POVERTY SIMULATION

Low-income families face high energy burdens

DATA SNAPSHOT

2020 POVERTY RATE 11.4%

37.2M LIVING IN POVERTY

1 IN 5 households reported reducing or foregoing food or medicine to pay an energy bill

34M households reported facing challenges paying energy bills or sustaining adequate heating & cooling

ENERGY BURDEN

THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME SPENT ON ENERGY BILLS

Many advocates consider households with a 6% energy burden or higher to experience a high or unsustainable burden

HOWEVER

Just 5.2M households received federal energy assistance

Those who can least afford it have disproportionately higher energy burdens compared with the average household

Median Energy Burden

- 0%
- 2%
- 4%
- 6%
- 8%
- 10%

- NON LOW INCOME 2.3%
- NATIONAL 3.1%
- LOW INCOME 8.1%