

OVERALL RANK

22/75

21 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

33%

82.5/250 total points

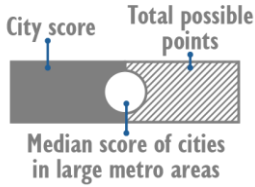
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh is in the middle of the pack among its peers, but it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Pittsburgh performed best in the local government operations category and has the most room to improve in the buildings category.

Recommendations

- Adopt retrocommissioning policies.
- Take an equity-drive approach to shared, distributed energy systems.
- Adopt an energy disclosure requirement for residential rental properties.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



11.5/45 Points



Pittsburgh is not on track to meet its near-term GHG emissions reduction goal. Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Public Schools have launched a workforce development program, Prepare to Prosper, to help connect students participating in the Career and Technical Education programs to internships and entry-level job opportunities.

BUILDING POLICIES



12/70 Points



Pittsburgh complies with state-mandated building energy codes, but also created a working group with the assistance of the Green Building Alliance to improve its city codes and advocate for improved energy codes statewide. The city offers density bonuses and C-PACE financing for energy-related projects.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



25.5/70 Points



Pittsburgh has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging stations. The city provides discounted bikeshare trips to residents receiving government assistance.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



19/40 Points



Duquesne Light offers several programs targeted to low-income customers and has a multifamily housing retrofit program. Pittsburgh partners with Duquesne Light and Peoples Natural Gas in efforts to support energy efficiency throughout the community, including Penn Future and GTECH’s ReEnergize Network.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



14.5/25 Points



Pittsburgh recently completed its Facilities Improvement Master Plan, identifying projects to meet its 2030 energy reduction targets, such as lighting, HVAC, building envelope, and onsite generation measures. Roughly 11% of streetlights in Pittsburgh are LEDs.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 22/85.5 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.

