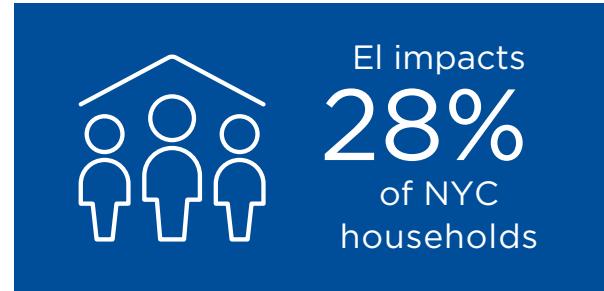


# Energy Insecurity and Health in NYC

## Energy insecurity (EI)

The inability to meet basic household energy needs—encompasses hardship affording utility bills, inefficient and deficient housing conditions and coping behaviors to contain costs and maintain comfort



**EI impacts health** including respiratory, cardiovascular and mental health, sleep and use of electronic medical devices



## Policy Solutions for EI in NYC

FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROGRAM	HOUSING AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE	HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THERMAL CONDITIONS	SCREENING AND SURVEILANCE ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Expand energy assistance programs</li><li>Link energy benefits to health insurance</li><li>Reform safety net benefits</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Invest in energy efficient housing improvements</li><li>Educate the public</li><li>Modernize power grid equitably</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhance utility disconnection protections</li><li>Increase no heat enforcement</li><li>Implement maximum indoor temperature and AC access policies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advance public health surveillance of EI via standardized measures</li><li>Broaden clinical screening and benefit referrals</li></ul>

**Addressing energy insecurity via upstream and coordinated solutions** can improve not only household energy affordability and housing quality but also health equity and climate resilience.