

OVERALL RANK

5/75

5 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

57%

143/250 total points

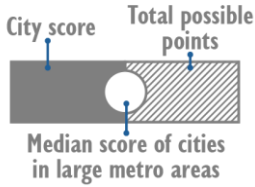
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Oakland, CA

Oakland was one of the strongest performers among its peers, and it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Oakland performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the buildings 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.
- Adopt an energy disclosure requirement for residential rental properties.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



24.5/45 Points



Oakland is on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 56% by 2030. The city’s Inclusive Community Engagement Administrative Instruction provides a framework for all city projects to follow to ensure that representative community voices are consulted and incorporated into decision making and implementation.

BUILDING POLICIES



28/70 Points



Oakland complies with California building codes and has adopted its own Green Building Ordinance and an all-electric new construction ordinance. The city adheres to the EV- and solar-readiness requirements in the state codes. The city offers several incentives for energy-saving actions, such as affordable financing, offset project costs, loans, and grants.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



43/70 Points



California’s SB 9 allows lots in single-family zones to be split into two lots and up to two units to be built on each lot, which applies to Oakland. CA’s building code requires multifamily properties with 20+ units to install EV chargers in 5% of the total parking spaces. Low-income residents can receive a Clipper START card and purchase transit fare at a discounted rate.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



30.5/40 Points



Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) offers several programs for low-income customers and multifamily properties. Oakland partners with PG&E in the East Bay Energy Watch, and the city is a founding member of East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), a local government CCA.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



17/25 Points



The city’s Energy Group conducts energy consumption and costs analyses to determine which public buildings are best suited to receive comprehensive retrofits. Roughly 95% of Oakland’s streetlights are LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 13% of its fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 39/85.5 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.

