

OVERALL RANK

49/75

45 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

22%

55.5/250 total points

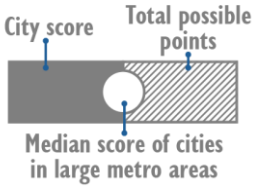
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Cincinnati, OH

Cincinnati was one of the weaker performers among its peers, and it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Cincinnati performed best in the community-wide initiatives category and has the most room to improve in the buildings and transportation categories.

Recommendations

- Adopt energy benchmarking and retrocommissioning policies.
- Take an equity-driven approach to shared, distributed energy systems.
- 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 clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



16/45 Points



Cincinnati is on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 40% below 2006 levels by 2028. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine Cincinnati's approach to workforce development or recent community engagement efforts.

BUILDING POLICIES



10/70 Points



Cincinnati is required to comply with Ohio's statewide building energy codes. The city has passed a policy requiring garages that receive city incentives to include charging at 1% of their spaces and be equipped with electric capacity at 5% of the spaces. Cincinnati offers a range of financing and incentive options for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



10/70 Points



Cincinnati has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging stations. Cincinnati partners with Red Bike to provide access to a bike-sharing network for residents with a household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



9/40 Points



Duke Energy Ohio offers a variety of programs for low-income customers and a program for multifamily buildings. Cincinnati is working with Duke Energy Ohio to offer a bill repayment and energy efficiency program for low-income residents. The city signed a 35 MW Power Purchase Agreement to serve the city government.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



10.5/25 Points



Cincinnati has completed efficiency improvements impacting more than 50% of public buildings. The city is working on a \$19M project that will include installation of an additional 2 MW of onsite solar, 34,000 LED lighting fixtures, and conversion of 155 HVAC units.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 15/85.5 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.

