

OVERALL RANK

28/75

27 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

31%

78/250 total points

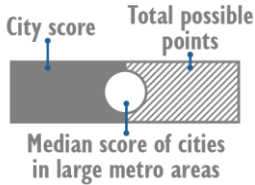
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Long Beach, CA

Long Beach is in the middle of the pack among its peers, but it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Long Beach performed best in the transportation category and has the most room to improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

Recommendations

- Adopt retrocommissioning policies.
- Take an equity-driven approach to shared, distributed energy systems.
- 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 Long Beach's performance on a few key metrics that ACEEE Scorecard authors identified as high impact. To learn more about Long Beach's Scorecard results, visit <https://www.aceee.org/city-clean-energy-scorecard>.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



4.5/45 Points



Long Beach 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. As part of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan outreach process, the city conducted outreach in marginalized communities and in Spanish and Khmer, as well as English.

BUILDING POLICIES



21/70 Points



Long Beach complies with California building codes and the Long Beach Municipal Code. The city amended its code to include a provision requiring 25% of parking spaces be EV ready and 5% to be currently EV capable. Long Beach adheres to the EV-, solar-, and electric-readiness requirements in the state codes.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



31/70 Points



California's SB 9 allows lots in single-family zones to be split into two lots and allows up to two units to be built on each lot, which applies to Long Beach. Long Beach requires all new commercial buildings to include EV charging stations in 20% of parking spaces. Long Beach Bike Share offers discounted trips for income-qualified residents.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



13/40 Points



Southern California Edison (SCE) offers energy savings programs to low-income customers and multifamily properties. In August 2020, the City of Long Beach decided not to move forward with establishing Community Choice Aggregation for the city.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



8.5/25 Points



The City of Long Beach is currently finalizing its Facilities Conditions Assessment and recently completed retrofits at multiple libraries and service facilities. All streetlights in Long Beach are LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 14% of the city's fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 9.5/85.5 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.

