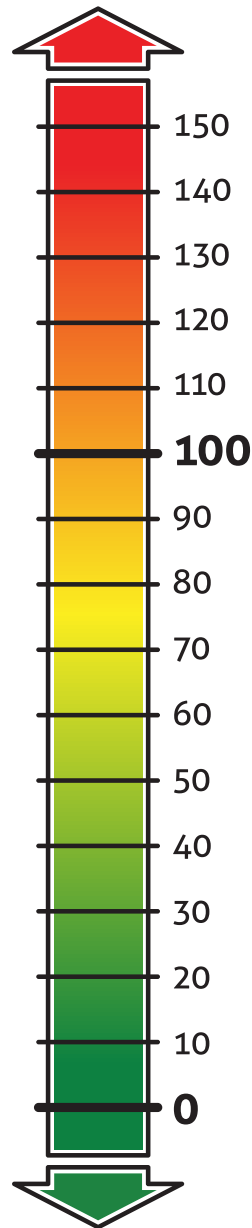


What is the HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEM (HERS) INDEX?

IT IS LIKE
AN MPG
FOR HOMES

- ✓ The **national standard** by which a home's energy efficiency is inspected and rated.
- ✓ A typical home built to 2006 energy efficiency standards scores 100 on the HERS Index.
- ✓ A 1-Point change in the HERS Index represents a 1% change in energy use.
- ✓ A lower Index Score means a home uses less energy.
- ✓ A home with a HERS Index Score of 0 produces as much energy annually as it uses.



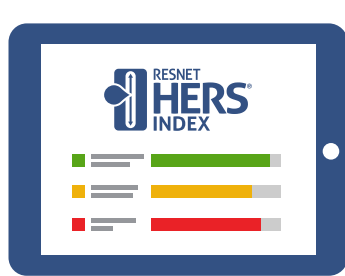
- ✓ A simple, easy to understand system for prospective homebuyers, Realtors, Appraisers and utilities to compare the energy performance of homes.



The HERS Index accounts for a home's energy consumption of heating, cooling, water heating, lighting and some appliances.

HOW TO GET A HERS INDEX SCORE

Obtaining a HERS Index Score requires a comprehensive home energy rating, conducted by a certified RESNET Home Energy Rater.



The HERS Rater conducts a computerized simulation analysis utilizing RESNET Accredited Rating Software.

The results are used to calculate the HERS Index score based on the home's building plans.

Then the Rater conducts a pre-drywall inspection, followed by final inspection using diagnostic testing equipment to verify the home's performance.

The technical specifications of the rating are governed by a national consensus ANSI standard that is incorporated into the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

WHY BUILDERS SHOULD GET HERS INDEX SCORES

MARKETING ADVANTAGE

Demonstrate energy efficiency features in your homes with an independently verified HERS Index rating. Hundreds of builders of all volumes, from across the country, have become RESNET Energy Smart Builders by having all of their homes HERS-rated.

OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE APPRAISED VALUE

With RESNET's Appraiser Portal, your appraiser can verify the HERS Index Score and annual energy cost savings of 3.6+ million homes and compare your home to other HERS-rated homes in your area.

CODE COMPLIANCE

More than 15 states and 300+ local jurisdictions allow a HERS Index Score to be used for energy code compliance.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING

Use HERS Rating data to report on the energy and carbon impacts of the homes you build

NETWORK OF 2,500+ HERS RATERS AND RATING FIELD INSPECTORS

Available to conduct an independent HERS rating on your home and provide expert advice on improving energy efficiency in a cost-effective manner.