

OVERALL RANK

68/75

13 out of 18 cities in midsize metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

11%

28.5/250 total points

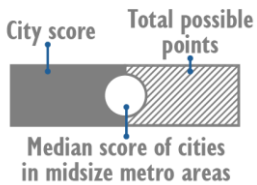
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Bridgeport, CT

Bridgeport was one of the weaker performers among its peers, but it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Bridgeport performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and can notably improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

Recommendations

- Implement comprehensive retrofit strategies for municipal buildings.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.
- Implement low-income energy incentive and financing programs.
- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES

0/45 Points



Bridgeport 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 Bridgeport's approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES

5/70 Points



Bridgeport complies with the 2022 Connecticut State Building Code for residential and commercial buildings. In Bridgeport, new construction designed to meet LEED standards receives varying floor area-ratio bonuses based on certification level.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

7/70 Points



Bridgeport has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging. Bridgeport does not provide subsidized access to efficient transportation for disadvantaged communities.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

13.5/40 Points



Both United Illuminating (UI) and Southern Connecticut Gas (SCG) participate in programs for low-income customers and multifamily buildings. While Bridgeport does not currently have a formal partnership with these utilities, in 2018, Bridgeport worked with UI to install a solar array over the city's capped landfill, and in 2021, SCG worked with Bridgeport to build energy efficiency projects.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

3/25 Points



Bridgeport does not have a comprehensive retrofit strategy to decrease municipal energy use. However, through a program with UI, 83% of light fixtures in Bridgeport have been upgraded to LEDs. Efficient vehicles make up 1% of Bridgeport's municipal fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 7/85.5 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.