

OVERALL RANK

13/75

13 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

43%

107/250 total points

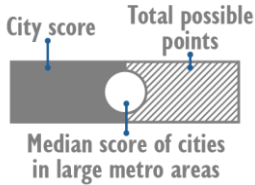
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

San Diego, CA

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

Recommendations

- Adopt retrocommissioning policies.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.
- Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Create or expand bike networks that connect people with a variety of destinations.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



14.5/45 Points



San Diego is on track to meet its goal to reduce GHG emissions 61% from 2019 levels by 2030. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine San Diego's approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



23/70 Points



San Diego complies with California building codes, including the state's EV-, solar-, and electric-readiness requirements. San Diego is working on developing reach codes to go beyond those requirements. The city offers expedited permitting for projects that meet green building standards and PACE financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



29.5/70 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 San Diego. The state code requires multifamily properties with 20+ units to install EV chargers in 5% of parking spaces. Several shared micromobility operators in the city offer discounted rates for low-income residents.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



31/40 Points



San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) offers an energy savings assistance program and a few multifamily programs. San Diego and SDG&E have a formal partnership to administer energy efficiency initiatives. San Diego initiated the San Diego Community Power (SDCP), a Community Choice Aggregator that serves customers in the city and surrounding cities.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



9/25 Points



In 2020, San Diego completed its Municipal Energy Strategy, which includes a comprehensive retrofit strategy and opportunities to integrate renewable energy installations. Roughly 69% of San Diego's streetlights are LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 12% of its fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 20.5/85.5 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.

