

South Carolina Home Energy Labeling

Project Background

The South Carolina Energy Office of the Office of Regulatory Staff (Energy Office) is developing a home energy labeling framework for the state.

The home energy labeling project came from recommendations of the **Energy Efficiency Roadmap**. The labeling program framework intends to develop a statewide infrastructure to implement and support the labeling of residential properties.

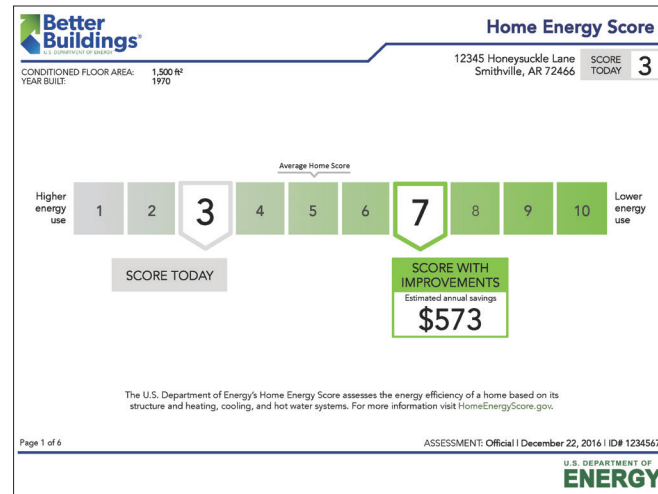
Residential energy labeling programs produce an assessment of a home's energy performance and compares it to that of other similar homes. They provide valuable information for homeowners, homebuyers, and other stakeholders such as real estate professionals, appraisers, lenders, and contractors. Having a labeling infrastructure supports consistent, transparent, and useful labeling across the state.

In 2022 a working group was developed to assist the Energy Office in developing and launching the home energy labeling program. This group represents a wide range of stakeholders providing input and direction to the Energy Office during the development of the program.

List of Stakeholder Sectors Participating in Working Group Meetings:

- Community Groups
- Energy Efficiency Organizations
- Government Agencies
- Home Builder Associations
- Manufacturer Associations
- Utilities

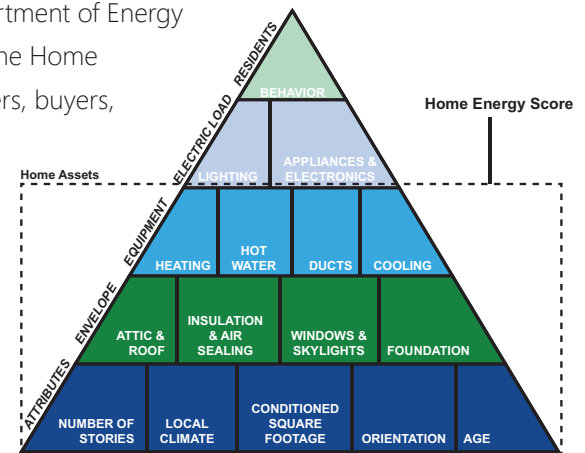
What is The Home Energy Score Label?



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The basis for the South Carolina home energy labeling program is the The Department of Energy Home Energy Score™ Program. The Home Energy Score provides homeowners, buyers, and renters directly comparable and credible information about a home's energy use. Like a miles-per-gallon rating for a car, the Home Energy Score is based on a standard assessment of energy-related assets to easily compare energy use across the housing market. Read more

[About the Score](#) and use this page to guide you to resources. Additionally, homes and raters that use the Home Energy Rating System will also be able to include these homes in the labeling program.



Next Steps

The Energy Office anticipates launching the statewide home energy labeling program in 2024. During the second half of 2023 the Energy Office is seeking participants for local labeling pilot projects. Cities and counties, associations, developers, and other stakeholders interested in participating in a local energy labeling pilot project are encouraged to reach out. If you would like to stay informed, join the working group or are interested in participating as a labeling pilot project contact **Michael Garner** at mgarner@ors.sc.gov.