

OVERALL RANK

6/75

6 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

57%

142/250 total points

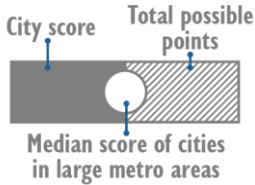
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

# Minneapolis, MN

Minneapolis was one of the strongest performers among its peers, but it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Minneapolis performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the local government operations category.

**Recommendations**

- Provide EV vehicle and infrastructure incentives to disadvantaged communities.
- Advocate to state officials for building energy performance standards.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Dedicate staff to building energy code compliance.
- Implement inclusive procurement and contracting processes.
- Create requirements for EV infrastructure for new developments.



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

**COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES**



30/45 Points



Minneapolis is on track to meet its near-term goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The city created the Minneapolis Green Zones Initiative, a place-based policy in which Northern and Southside Green Zone community members sit on task forces or councils that serve as an advisory board to the city on implementation and decision making.

**BUILDING POLICIES**



34/70 Points



Minneapolis is required to comply with the Minnesota Energy Code but advocates for more-stringent statewide codes. Minneapolis has requirements for EV readiness and low energy use. The city offers a range of financing and incentives for energy efficiency and solar projects.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICIES**



38/70 Points



In 2018, Minneapolis modified its zoning code to allow up to three units per lot by-right in all residential districts. The city does not require new developments to install EV charging stations. Metro Transit offers \$1 bus and train rides to low-income residents.

**COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE**



32/40 Points



Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy offer several programs for low-income customers and multifamily properties. In 2014, Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, and CenterPoint Energy signed an MOU to include an active role for the utilities in the city's achievement of its energy goals. This partnership has continued and releases annual reports on its progress.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**



8/25 Points



Using data from EnergyCAP, the city prioritizes retrofit opportunities by buildings consuming the most energy and operating the least efficiently. Through the software, the city has avoided \$8 million in energy costs over the past 6 years. Roughly 78% of Minneapolis' streetlights are LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 8% of its fleet.



**EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 43.5/85.5 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.

