

OVERALL RANK

51/75

46 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

21%

53.5/250 total points

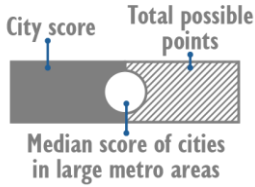
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Dallas, TX

Dallas was one of the weaker performers among its peers, and it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Dallas performed best in the local government operations category and can notably improve in the transportation category.

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.
- Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



12.5/45 Points



Dallas 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. The Resilient Dallas Plan includes goals, actions, and timelines to improve equity in the city government. Dallas offered transportation reimbursement to residents attending climate action planning meetings.

BUILDING POLICIES



14/70 Points



Buildings must comply with the Dallas Energy Conservation Code, which includes requirements for solar readiness. The Dallas Green Ordinance requires projects smaller than 50,000 sq ft to be 15% more efficient than required by the code. The city offers PACE financing, rebates for home improvement, and efficiency upgrades for low-income homes.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



8/70 Points



Dallas has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging stations. Dallas Area Rapid Transit, the city's primary public transit agency, offers reduced transit fares for residents who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



9.5/40 Points



Oncor and Atmos Energy both offer programs targeted at low-income customers and multifamily buildings. Dallas has been involved with regulatory proceedings to work toward expanding renewable energy generation and is working on installing more solar energy.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



9.5/25 Points



The city of Dallas currently has dedicated funding for energy procurement, monitoring, and efficiency improvements. Roughly 18% of streetlights in Dallas have been converted to LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 5% of the municipal fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 18/85.5 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.

