

OVERALL RANK

48/75

44 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

23%

58.5/250 total points

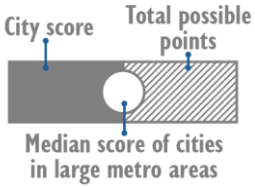
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Aurora, CO

Aurora was one of the weaker performers among its peers, and it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Aurora performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the local government operations category.

Recommendations

- Create more incentive and financing programs designed for disadvantaged communities.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.
- Implement inclusive procurement and contracting processes.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



3/45 Points



Aurora is on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 10% below 2007 levels by 2025. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine Aurora's approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



29.5/70 Points



Aurora requires commercial and residential properties to comply with the 2021 IECC. New municipal buildings must achieve LEED Gold. Aurora offers PACE financing to commercial property owners for renewable and energy efficiency improvements.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



6/70 Points



Aurora has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging stations. RTD, a transit agency serving Aurora, provides a 40% fare discount for individuals with a household income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



19/40 Points



Xcel Energy offers a portfolio of programs targeted to low-income customers and a Multifamily Weatherization Program. Aurora partners with Xcel Energy through the Partners in Energy program to set energy efficiency targets and determine renewable energy strategies.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



1/25 Points



Aurora does not have a comprehensive retrofit program, and we were unable to obtain data on Aurora's streetlight composition. Efficient vehicles, including hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles, make up 0.75% of the city's municipal fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 11.5/85.5 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.

