

OVERALL RANK

64/75

10 out of 18 cities in midsize metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

15%

37/250 total points

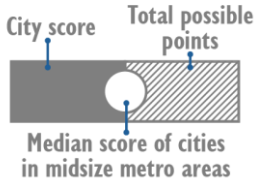
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Reno, NV

Reno is in the middle of the pack among its peers, but it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Reno performed best in the buildings category and can notably improve in the transportation category.

Recommendations

- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.
- Form partnerships with utilities to encourage clean energy goals, programs, and investments.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- Adopt affordability requirements in energy incentive and financing programs.
- Develop inclusive procurement and contracting processes.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



7.5/45 Points



Reno is not on track to meet its near-term GHG reduction goal or renewable energy goals. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine Reno’s approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



16/70 Points



Reno currently mandates the 2018 IECC for residential and commercial buildings, but it is planning to adopt the 2024 IECC. Reno gives commercial building owners access to PACE financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



3/70 Points



Reno has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging stations. However, Bird, the city’s primary e-scooter share operator, offers discounts to some disadvantaged communities.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



7.5/40 Points



NV Energy offers an appliance replacement program to low-income customers but does not have other programs targeted to low-income communities or multifamily properties. Reno does not have an established partnership with NV Energy. Reno helped construct a community solar project for residents from disadvantaged communities.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



3/25 Points



Reno uses energy use data to do an EUI comparison of occupied buildings to target specific buildings and recently completed retrofit projects at City Hall, a wastewater treatment plant, and the fleet maintenance building, among others. Roughly 45% of streetlights in Reno have been converted to LEDs, but we were unable to obtain data on vehicle fleet composition.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 4.5/85.5 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.

