

OVERALL RANK

13/75

13 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

43%

107/250 total points

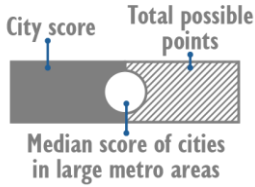
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Atlanta, GA

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

Recommendations

- Track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Create or expand bike networks that connect people with a variety of destinations.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
- Develop equity-driven community engagement processes.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



17.5/45 Points



Based on analysis of recent emissions data, ACEEE projects Atlanta will achieve its near-term GHG emissions reduction goal. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine Atlanta's approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



23.5/70 Points



Atlanta complies with Georgia building codes. It has adopted code provisions requiring developments to install EV-ready infrastructure. The city offers a range of incentives for energy-saving actions, such as PACE financing and loans.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



30.5/70 Points



In 2017, Atlanta modified its zoning code to allow by-right accessory dwelling units (ADU) in more areas. Atlanta does not require new developments to install EV charging stations. The city has partnered with Common Courtesy to provide free EV shuttle service to critical locations (including the Atlanta Community Food Bank, On the Rise Financial Center, and Westside Works) in low-income communities.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



22.5/40 Points



Georgia Power offers several programs targeted to low-income customers and multifamily properties. Georgia Power counsels to Atlanta on how to achieve its energy goals by providing analysis and data. Atlanta intervened in a formal Georgia Power rate case to advocate for more energy efficiency investment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



13/25 Points



Atlanta has a Sustainable Revolving Loan Fund that supports energy efficiency work in city buildings through Energy Performance Contracts. Efficient vehicles make up 3% of Atlanta's municipal fleet. Atlanta and Georgia Power are working to convert all city lights to LEDs.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 31.5/85.5 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.

