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Maine Communities with the Highest Potential Wood Bank Demand

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Table 1. Maine Communities with the Highest Potential Wood Bank Demand

This table lists the 63 Maine towns identified as having the highest potential wood bank demand by county. See footnotes for wood heat and housing cost thresholds. Please see Table 2 for a list of all Maine communities with corresponding percentage of households with wood heat as their primary heat source and percentage of households with high housing costs. Note that data for towns with small populations have high margins of error.

COUNTY	TOWN	% Wood Heat[1]	% High Housing Costs[2]
Aroostook County	Amity	53%	32%
	Frenchville	14%	25%
	Hersey	30%	35%
	Island Falls	23%	25%
	St. Francis	19%	31%
	Wade	17%	28%
	Westfield	24%	25%
Franklin County	Eustis	19%	26%
	Kingfield	15%	22%
	Phillips	32%	26%
	South Franklin	35%	24%
	Temple	24%	39%
Hancock County	Aurora	25%	34%
	Brooklin	17%	21%
	Deer Isle	19%	22%
	East Hancock Unorganized Territory	30%	32%
	Penobscot	32%	21%
	Verona Island	14%	21%
	Waltham	14%	22%
Kennebec County	Unity Township	27%	20%
Knox County	Appleton	15%	32%
	Isle au Haut	77%	63%
	North Haven	27%	26%
Oxford County	Bethel	15%	27%
	Brownfield	23%	32%
	Hiram	17%	26%
	Newry	30%	21%
	Porter	23%	24%
(continues)	Stoneham	32%	21%

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2. Percent of households spending more than 35% of income on selected monthly owner costs (SMOC), including utilities, fuel, mortgage, insurance, and taxes, from 2017-2021 ACS. ME state average is 16% of households.

COUNTY	TOWN	% High Wood Use[1]	% High Housing Cost[2]
Oxford County	Stow	16%	52%
	Sweden	28%	24%
Penobscot County	East Central Penobscot Unorganized Territory	53%	21%
	Kingman	25%	37%
	Seboeis Plt	25%	33%
Piscataquis County	Guilford	23%	24%
	Monson	34%	26%
	Sangerville	14%	20%
	Wellington	43%	21%
Sagadahoc County	Bowdoin	23%	23%
	Bowdoinham	13%	23%
	Woolwich	26%	21%
Somerset County	Anson	22%	20%
	Athens	26%	23%
	Cornville	21%	23%
	Highland Plt	25%	26%
	Moose River	39%	22%
	Norridgewock	22%	31%
Waldo County	Brooks	25%	24%
	Burnham	17%	27%
	Islesboro	16%	35%
	Unity	22%	33%
Washington County	Addison	14%	27%
	Beddington	42%	47%
	Deblois	25%	80%
	Dennysville	19%	25%
	Marshfield	14%	21%
	Milbridge	15%	22%
	Waite	17%	23%
York County	Acton	13%	21%
	Newfield	24%	23%
	Shapleigh	18%	21%

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