

OVERALL RANK

26/75

25 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

32%

81/250 total points

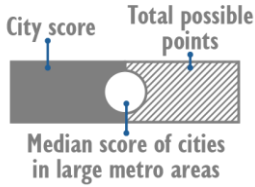
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Kansas City, MO

Kansas City is in the middle of the pack among its peers, and it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Kansas City performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the transportation category. c

Recommendations

- Create more incentive and financing programs designed for disadvantaged communities.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.
- Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Create or expand bike networks that connect people with a variety of destinations.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



12.5/45 Points



Kansas City is on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 30% below 2005 levels by 2025. During the development of the CPRP, Kansas City hired a local equity consultant to ensure that the city was reaching its historically disadvantaged communities. The city also had two local climate justice workers facilitate meeting with communities.

BUILDING POLICIES



22.5/70 Points



Kansas City has adopted the 2021 IECC with amendments. The city has not adopted solar- or EV-readiness policies, but new municipal buildings are required to achieve LEED Gold. The city funds Bridging the Gap to make energy efficiency upgrades in low-income homes.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



18/70 Points



In 2022, Kansas City modified its zoning code to allow accessory dwelling units citywide by-right. The city does not require new developments to install EV charging stations. The city provides free public bus transit to all riders through its Zero Fare Transit Program and offers discounted memberships to bike sharing for individuals who rely on needs-based services.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



19.5/40 Points



Energy and Spire Missouri offer weatherization programs for low-income customers and jointly offer an income-eligible multifamily program. While the city does not have a formal partnership with these utilities, it recently passed a resolution with a goal to procure 100% carbon-free electricity.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



8.5/25 Points



Kansas City does not have a comprehensive retrofit program. The city is currently working on converting streetlights to LEDs, and 45% have been converted so far. Efficient vehicles make up 1.5% of Kansas City’s fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 21/85.5 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.

