

OVERALL RANK

7/75

7 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

56%

139.5/250 total points

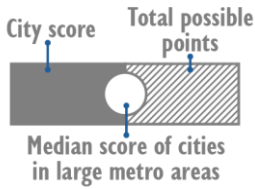
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

New York, NY

New York was one of the stronger performers among its peers, but it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. New York performed best in the buildings category and has the most room to improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

Recommendations

- Track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.
- Adopt an energy disclosure requirement for residential rental properties.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES

9/45 Points



New York is not on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 30% below 2005 levels by 2025. The city has established an Environmental Justice Advisory Board, which will work to create a citywide Environmental Justice Plan. The NYC Department of Education offers several sustainability education and workforce programs.

BUILDING POLICIES

52.5/70 Points



The 2020 NYC Energy Conservation Code is based on statewide codes with strengthened amendments. NYC requires new buildings to install solar panels or green roofs and has EV-readiness and electrification requirements. The city offers tax abatement and exception for energy-efficient upgrades in affordable housing projects, as well as PACE financing.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

35/70 Points



New York City has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development. The city requires all new parking lots and garages to include EV charging stations. NYC offers discounted transit fare to residents at or below the federal poverty level.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

29.5/40 Points



NYSERDA offers the EmPower New York program to qualified low-income residential customers in ConEd and National Grid service territories. NYC engages with NYSERDA on implementation of renewable energy programs and advocates for transmission of large-scale renewables directly into the City’s electric utility territory.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

13.5/25 Points



The city conducts energy audits and retrocommissioning studies and prioritizes buildings with the greatest opportunity for energy savings through a comprehensive retrofit. Almost all of NYC’s streetlights are LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 25% of its fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 38.5/85.5 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.

