

OVERALL RANK

36/75

35 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

28%

69.5/250 total points

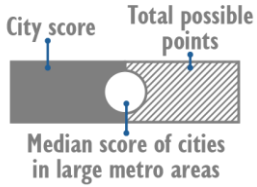
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

# Hartford, CT

Hartford is in the middle of the pack among its peers, but it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Hartford performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the community-wide initiatives 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.
- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.



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

### COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



4.5/45 Points



Hartford 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 Office of Sustainability holds events in partnership with grassroots organizations and activists and to design events to accommodate childcare and common work schedules.

### BUILDING POLICIES



12/70 Points



Hartford complies with the Connecticut State Building Code. Hartford's subdivision regulations and zoning code include solar- and EV-ready provisions. The city offers PACE financing for commercial projects and offers residents loans for housing improvements.

### TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



16.5/70 Points



Hartford has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development. The city requires that all new developments have at least one charging station and that new developments with more than 35 spaces include charging stations in 3% of spaces. Hartford partners with BiCi Co. to provide shared micromobility services to low-income residents.

### COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



28.5/40 Points



Both Eversource and Connecticut Natural Gas offer programs targeted to low-income customers and multifamily properties. City staff meet regularly with utilities through the Energy Opportunities program. Hartford has a series of agreements with Eversource, reflecting anticipated incentives to offset project costs related to energy efficiency measures.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



8/25 Points



Hartford's three-part retrofit strategy for municipal facilities includes benchmarking, inputting historical energy performance metrics, and installing energy conservation measures. The city directs some revenue from energy projects into an Energy Efficiency Revolving Fund.



### EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 16.5/85.5 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.

