



Energy Affordability in Minnesota

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ENERGY ACCESS AND EQUITY

- ▶ Reduce the energy burden.
- ▶ Cut the carbon, health, and financial cost of transportation.
- ▶ Partner with local governments to set and implement equitable climate action goals.
- ▶ Ensure equity and justice in all Fresh Energy policy work and internally.



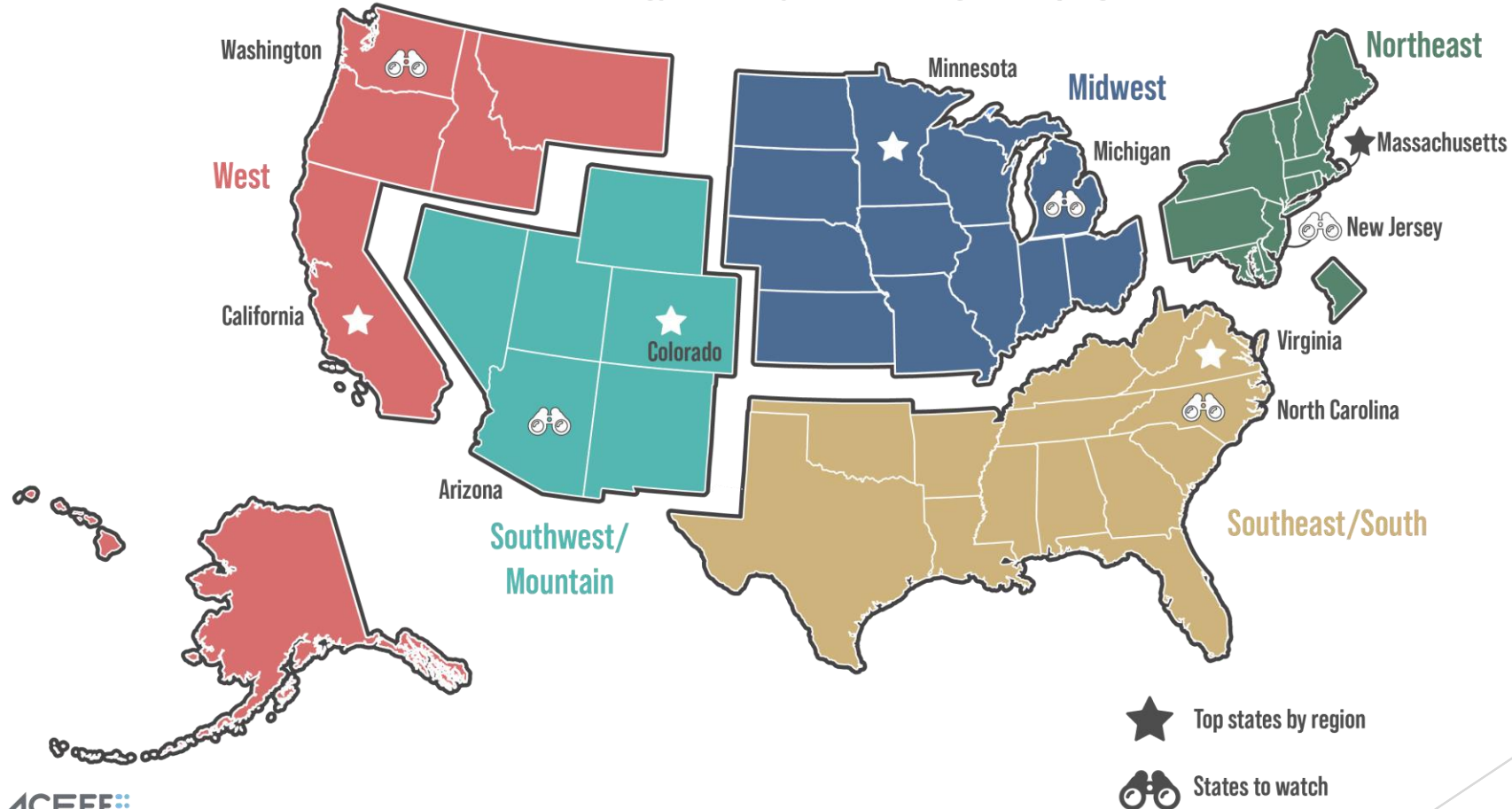
OVERVIEW

- ▶ MN Energy Efficiency Landscape
 - ▶ Energy burden
- ▶ Challenges
 - ▶ Capacity constraints
 - ▶ Funding
- ▶ Opportunities
 - ▶ Legislation
 - ▶ Partnerships

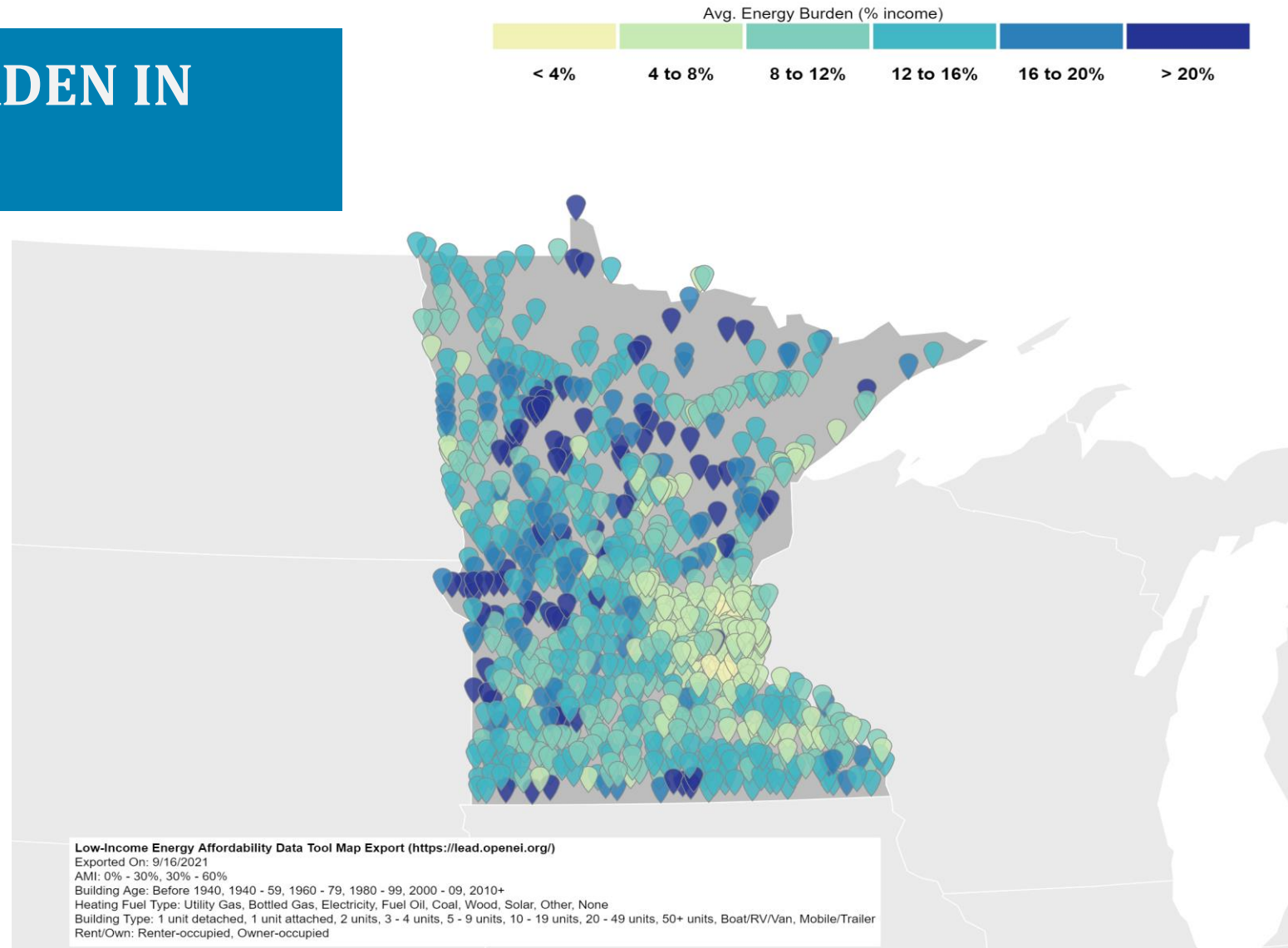


ENERGY EFFICIENCY RANKING

2020 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard Regional Highlights



ENERGY BURDEN IN MINNESOTA



Source: DOE, Low-Income Affordability Data (LEAD) Tool: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/slsc/low-income-energy-affordability-data-lead-tool> (2018)

CHALLENGES

- ▶ Resources for non-energy groups (e.g., renter advocacy groups)
- ▶ Capacity for program implementation
- ▶ Funding for deeper energy efficiency (e.g., weatherization, electrification)



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OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act
 - ▶ Double spending on low-income energy efficiency
 - ▶ Pre-weatherization
 - ▶ Fuel-switching



Governor Tim Walz signs ECO Act signed into law, 2021



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OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Minnesota Department of Commerce
 - ▶ WAP Working Group
 - ▶ Electrification planning
- ▶ Coalition building
 - ▶ Minnesota Multifamily Affordable Housing Energy Network



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE TEAM?

- ▶ Three things we're excited about:
 - ▶ Transportation electrification
 - ▶ Workforce Development
 - ▶ Innovative Financing



Thank you!

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