

OVERALL RANK

13/75

13 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

43%

107/250 total points

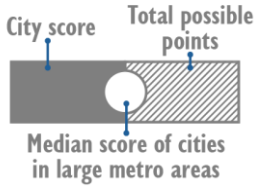
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Sacramento, CA

Sacramento was one of the stronger performers among its peers, rising in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Sacramento performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

Recommendations

- Create more incentive and financing programs designed for disadvantaged communities.
- 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 a policy requiring efficient outdoor lighting.
- Implement inclusive procurement and contracting processes.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES

14.5/45 Points



Based on analysis of recent emissions data, ACEEE projects that Sacramento will achieve 75% of the per-capita emissions reductions required to meet its 2030 GHG emissions reduction goal. As part of the General Plan development, the city met with leaders from communities most impacted by pollution on incorporating environmental justice objectives. These listening sessions provided food, translation services, and family activities to encourage participation.

BUILDING POLICIES

31.5/70 Points



Sacramento currently enforces the 2022 state building energy codes and recently passed an electrification ordinance reach code. The city offers PACE financing for energy efficiency and solar projects, heigh bonuses for green buildings, and rebates for home energy improvements.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

26/70 Points



California's SB 9 allows lots in single-family zones to be split into two lots and allows up to two units to be built on each lot, which applies to Sacramento. CA's building code requires multifamily properties with 20+ units to install EV chargers in 5% of parking spaces. The city does not provide subsidies for efficient transportation options to disadvantaged communities.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

26/40 Points



Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) both offer several programs for low-income customers and multifamily properties. SMUD runs SolarShares, a 13 MW offsite community solar program.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

9/25 Points



Sacramento's Energy Efficiency Retrofits program is designed to provide better municipal facility systems performance with higher efficiencies. The city also has an Energy Reinvestment Program, which provides a dedicated source of funding for city-owned efficiency projects.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 21/85.5 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.

