

OVERALL RANK

39/75

38 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

27%

68/250 total points

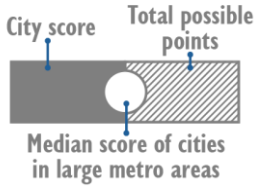
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

# New Orleans, LA

New Orleans is in the middle of the pack, but it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard and was the most-improved city in this edition. New Orleans performed best in local government operations and can notably improve in the buildings and transportation categories.

### Recommendations

- Adopt energy benchmarking and retrocommissioning policies.
- 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.
- Create or expand bike networks that connect people of all ages and abilities with a variety of community destinations.
- Adopt a policy requiring efficient outdoor lighting.



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

### COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



15.5/45 Points



New Orleans is not on track to meet its GHG reduction goal. In 2018, New Orleans launched the Climate Equity Project, with an expanded approach to equitable climate and energy planning and engagement. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine New Orleans' approach to workforce development.

### BUILDING POLICIES



15/70 Points



New Orleans complies with Louisiana building energy codes and advocates for more-stringent codes at the state level. New Orleans provides financing for energy efficiency projects in affordable housing units and loans to properties that install energy upgrades.

### TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



15/70 Points



New Orleans has not recently updated its zoning code to facilitate location-efficient development. The city requires most new developments to include one EV charging station or stations in 10% of all spaces, whichever is greater. New Orleans provides discounted monthly passes for its bike share system to residents eligible for assistance.

### COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



11.5/40 Points



Entergy New Orleans offers a low-income audit and weatherization program and a program targeted at multifamily properties. New Orleans does not have a formal partnership with Entergy. New Orleans installed a 300 kW solar system on the Streetcar Barn.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



11/25 Points



Energy efficiency projects conducted between 2018 and 2021 reduced energy use by 23% using a mix of general and capital funds. The city has allocated \$1.2 million in bond funds for energy efficiency upgrades at city facilities. Roughly 75% of streetlights in New Orleans are LEDs.



### EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 19/85.5 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.