

OVERALL RANK:

1/75

1 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

63%

158.5/250 of total points

2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

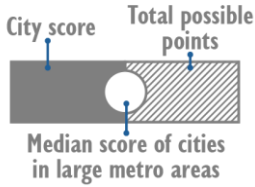


San Francisco, CA

San Francisco was the strongest performer among its peers, and it maintained its rank as #1 from the previous scorecard. San Francisco performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the buildings category.

Recommendations:

- Adopt retrocommissioning policies.
- Take an equity-drive approach to shared, distributed energy systems.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- 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.



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



27/45 Points



San Francisco is on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2025. The city is a participant in the High Road Training Partnership, which aims to support high-quality jobs and provide stable career pathways for disadvantaged workers in the building decarbonization industry.

BUILDING POLICIES



36/70 Points



San Francisco amended statewide codes to create the more stringent San Francisco Green Building Code, which has EV-readiness and electrification policies beyond the state code. The city's Energy Watch and BayREN programs offer incentives for energy efficiency projects.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



47.5/70 Points



California's SB 9 allows lots in single-family zones to be split into two lots and up to two units to be built on each lot, which applies to San Francisco. California's code requires multifamily properties with 20+ units to install EV chargers in 5% of the total parking spaces. Low-income residents can receive a Clipper START card and purchase transit fare at a discounted rate.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



31.5/40 Points



Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) offers several programs for low-income customers and multifamily properties. San Francisco partners with PG&E through EnergyAccessSF, which connects residents and businesses to energy programs and services, and through CleanPowerSF, San Francisco's Community Choice Aggregation program.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



16.5/25 Points



The SFPU budgeted \$1 million annually for energy efficiency of municipal facilities and a further \$1 million for renewable energy. All of San Francisco's streetlights are LEDs, efficient vehicles make up 19% of its fleet.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 50/85.5 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.

