

OVERALL RANK

8/75

8 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

55%

138.5/250 total points

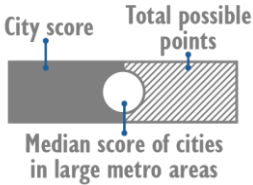
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Portland, OR

Portland was one of the strongest performers among its peers, and it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Portland performed best in the local government operations category and has the most room to improve in the buildings category.

Recommendations

- Adopt an energy disclosure requirement for residential rental properties.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Create requirements for EV infrastructure for new developments.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.
- Create resilience hubs with clean energy resources sited in disadvantaged communities.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



24.5/45 Points



Portland is not on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 50% below 1990 levels by 2030. Several community-based organizations have joined the planning process for Portland's Zero Cities Project and will lead a community engagement process with a goal of delivering a roadmap, report, and resolution to Portland's City Council.

BUILDING POLICIES



26/70 Points



Portland is required to comply with the 2021 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code, and the city advocates for stricter energy codes at the state level. The city has a fund to support nonprofits pursuing climate-related projects and offers a few incentives for efficiency projects.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



47/70 Points



In 2020, Portland modified its zoning code to allow up to 4 residential units by-right in all residential districts. Portland requires all new multi-dwelling and mixed-use developments with 5+ units to have EV charging infrastructure. Portland partners with 18 organizations to provide low-income residents with transit fare through Transportation Wallet: Access for All.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



22/40 Points



Portland General Electric (PGE) and Northwest Natural Gas offer several programs for low-income customer, and Oregon Housing and Community Services administers programs for financial support and resources for low-income residents. Portland participates in PUC legislative rulemaking proceedings and collaborates with PGE on shared goals.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



19/25 Points



The city has a strategic planning group that manages efficiency project prioritization. Portland has a policy to undertake any identified energy efficiency project with a payback of 10 years or less. All of Portland's streetlights are LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 15% of its fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 43/85.5 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.

