

OVERALL RANK

50/75

5 out of 18 cities in midsize metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

22%

54.5/250 total points

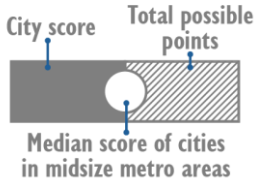
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

New Haven, CT

New Haven was one of the stronger performers among its peers, and it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. New Haven performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and can notably improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

Recommendations

- Implement comprehensive retrofit strategies for municipal buildings.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Adopt energy benchmarking and retrocommissioning policies.
- Implement low-income energy incentive and financing programs.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



4/45 Points



New Haven is not on track meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 55% below 1999 levels by 2030. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine New Haven’s approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



8/70 Points



New Haven complies with the Connecticut State Building Code, which aligns with the 2021 IECC. New Haven participates in the state’s C-PACE program for commercial properties and offers financial and floor-area incentives for energy efficiency retrofits.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



16.5/70 Points



In 2021, New Haven modified its zoning code to allow ADUs in more districts by-right. The city does not require new developments to install EV charging stations, nor does it provide subsidized access to efficient transportation options for disadvantaged communities.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



20/40 Points



Both United Illuminating and Southern Connecticut Gas participate in the Home Energy Solutions Income-Eligible Program and Energize Connecticut’s Multifamily Initiative. New Haven does not have a formal partnership with either. New Haven has installed 2.8MW of photovoltaic panels on school roofs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



6/25 Points



New Haven does not have a comprehensive retrofit strategy. However, 100% of streetlights have been converted to LEDs in New Haven, and efficient vehicles make up 2% of the municipal fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 14/85.5 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.

