

OVERALL RANK

20/75

20 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

38%

94.5/250 total points

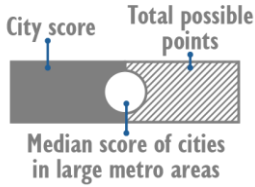
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

# Saint Paul, MN

Saint Paul is in the middle of the pack among its peers, and it stayed the same in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Saint Paul performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the buildings category.

### Recommendations

- Adopt retrocommissioning policies.
- Create more incentive and financing programs designed for disadvantaged communities.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Adopt an energy disclosure requirement for residential rental properties.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.
- Adopt a policy requiring efficient outdoor lighting.



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

### COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



15.5/45 Points



Saint Paul has a goal to reduce GHG emissions, but there was not sufficient emissions data to determine if it is on track to meet this goal. While developing its climate action plan, the city hosted community forums in areas of concentrated poverty. Saint Paul's Climate Justice Advisory Board advises the city on ensuring that clean energy efforts are distributed equitably.

### BUILDING POLICIES



15/70 Points



Saint Paul is required to comply with the Minnesota Energy Code but advocates for the state to adopt more-stringent codes. Saint Paul is a SoSmart Gold designee. While currently inactive as the city amends its terms, the Energy Smart Home program offers residents zero-interest loans for efficiency upgrades, with additional benefits for low-income participants.

### TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



27.5/70 Points



In 2018, the City of St. Paul modified its zoning code to allow accessory dwelling units in all residential districts. St. Paul does not require new developments to install EV charging stations. The city partnered with HOURCAR to offer electric carsharing to city residents; people earning 50% or less of the area median income can get discounted rates.

### COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



27/40 Points



Xcel Energy offers a portfolio for low-income customers and multifamily properties. Saint Paul participates in Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy program, where the city and utility set energy efficiency targets and determine renewable energy strategy goals.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



9.5/25 Points



Saint Paul conducts energy audits and recommissioning reports for city buildings. The city prioritizes facilities larger than 25,000 sq ft and high-energy-use buildings for retrofits and improvements. In 2019, the City's Green Revolving Loan Fund increased to \$5 million.



### EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 28/85.5 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.

