

OVERALL RANK

73/75

17 out of 18 cities in midsize metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

9%

22.5/250 total points

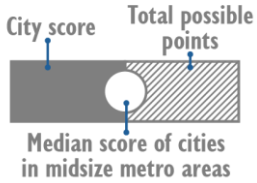
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Chattanooga, TN

Chattanooga was one of the weaker performers among its peers. Chattanooga performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and can notably improve in the community-wide initiatives category. This is the first time Chattanooga is included in the *City Scorecard*.

Recommendations

- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.
- Form partnerships with utilities to encourage clean energy goals, programs, and investments.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- Adopt affordability requirements in energy incentive and financing programs.
- Formalize and adopt inclusive procurement and contracting processes.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



1.5/45 Points



Chattanooga 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 Chattanooga’s approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



6/70 Points



Chattanooga adopted the 2018 IECC with city amendments for commercial and residential projects. However, we were unable to find information verifying whether Chattanooga has incentives or financing programs for energy-saving actions.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



7.5/70 Points



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

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



5.5/40 Points



Because of limited information, we were unable to determine whether utilities serving Chattanooga offer low-income or multifamily programs or whether the city has established partnerships with utilities. Chattanooga has a 2.64 MW solar farm powering the airport.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



2/25 Points



Chattanooga does not have a comprehensive retrofit program, and we were unable to obtain data on Chattanooga’s municipal fleet or streetlight composition.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 2/85.5 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.

