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WHY ENERGY MATTERS - KEY POINTS

- Energy literally fuels our lives. Energy prosperity makes our livelihoods, our communities, our states, and our nation greater.
- Many in the U.S. and around the world still face energy poverty—forcing them to make tough choices to power their lives and blocking access to the advantages of our modern world.



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- 675 million people are without electricity; 450 million more have unreliable power. More than a billion people around the world live in energy poverty. ("Energy," World Bank Group, Updated 6/23/25)
- In 2024, the National Energy Assistance Directors Association found that nearly 25 percent of U.S. households—and one-third of homes with children—wouldn't be able to afford their summer energy bills. ("Energy Hardship Report," National Energy Assistance Directors Association, 8/24)

Did You Know ...

A 2018 survey of low-income households revealed some of the impacts that high energy costs have on these household's health and welfare:

- 41 percent went without medical or dental care.
- 36 percent went without food for at least one day.
- 31 percent did not fill a prescription or took less than the full dose of a prescribed medication in the past five years.
- 25 percent kept their home at a temperature that was unsafe or unhealthy.
- 17 percent moved in with friends or family.
- 6 percent moved into a shelter or were homeless. (2018 National Energy Assistance Survey Executive

Summary, [National Energy Assistance Directors' Association](#), 12/18)



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- A Department of Energy study estimated that the U.S. needs to expand transmission lines 60% by 2030 and triple the lines available by 2050 to meet growing demand. If we don't build these lines, it stalls economic development, new housing and makes our grid less reliable. ("Queued Up... But in Need of Transmission," [U.S. Department of Energy](#), 4/24)
- When people lack access to energy, they are less healthy and are denied opportunities to improve their lives and lift themselves out of poverty. ("Energy," [World Bank Group](#), Updated 6/23/25)
- Eight out of 10 people without electricity today live in remote, fragile, or conflict-affected regions. ("Energy," [World Bank Group](#), Updated 6/23/25)



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