

OVERALL RANK

45/75

42 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

25%

62/250 total points

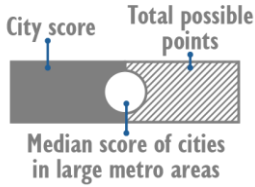
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee was one of the weaker performers among its peers, but it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Milwaukee 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.
- 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.
- Adopt a policy requiring efficient outdoor lighting.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



8/45 Points



Milwaukee 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. Milwaukee has a Climate and Economic Equity Task Force charged with making recommendations on meeting Milwaukee’s emissions reductions goals and mitigating racial and income inequity through green jobs.

BUILDING POLICIES



13/70 Points



Milwaukee is required to follow statewide codes, including the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code and the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code. The city works with USDN to advocate for more-stringent state energy codes. Milwaukee offers a variety of incentives and financing options for energy efficiency, including some targeted to housing affordability.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



16.5/70 Points



Milwaukee has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging stations. Milwaukee partners with Bublr to provide discounted bike share to residents receiving aid.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



18/40 Points



We Energies and Focus on Energy provide programs targeted to low-income customers. Milwaukee signed an MOU with the Focus on Energy small business program to market the program as part of its Me2 outreach efforts, and the city has submitted comments to the Public Service Commission expressing its support for strong energy efficiency spending.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



6.5/25



Milwaukee recently wrapped up a \$2 million ESPC and performed a comprehensive energy assessment of all municipal buildings. Milwaukee has a capital allocation in the city budget each year to make energy efficiency improvements. Roughly 15% of streetlights are LEDs.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 14.5/85.5 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.

