

OVERALL RANK

43/75

2 out of 18 cities in midsize metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

26%

65/250 total points

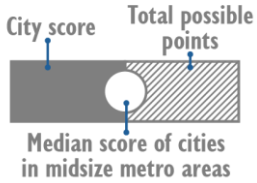
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Albuquerque, NM

Albuquerque was one of the stronger performers among its peers, and it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Albuquerque performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the transportation category.

Recommendations

- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
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- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



11.5/45 Points



Albuquerque 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. Albuquerque’s Climate Action Plan had a task force to determine and write climate policies with a focus on energy democracy and justice.

BUILDING POLICIES



12.5/70 Points



Albuquerque complies with the New Mexico building codes but has not set any stretch codes. All new city building projects larger than 5,000 sq ft are required to achieve LEED Silver. Albuquerque offers a range of financing and incentives for energy efficiency projects.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



11.5/70 Points



In 2018, Albuquerque modified its zoning code to allow mixed uses by-right in certain areas previously zoned for non-residential uses. Albuquerque does not require new developments to install EV charging stations. The city offers fare-free bus rapid transit and paratransit service and provides shared electric vehicles at two low-income housing communities.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



20/40 Points



Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) offers several programs for low-income customers and multifamily properties. Albuquerque works with PNM on the Solar Direct project and was also part of a taskforce to enact more efficient building codes. Albuquerque has installed 6.6MW of solar capacity on city facilities and benefits from 25MW of offsite solar.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



9.5/25 Points



The city's Energy Manager and Energy Specialist are dedicated to benchmarking, analyzing building performance, coordinating, and implementing improvements. Albuquerque Ordinance 2-12-1 mandates that 3% of the city's General Obligation Bonds be dedicated to funding capital improvements and retrofits that result in energy conservation.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 22.5/85.5 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.