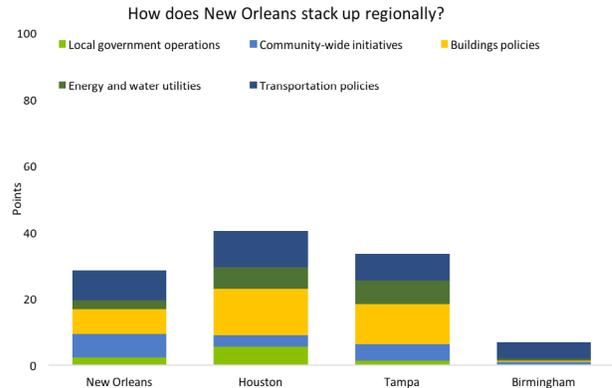


40 New Orleans



New Orleans ranked 40th in the *2017 City Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, gaining 7 positions from 2015. The city earned 28.5 points out of a possible 100, 8.5 points more than last time.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (2.5 OF 10 POINTS)

New Orleans is developing an energy savings goal for local government operations. The city benchmarks the energy use of 100% of its public buildings, but it does not have a comprehensive retrofit strategy. New Orleans has made significant investments to upgrade its streetlights to LEDs and could also increase efficiency in vehicle fleets and equipment procurement.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES (7 OF 12 POINTS)

New Orleans adopted an energy efficiency goal for Entergy New Orleans, the utility serving the city, to increase energy savings 0.2% annually. Based on recent data, Entergy New Orleans is on track to exceed this goal. The city is also in the process of setting a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goal. New Orleans is working to reduce its urban heat island effect by adopting a private tree protection ordinance, requiring low impact development practices, and encouraging conservation subdivisions.

BUILDINGS POLICIES (7.5 OF 28 POINTS)

Louisiana allows municipalities to adopt building energy codes that are more stringent than the statewide codes, but New Orleans has not done so. The city has taken steps to encourage compliance with the energy code, including providing upfront support to developers, builders, and owners for building code compliance and having a dedicated staffer for building energy code compliance. New Orleans has many more opportunities to encourage energy efficiency in private buildings as it does not have retrofit, benchmarking, or green building requirements.

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (2.5 OF 20 POINTS)

The energy utilities serving New Orleans have room for improvement in their energy efficiency efforts. Entergy New Orleans earned some credit for electric efficiency, but no credit for natural gas efficiency. Entergy runs a low-income efficiency program, but not a multifamily program. New Orleans could greatly improve its efficiency in water services.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES (9 OF 30 POINTS)

New Orleans has a transportation plan that includes strategies to increase efficiency, but it does not include targets for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) or reductions in transportation-related GHG emissions. The city has an above-average complete streets policy, but does not have specific plans to improve modal share other than developing a bike-share program. New Orleans' zoning ordinance promotes location-efficient development and reduces minimum parking requirements for all multifamily units.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

New Orleans improved its standing in the *2017 City Scorecard* because of positive policy developments over the last two years. Most notably, the city adopted an energy efficiency goal for Entergy New Orleans. The city has room for improvement across the five policy areas, especially in local government operations and energy and water utilities.