

OVERALL RANK

75/75

18 out of 18 cities in midsize metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

8%

19.5/250 total points

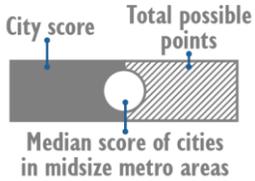
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

# Akron, OH

Akron scored last in the Scorecard. Akron performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

### Recommendations

- Implement comprehensive retrofit strategies for municipal buildings.
- Encourage and incentivize energy efficiency building retrofits.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Implement low-income energy incentive and financing programs.
- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.



The following sections highlight Akron’s performance on a few key metrics that ACEEE Scorecard authors identified as high impact. To learn more about Akron’s Scorecard results, visit <https://www.aceee.org/city-clean-energy-scorecard>.

### COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES

0/45 Points



Akron has a goal to reduce GHG emissions, but there was not sufficient emissions data to determine if it is on track to meet this goal. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine Akron’s approach to community engagement or workforce development.

### BUILDING POLICIES

2/70 Points



Akron follows the statewide building energy codes of Ohio, where commercial buildings must comply with the 2012 IECC, and residential buildings must comply with the 2018 IECC. Akron does not have incentive or financing programs to support energy efficiency.

### TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

4/70 Points



Akron has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development. Akron does not require new developments to install EV charging stations. However, Akron provides a free bikeshare program and weekday shuttle service to residents.

### COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

8.5/40 Points



FirstEnergy offers a Community Connection Program serving low-income customers, and Domino Energy Ohio offers the Housewarming Program for weatherization assistance to income-eligible customers. Neither utility offers energy efficiency programs for multifamily buildings. Akron does not have a formal partnership with these utilities to collaborate on energy saving strategies, and we were unable to find information on whether the City has programs or procurement strategies to increase use of renewable energy.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

5/25 Points



Akron does not have a comprehensive retrofit program, and we were unable to obtain data on Akron’s municipal fleet or streetlight composition. Akron has a preference program for contracting with MBEs, and the City published a Procurement and Inclusion report in 2020.



### EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 10/85.5 POINTS

Each chapter of the City Scorecard included metrics assessing equitable practices cities are taking to advance clean energy, totaling 85.5 points available across the Scorecard.

