

OVERALL RANK

54/75

47 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

20%

50/250 total points

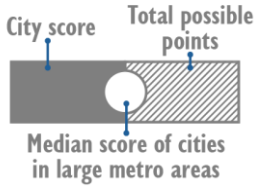
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

# Detroit, MI

Detroit was one of the weaker performers among its peers, but it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Detroit performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and can notably improve in the buildings category.

### Recommendations

- Adopt energy benchmarking and retrocommissioning policies.
- Take an equity-driven approach to shared, distributed energy systems.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Update zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.



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

### COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



7.5/45 Points



Detroit 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. Detroit held seven focus groups with disadvantaged communities while developing the Sustainable Action Agenda.

### BUILDING POLICIES



5/70 Points



Detroit is required to comply with the Michigan Energy Code. Detroit offers grants and loans, including a PACE program, to commercial and multifamily buildings for energy-efficient and renewable energy upgrades.

### TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



13.5/70 Points



Detroit has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development, nor does the city require new developments to install EV charging stations. Detroit does not provide subsidized access to efficient transportation options to disadvantaged communities.

### COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



19.5/40 Points



Detroit Edison Company has a portfolio of energy efficiency programs designed for low-income customers and multifamily buildings. However, the city does not have a formal partnership with Detroit Edison Company and has not participated in activities to increase utility-scale or distributed renewable energy generation.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



4.5/25 Points



Detroit does not have a comprehensive retrofit strategy to decrease municipal energy use. However, 100% of streetlights in Detroit have been converted to LEDs, and efficient vehicles make up 3% of the municipal fleet.



### EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 20/85.5 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.

