

OVERALL RANK

33/75

32 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

28%

70.5/250 total points

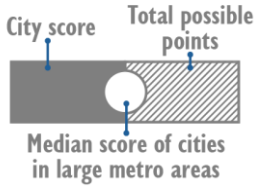
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Nashville, TN

Nashville is in the middle of the pack among its peers, but it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Nashville performed best in the local government operations category and has the most room to improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

Recommendations

- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- 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.
- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



8/45 Points



Nashville 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. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine Nashville’s approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



15.5/70 Points



Nashville adopted the 2018 International Building Codes for commercial and residential properties. Nashville received a SolSmart Bronze designation in 2022 and allows solar use in all zones. The city offers a range of incentives and financing programs for efficiency actions.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



15.5/70 Points



Nashville has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging stations. WeGo, the city’s primary transit agency, offers free bus passes for homeless and housing-insecure individuals. Additionally, the city’s bikeshare program offers free unlimited 2-hour trips for one week when residents check out a book from a public library.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



17/40 Points



Nashville Electric Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) offer the Home Uplift program to income-qualified participants. Nashville does not have a formal partnership with either utility. However, Nashville provided land at no cost to Nashville Electric Service for Music City Solar, a 2 MW community solar farm.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



14.5/25 Points



Nashville’s general services department administers an energy savings revolving loan fund program that uses savings to reinvest in future projects. More than 35 energy efficiency projects have been completed by the department since 2020 with data being tracked.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 23/85.5 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.

