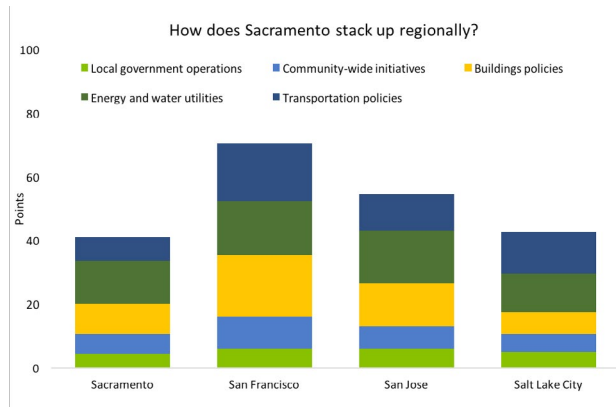
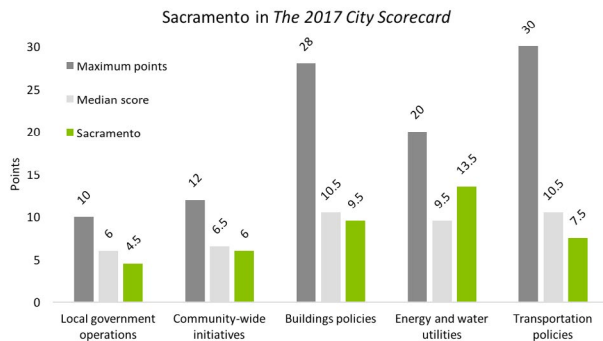


24 Sacramento



Sacramento ranked 24th in the *2017 City Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, falling 4 spots from 2015. The city earned 41 points out of a possible 100, the same score as in 2015.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (4.5 OF 10 POINTS)

Sacramento has energy savings and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals for local government operations. The city annually reports progress toward goals and is on track to meet its GHG target. Sacramento has a fuel efficiency requirement for its vehicle fleet and an energy efficiency requirement for equipment procurement.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES (6 OF 12 POINTS)

Sacramento has energy savings and GHG emissions reduction goals in the 2035 General Plan. The city's 2020 goal requires annual GHG emissions reductions of 1%. Sacramento also has an urban heat island mitigation goal to plant 1,000 trees annually until the tree canopy covers 35% of urban land. The city's municipal utility offers rebates for cool roof installations and the city enforces a private tree protection ordinance.

BUILDINGS POLICIES (9.5 OF 28 POINTS)

Like all California cities, Sacramento enforces the 2016 California Energy Code, which went into effect January 1, 2017. This city provides financing for energy efficiency upgrades to residential and commercial construction. The city can do more to encourage energy efficiency in private buildings, including pursuing audit and retrofit requirements and dedicating more resources to building energy code compliance.

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (13.5 OF 20 POINTS)

The energy utilities serving Sacramento have moderate efficiency spending and savings. Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) earned partial credit in electric efficiency spending and savings, and PG&E earned partial credit for natural gas efficiency spending and savings. Both utilities offer low-income and multifamily efficiency programs. Sacramento earned partial credit for efficiency in water services because of strong water efficiency efforts at the city level.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES (7.5 OF 30 POINTS)

Sacramento's metropolitan transportation plan outlines strategies for building a sustainable transportation system. The city has reduced minimum parking requirements in some zones and has a robust network of electric (EV) charging stations. Otherwise, it has few initiatives aimed at increasing efficiency in transportation.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sacramento's drop in rank shows the growing competition among cities in the rankings. Cities now just ahead of Sacramento in the standings have made large improvements, which made it difficult for Sacramento to keep pace without significant improvements of its own. The city can improve its score by improving in each policy area; the city has the most room for growth in buildings policies and transportation policies.