Maine ranked 16th in the 2020 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, falling one position compared to 2019. Despite the drop in rank, the state earned a half-point more than it did last year, scoring 26.5 points out of a possible 50.

### Utilities
Efficiency Maine continues to offer a wide array of efficiency programs led by a mandate to capture all cost-effective energy efficiency opportunities, though limited budgets have kept levels of annual electric savings around 1%. Maine has also been a member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) since 2009. And though the state has diverted portions of RGGI revenues as rate relief to large customers in recent years, the state now directs 100% of those funds to Efficiency Maine Trust for efficiency projects including large industrial projects.

### Transportation
Maine has established standards for tailpipe emissions and integrates transportation and land use planning. It has a complete streets policy in place and also saw a reduction in vehicle miles traveled per capita in recent years. Maine has more electric vehicle registrations and public charging stations per capita than most states. The state also considers the proximity of transit facilities when distributing federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to qualifying property owners.

### Building Energy Efficiency Policies
As of late 2020, Maine’s building energy code is still based on the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), however in 2019, the legislature established that state building codes must update to the 2015 or later IECC and will require that they be applied in every municipality in Maine regardless of population. It is expected that these codes, along with a voluntary stretch code, will be in effect by January 2021. Maine is one of the few states to adopt a residential energy use transparency policy.

### State Government-Led Initiatives
Maine offers several state-administered financial incentives, including loans and rebates to residential and commercial customers. The state government leads by example by setting energy requirements for public buildings and fleets and encouraging the use of energy savings performance contracts. The state is a member of the RGGI and invests cap-and-trade proceeds toward energy efficiency programs.

### Appliance Standards
Maine has not set appliance standards beyond those required by the federal government.