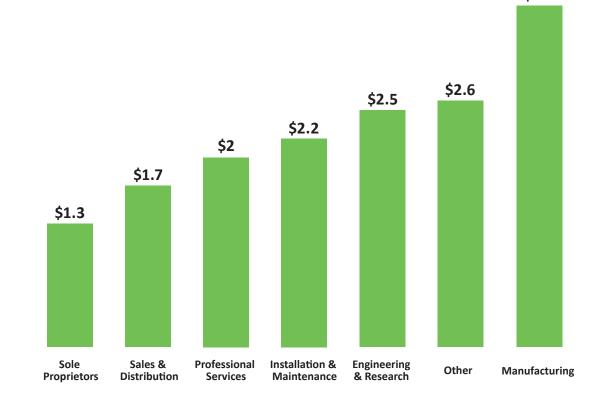
ECONOMIC IMPACT



The contribution to the Massachusetts clean energy GSP by the Sales & Distribution sector grew by 21%, and Professional Services grew by 18% between 2022 and 2023.<sup>x</sup>

The Manufacturing sector continues to account for the largest contribution to clean energy GSP, at 23%, or \$3.6B.

X 2023 data is the most recent available. The clean energy GSP was derived from survey incidence rates and proportional revenue reporting, together with existing data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, calculated by NAICS code. Utility data and state government spending were included as direct inputs.



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**ECONOMIC IMPACT** 

# **ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION ANALYSIS**

### December 2023

For the purpose of this report, only those workers who are directly supporting clean energy activities, such as conducting research, manufacturing products, performing installations, or repairing and maintaining clean energy systems are included as clean energy workers. However, the impact of the industry is significantly greater than these "direct" jobs alone.

The clean energy industry has a similar number of direct jobs as the College & University or Scientific Research industries, yet exceeds both industries' economic contribution in indirect and induced jobs and state GSP.

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Industry Is **Responsible For a Total Economic Contribution of:** 











115,291 **DIRECT CLEAN ENERGY JOBS in** 

Massachusetts supported an additional:



43,529

**INDIRECT JOBS (those outside of the** clean energy sector that provide critical supply chain goods and services)



74,607

**INDUCED JOBS (those that result from** increased spending in the economy)

233,427

Total direct, indirect, and induced jobs

X The economic contribution analysis in this report was calculated using IMPLAN modeling software. The study area was set as the State of Massachusetts and the

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# CLIMATETECH: AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts is committed to taking a robust approach to addressing the challenges of climate change. "Climatetech" encompasses innovative technological solutions that mitigate the impacts of climate change, help communities adapt, and build resilience in systems and infrastructure.

In 2024, Governor Healey passed the Mass Leads Act, which unlocked funding for MassCEC to support climatetech companies and offshore wind economic development over the next ten years. Additionally, it formally established the climatetech definition within state law and expanded MassCEC's scope of work beyond clean energy.

# Mitigation

Capture or reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emission

## Energy

Increasing renewable energy generation (e.g., offshore wind), improving energy efficiency, and modernizing the grid leveraging batteries and energy storage technology.

### **Industry and Manufacturing**

Adopting carbon reducing technologies and processes and implementing sustainable production practices through a circular economy.

## Transportation

Transitioning to zeroemissions vehicles (e.g. electric vehicles), enhancing public transit, and promoting alternative fuel options.

# Agriculture, Food, and Nature

Adopting sustainable farming and forest management practices, developing alternative proteins, and leveraging nature-based solutions.

# Buildings

We help new climate-focused businesses grow faster by backing a vibrant community of researchers, startups, and established industry players - creating an ecosystem where they connect and thrive.

## **Carbon Managment**

Developing and deploying carbon removal technologies, including bioenergy with carbon capture, direct air capture, and blue carbon technology.

# Adaptation & Resilience

Prepare for and respond to, the impact of climate change

## **Adaption & Resilience**

Implementing climate-smart planning, strengthening infrastructure, and promoting nature-based solutions to reduce vulnerability to climate change with a focus on equity.

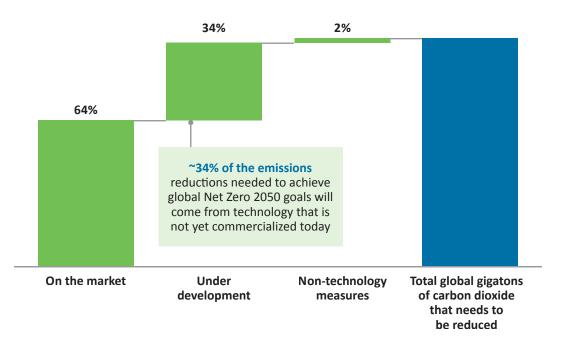


# **BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES**

Climatetech advancements will play a crucial role in Massachusetts reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from ~64 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent to its net zero GHG emissions goal by 2050.\* On a global scale, about 34% of emissions reductions will come from technologies that are not yet commercially available. MassCEC's support of emerging climatetech will be critical to help bridge this market gap, while creating increased economic opportunities within the Commonwealth.

# Stage Of Development for Technology Required To Reach Global 2050 Net Zero Goals (2024)

EMERGING CLIMATETECH



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X www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-clean-energy-and-climate-metrics

Y International Energy Agency: Net Zero Roadmap www.iea.org/reports/net-zero-roadmap-a-global-pathway-to-keep-the-15-0c-goal-in-reach climate-metrics

# **EMERGING CLIMATETECH INVESTMENTS**

A robust innovation network is a key driver of the Massachusetts clean energy industry. Innovation support can take numerous forms, including ecosystem support, grants, and direct company investments.

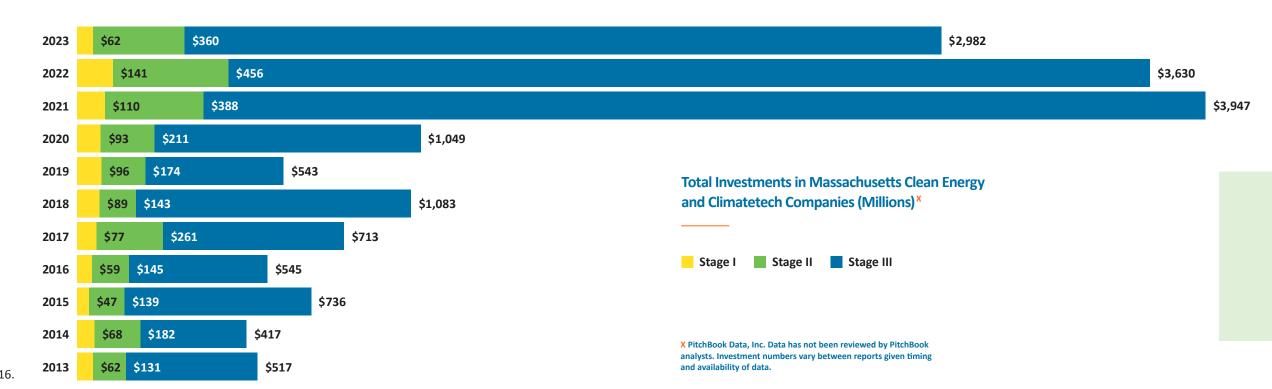
### Investments in clean energy companies can be divided into three stages:

**STAGE I:** Research & Prototyping – Companies at the ideation, theoretical research, and prototype development stage.

**STAGE II:** Demonstration & Acceleration – Companies at the product testing, system evaluation, and market research stage.

**STAGE III:** Commercialization & Growth – Companies that are expanding manufacturing capacity and identifying early-stage customers.

There has been a decline in clean energy and climatetech venture capital deal activity in Massachusetts following its peak in 2021, reflecting broader venture capital market trends. There are signs of an investor retreat, both from risky early-stage ventures, as well as deals in more established companies. At the earliest stage, lower deal count has led to a notable decline in total investment: 2023's Stage I deals had the lowest total dollars invested since 2016



\$3.4B was invested across all three stages in early-stage Massachusetts climatetech companies in 2023.



# MASSCEC'S 2030 FUND

MassCEC launched the \$50M 2030 Fund in 2022 to strategically invest in Massachusetts-based startups and provide funding for teams solving critical climate problems. The fund signals to the market that Massachusetts is increasing its commitment to the commercialization of climate technologies and filling the gap created by a reduction in private venture capital.

MassCEC's 2030 Fund helps de-risk innovative technology, assists companies to reach early commercial milestones, and attracts growth funding. MassCEC's strategy is to attract and leverage significant private venture capital alongside all investments.

# Catalytic Capital: Value Created by **MassCEC Investment Activities Since 2014**





companies supported



to date.

# **Total Portfolio by Area**

Buildings

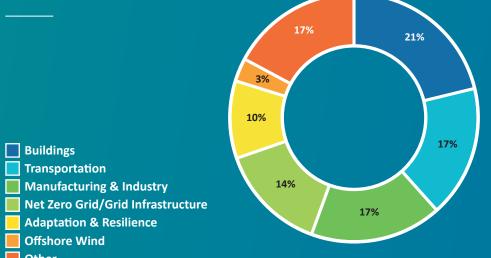
**Transportation** 

Offshore Wind

Other

Manufacturing & Industry

Adaptation & Resilience



companies with successful

To Learn More: www.masscec.com/program/2030-fund

The 2030 Fund investment portfolio consists of 29 companies X across 7 areas of focus. Since 2014, MassCEC has invested almost

\$22M, of which over \$15M has been recouped through exists

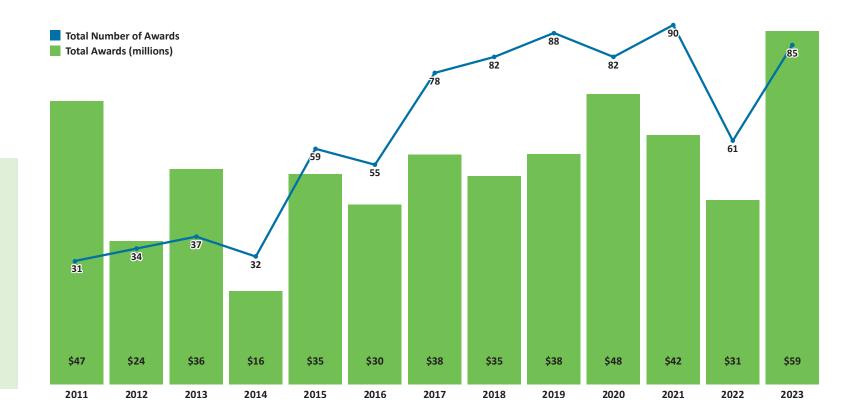
X Includes 8 investments made prior to the launch of the 2030 Fund.

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## **EMERGING CLIMATETECH GRANTS**

Public clean energy innovation grant and award funding for Massachusetts entities has increased for the first time since 2020.<sup>x</sup> From 2022 to 2023, innovation funding increased by **92%** and the number of awards increased by **39%**. This increase is likely in part from the deployment of funds from the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Total public sector grants received by all Massachusetts climatetech companies and partners for innovation, project demonstrations, and pilots. \*



Public sector support is critical for the growth of climatetech companies, project demonstrations, and pilots.



# ACCELERATING TECHNOLOGY TO MARKET

MassCEC's technology-to-market programs help new climatetech businesses grow faster by backing a vibrant community of researchers, startups, and established industry players - creating an ecosystem where they connect and thrive.

To Learn More: www.masscec.com/masscec-funding/technology-market

**Tech to Market Program Impact** 



475
Awards



84% Startup Awardees

Still in Business



**6,208**New Hires





Cleantech Open Northeast Impact Report: www.canva.com/design/DAGaH0Osu0c/hIYKfiLG4U9ivtKIRKXY7w



Through the Innovation Ecosystem Support program, MassCEC assists Massachusetts entrepreneur support organizations to provide robust support for climatetech startup companies. In 2024, MassCEC provided Cleantech Open Northeast, run by the Alliance for Climate Transition, a \$120k grant to support its accelerator program. The program provided companies with expert mentoring, professional connections, opportunities to compete for cash prizes, and access to goods and services. Since 2005, Cleantech Open Northeast, which spans from Eastern Canada to Virginia, has supported 642 companies, of which 62% are still active or had a successful exit. These companies have gone on to raise over \$2B in investments, created over 7,800 jobs, and generated over \$697M in revenue. \*

Sources include MassCFC innovation funding ARPA\_F Office of Science SunShot SRIR and ST

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# **EMERGING CLIMATETECH LEADERS**

Early-stage clean energy and climatetech companies often face funding gaps that threaten their path to commercial success. MassCEC's Emerging Climatetech programs help to fill these gaps with grant funding, equity and debt investments, and hands-on commercial and technical support for founders and startups. These programs support companies as they de-risk technology, reach commercial milestones, attract private capital, and grow their businesses in the Commonwealth and beyond.

# AeroShield

AeroShield Materials has developed a transparent silica aerogel insert that enables affordable and highly energy-efficient windows, helping to save energy and costs, improve resiliency, and reduce emissions from the built environment. MassCEC grant funding and investment capital have helped AeroShield in its prototyping, demonstration, and early commercial stages. Most recently, the company secured \$5 M in financing from MassMutual Ventures, MassVentures, MassCEC, and other investors, and won a \$14.5M grant from the Department of Energy, enabling it to begin building its first manufacturing facility in Waltham, Massachusetts.

# **PROTOTYPING** Greentown Labs

- Member (startup incubator)
- Activate Boston Fellow (business fellowship for scientists)
- FORGE Competition Winner (manufacturing focused accelerator program)
- MassCEC Catalyst Award (grant to expand prototype)

# COMMERCIALIZATION

 MassCEC AmplifyMass Award

(cost share for federal funding to commercialize or de-risk an innovation)

- MassCEC Investments (direct company investment to drive additional private equity and stability for continued growth)
- DOE SCALEUP Award funding to develop manufacturing in Waltham, MA



cutting at new manufacturing facility in Waltham, MA.

# RESEARCH

- Cleantech Open Northeast **Regional Winner** (accelerator program)

# **DEMONSTRATION**

- MassCEC Catalyst Award (grant to develop a demonstration project)
- MassCEC Internship Awards (funding for startup to hire

internship positions)

MassCEC programs that support climatetech companies and the industry ecosystem

MassCEC Ecosystem Support

**MassCEC Direct Grant to Company** 

MassCEC Workforce Development Funding

MassCEC Investment

2019

- MIT Spin-Out
- MIT Climate & Energy **Prize Winner** (accelerator competition program)

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METHODOLOGY AND GLOSSARY

# **METHODOLOGY**

The Massachusetts 2024 Clean Energy Industry Report uses publicly available data from the 2024 U.S. Energy and Employment Report (USEER)<sup>X</sup> on Massachusetts energy employment produced by BW Research Partnership on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). These public data are refined and customized for Massachusetts based on additional analyses conducted by BW Research Partnership on behalf of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center.

The 2024 USEER survey in Massachusetts was administered by telephone with approximately **28,100** outbound calls in Massachusetts, as well as by web, with more than **11,800** emails sent to potential participants across the state.

In total, **1,088** business establishments in Massachusetts participated in the survey effort, with **414** providing full responses to the survey. These responses were used to develop incidence rates among industries as well as to apportion employment across various industry categories in ways currently not provided by state and federal labor market information agencies. The margin of error is +/- 4.80 percent at a **95** percent confidence level.

See the full Expanded Methodology for more details on the 2024 Massachusetts Clean Energy Industry Report.

All MassCEC metrics since 2010 and the MassCEC Spotlight Metrics were compiled from awardee data and other internal data sources.

X The full 2024 USEER report can be found at: www.energy.gov/policy/us-

Y The 2024 Clean Energy Industry Report Expanded Methodology can be found at: HOLD SPACE FOR LINK

# **GLOSSARY**

# Α

# Advanced and Recycled Building Materials

Includes doors, windows, air sealing, floor, wall, or piping insulation, and any additional building envelope materials that represent advances in efficiency over traditional materials.

# В

### **Battery Storage**

A cell or connected group of cells used to convert chemical energy into electrical energy by reversible chemical reactions and may be recharged by passing a current through it in the direction opposite to that of its discharge.

# **Biofuels and Renewable Combined Heat** and Power

Generates electricity and useful thermal energy in a single, integrated system from renewable sources. Heat that is normally wasted in conventional power generation is recovered as useful energy.

# C

### Clean Energy

Clean Energy is defined as any technology that either reduces or eliminates greenhouse gas emissions from the generation, distribution, and consumption of electricity and fuels. The major sectors of the clean energy industry include: Renewable Energy Generation; Energy Efficiency and Demand Management, Clean Heating and Cooling; Clean Transportation; and Other Sectors.

# **Clean Energy Business or Establishment**

For the purpose of this report, a clean energy business or establishment is a business location in Massachusetts with at least one employee involved with an activity related to the clean energy industry.

### **Clean Energy Industry**

The aggregate of establishments that are directly involved with researching, developing, producing, manufacturing, distributing, or implementing components, goods, or services related to Renewable Energy Generation, Energy Efficiency and Demand Management, Clean Heating and Cooling, Clean Transportation, and Other Sectors.

## **Clean Energy Worker**

Full-time and part-time permanent employees who support the clean energy portion of the business, including administrative staff and excluding interns and other temporary workers.

## **Clean Heating and Cooling**

This refers to businesses that are involved with heating, ventilation, and

air conditioning (HVAC) from renewable energy sources or perform work that increases the energy efficiency of HVAC systems. This includes Solar Thermal, High-Efficiency Air-Source Heat Pumps, HVAC and Building Controls, Ground-Source Heat Pumps, Biofuels and Renewable Combined Heat and Power, Clean, High Efficiency, and ENERGY STAR Heating and Cooling.

# Clean, High Efficiency, and ENERGY STAR Heating and Cooling

Includes ENERGY STAR/High AFUE HVAC and Renewable Heating and Cooling.

## **Clean Transportation**

Clean Transportation includes non-fossi fuel-related vehicles including Electric Vehicles, Hybrid Electric Vehicles, Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles, and Other Clean Transportation.

# D

## **Demand Response Services**

Operations that balance energy supply and demand. Include offering time-based rates such as time-of-use pricing, critical peak pricing, variable peak pricing, real time pricing, and critical peak rebates. It also includes direct load control programs, which provide power companies with the ability to cycle air conditioners and water heaters on and off during periods of peak demand in

exchange for a financial incentive and lower electric bills.

# E

### **Electric Vehicles**

A vehicle that uses one or more electric motors for propulsion with no onboard generator or non-electric motor. This includes electric passenger or freight cars, trucks, or buses that use electric drive systems and electric motors for propulsion.

### Energy Efficiency and Demand Management

Goods and services that reduce electricity demand, including energy efficiency upgrades to existing buildings (retrofitting and retrocomissioning) and installation of ENERGY STAR Appliances. Includes Energy Storage, Advanced and Recycled Building Materials, Demand Response Services, Smart Grid, Micro Grid, Other Grid, Other Grid Modernization, Water and Wastewater Technologies related to Conserving Energy, Electric Vehicles, ENERGY STAR Appliances, LED, CFL, and Other Efficient Lighting, and Other Energy Efficiency.

## **ENERGY STAR Appliances**

Appliances that meet the international ENERGY STAR standard for energy-efficient consumer products originated in the United States.

### **ENERGY STAR/High AFUE HVAC**

HVAC that meets the international ENERGY STAR standard for energy-efficient consumer products originated in the United States or has a high Average Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating of 90 or greater or 15 SEER or greater.

### **Energy Storage**

Devices or physical media that store energy. Includes Pumped Hydro Storage, Battery Storage, Mechanical Storage, and Thermal Storage.

## **Engineering & Research**

Engineering & Research includes all engineering and scientific research businesses engaged in clean energy projects and technology development.



### **Gross State Product**

Gross State Product (GSP) is a measurement of a state's output. It is the sum of value added from all industries in the state. In this report, clean energy is captured as a portion of the total Gross State Product.

### **Ground-Source Heat Pumps**

Central heating and/or cooling that moves heat from or to the ground from a structure.

# Н

### **High-Efficiency Air-Source Heat Pumps**

Transfers heat between a structure and the outside air efficiently.

### **HVAC and Building Controls**

Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, including building retrocommissioning and retrofits connected to heating and cooling.

### **Hybrid Electric Vehicles**

Vehicles that use two or more distinct types of power, such as internal combustion engine plus an electric motor.

### Hydropower

Electricity generated by hydropower; the production of electrical power through the gravitational force of falling or flowing water.

### Installation

Installation is comprised of businesses engaged in residential, commercial, and industrial building construction, contracting, electrical, insulation and weatherization, or plumbing and heating, air conditioning, and ventilation work.

# L

**LED, CFL, and Other Efficient Lighting** Energy-efficient lighting sources.

# M

### Manufacturing

Manufacturing refers to heating and air conditioning equipment manufacturing, engine and compressor manufacturing, semiconductor manufacturing, and energy-efficient products, appliance or lighting manufacturing, as well as motor vehicle and parts manufacturing and, solar panel and wind assembly.

### **Mechanical Storage**

Includes technologies like flywheels and compressed air, which use kinetic or gravitational forces to store energy.

### Micro Grid

A group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid.

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### **Other Clean Transportation**

Includes jobs in transportation technologies, such as biodiesel for on-road vehicles.

### Other Biofuels

Other fuel derived directly from living matter.

## **Other Energy Efficiency**

Includes: variable speed pumps; other design services not specific to a detailed technology; software not specific to a detailed technology; energy auditing,

rating, monitoring, metering, and leak detection; policy and nonprofit work not specific to a detailed technology; consulting not specific to a detailed technology, LEED certification, or phase-change material; and all other activities not specific to a detailed technology.

### Other Grid

This sub-technology includes all other clean grid activity where employers were unable to assign work to a single sub-technology. This includes firms that conduct clean grid activity across multiple sub-technologies.

### **Other Grid Modernization**

Other modernization of the nation's electricity transmission and distribution system to maintain a reliable and secure electricity infrastructure that can meet future demand growth.

## **Other Renewable Energy Generation**

Includes geothermal, bioenergy or biomass, low-impact hydro, and other electric power generation technologies that are not defined by the categories presented or cannot be assigned to a single category.

### Other Sectors

Consists of all jobs that could not be classified into one specific clean energy technology sector because the work overlaps with multiple categories. An example of this could be greenhouse gas management or accounting.

# P

### Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles

A hybrid electric vehicle that uses two or more distinct types of power, such as internal combustion engine and an electric motor that is powered by rechargeable batteries, or another energy storage device, that can be recharged by plugging into an external source of electric power.

### **Professional Services**

Professional Services refers to any sort of financial, legal, architectural, mathematical, or scientific services that support clean energy technology development and deployment.

### **Pumped Hydro Storage**

Hydroelectric energy storage used by electric power systems for load balancing. The method stores energy in the form of gravitational potential energy of water pumped from a lower-elevation reservoir to a higher elevation.

# R

# Reduced Water Consumption Products and Appliances

Includes technologies such as highefficiency washing machines, faucet aerators, and low-flow shower heads.

## Renewable Energy Generation

Any businesses that are involved in the manufacturing, sale, installation, or research and development of renewable

electricity generation technologies. Includes Solar, Wind, Hydropower, and Other Renewable Energy Generation.

## **Renewable Heating and Cooling**

Refers to establishments that are involved with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and water heating from renewable energy sources or work that increases the energy efficiency of HVAC systems.

# S

### Sales & Distribution

Sales & Distribution includes mostly wholesale trade as well as some warehousing and distribution activity. For clean energy, this value chain category includes motor vehicles and parts wholesalers, electrical equipment, and household appliance wholesalers, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies wholesalers, and other wholesale related to clean energy products, component parts, and technologies.

### Sectors

For the purpose of this report, the sector refers to the primary application or end use of an establishment's produced goods or services. The clean energy industry sectors include: Renewable Energy Generation; Energy Efficiency and Demand Management; Clean Heating and Cooling; Clean Transportation; and Other Sectors.

### **Smart Grid**

Automated, computer-based electricity supply network, including smart computing and software, which detects and reacts to local changes in electricity usage.

### Solar

Technologies that generate electric power by converting solar radiation into direct current electricity using semiconductors that exhibit the photovoltaic effect.

### Solar Thermal

Technology that uses the sun's energy to generate thermal energy.

### **Sub-Sectors**

For the purpose of this report, subsectors refer to the specific technologies with which an establishment works within each sector. The sectors include Renewable Energy Generation, Energy Efficiency and Demand Management, Clean Heating and Cooling, and Clean Transportation.

## **Thermal Storage**

Temporary storage of energy for later use when heating or cooling is needed.

# U

## Utilities, Nonprofits, and Other

This segment is largely comprised of automotive repair and maintenance but also includes organizational and non-profit work, such as environmental and conservation organizations, business associations, and advocacy organizations, as well as electric power generation and distribution utilities.



### **Value Chain Segments**

The clean energy industry value chain segments include Engineering and Research, Installation, Manufacturing, Professional Services, Sales and Distribution, and Utilities, Nonprofits, and Other.



# Water and Wastewater Technologies related to Conserving Energy

Products related to reducing energy for water purification, distribution, or treatment.

### Vind

Technologies that convert the wind's kinetic energy into electrical power.



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