



Illinois Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

FACT SHEET

September 2023

NOTE: *The state rebate program reopens November 1. Rebates are subject to the availability of funds in each cycle. Applications are processed in the order they are received, with lower-income applicants receiving priority.*

About the Program

Illinois is offering a rebate of up to \$4,000 for approved electric vehicle purchases by Illinois residents. This is thanks to the Climate & Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) that Illinois signed into law in 2021 with the goal of reducing carbon emissions and help reach a goal of over 1 million EVs on Illinois roads by 2030.

Alongside federal EV incentive programs, Illinois' state incentive program provides a \$4,000 rebate applicable to Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) purchases only. The rebate is not available for plug-in hybrid vehicles, which run on electricity and gas. It also does not cover electric mopeds, electric off-highway vehicles, or extended-range electric vehicles that are also equipped with conventional fueled propulsion or auxiliary engines.

Qualifications

All Illinois residents, regardless of income, are eligible for the rebate. The program will divide applications into two groups by income status with a priority for rebates going to lower-income applicants first.

To qualify for the rebate, the vehicle must be all-electric and purchased on or after August 3, 2024. This applies to both new and used BEVs, but not leased or rented. There is up to \$1,500 rebate available for purchases of all-electric motorcycles.

To qualify for the Energy Savers Program:

- Reside in Illinois at time of vehicle purchase and at the time the rebate is issued.
- Purchase vehicle from a dealer licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State. Rented or leased vehicles do not qualify for the rebate.
- Vehicle cannot have been the subject of a previous EV rebate under this new program in Illinois.
- Rebate amount cannot exceed the purchase price of the vehicle.

- Keep ownership of the vehicle for at least 12 months after purchase. Rebate recipients must notify the EPA within 60 days if they don't meet the year-long ownership requirement.

Here are the steps to getting the rebate according to the EPA website:

- Submit an application within 90 days of purchasing your electric vehicle in Illinois (must be purchased in state).
- Provide proof of Illinois residence, vehicle ownership, and purchase in Illinois.

If selected for rebate, individuals will receive a check from the Illinois Comptroller. The budget allocates \$18.5 million for electric vehicle consumer rebates to the program, which is roughly 4,625 rebates at \$4,000 each. For more information on the program, visit the [Illinois EPA program website](#).

How to Apply

Print and fill out an [application](#) from the EPA website and mail it to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Electric Vehicle Rebate Program MC #40
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Helpful Resources

- [CUB EV Buyer's Handbook](#)– CUB's consumer guide to help you decide whether an electric vehicle is right for you.
- [Alternative Fuels Data Center: Electricity](#)– The Department of Energy's consumer guide to switching away from traditional gas vehicles.
- [PlugStar](#)– A shopping assistant from Plug In America for buying your electric vehicle through local EV dealers and retailers.
- [CUB's EV Calculator](#)– find out how much you can save with the switch to an electric vehicle.
- [CUB's IRA Guide](#)– find more information on new federal EV purchase incentives.