

# What is the HERS Index?



The Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index is the INDUSTRY STANDARD by which a home's energy efficiency is measured. It's also the NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED system for inspecting and calculating a home's energy performance.

## What does a HERS rating say about a house?

*The HERS Index MEASURES A HOME'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY and there are a lot of great reasons to have a home energy rating performed on your house.*

It can tell you so much about the home you live in, like how efficiently it's operating and where you can make modifications for greater energy savings. When you're selling your home, a low HERS Index Score can command a higher resale price. And when you're buying a home you can anticipate the costs of energy bills and efficiency upgrades.

## How does the HERS Index work?

A certified Home Energy Rater assesses the energy efficiency of a home, assigning it a relative performance score. The lower the number, the more energy efficient the home.

The U.S. Department of Energy has determined that a typical resale home scores 130 on the HERS Index while a standard new home is awarded a rating of 100.

- A home with a HERS Index Score of 70 is 30% more energy efficient than a standard new home
- A home with a HERS Index Score of 130 is 30% less energy efficient than a standard new home

More on what the scores mean.

To calculate a home's HERS Index Score, a certified RESNET HERS Rater does an energy rating on your home and compares the data against a 'reference home'- a designed-model home of the same size and shape as the actual home, so your score is always relative to the size, shape and type of house you live in.

## Some of the variables included in an energy rating are:

- All exterior walls (both above and below grade)
- Floors over unconditioned spaces (like garages or cellars)
- Ceilings and roofs
- Attics, foundations and crawlspaces
- Windows and doors, vents and ductwork

**Discover how the HERS Index works for yourself!**

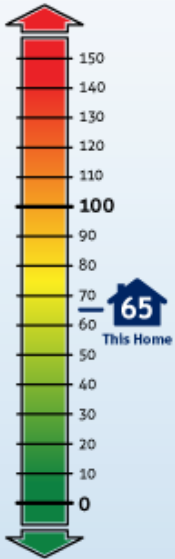
Launch our Interactive HERS Index Model and find out what the numbers could mean for you!

Click and drag the Score Indicator

Watch the Index scores change

Find out the potential impact on your home and bank account!

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A vertical scale representing the HERS Index score, ranging from 0 at the bottom to 150 at the top. The scale is color-coded: 0-10 is dark green, 10-20 is green, 20-30 is light green, 30-40 is yellow-green, 40-50 is yellow, 50-60 is light yellow, 60-70 is yellow, 70-80 is orange-yellow, 80-90 is orange, 90-100 is light orange, 100-110 is orange, 110-120 is red-orange, 120-130 is red, 130-140 is dark red, and 140-150 is red. A small house icon with the number 65 is positioned next to the 65 mark on the scale, with the text "This Home" below it.

**More than 1 MILLION American homes have received their HERS Index Score.**