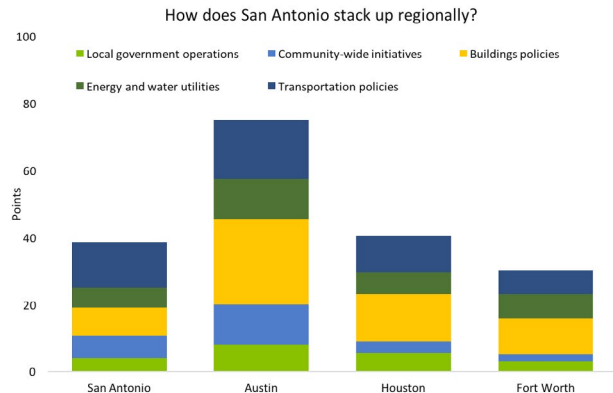
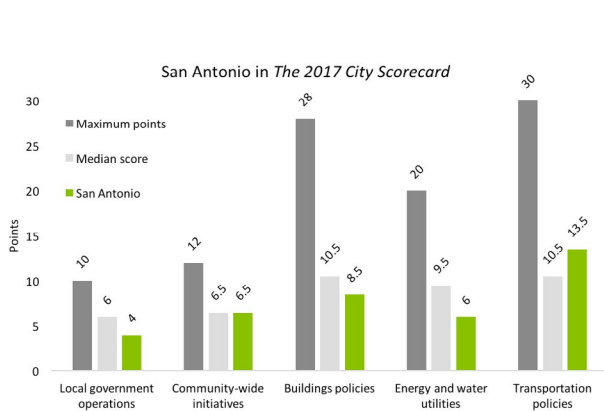


26 San Antonio



San Antonio tied for 26th in the *2017 City Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, falling nine spots from 2015. The city earned 38.5 points out of a possible 100, 6.5 points fewer than last time.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (4 OF 10 POINTS)

San Antonio benchmarks the energy use of 100% of public buildings and has a comprehensive building retrofit strategy. To build on efficiency requirements for its vehicle fleet, public lighting, and equipment procurement, San Antonio could enact an energy efficiency standard for all new buildings. To reduce energy consumption and lower operational costs in existing public buildings, the city could enact an energy savings target.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES (6.5 OF 12 POINTS)

San Antonio has a community-wide goal to reduce energy use in all buildings 22% by 2040 and is developing a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions target. The city's municipal utility supports the creation of district energy systems in the city. To tackle San Antonio's urban heat island, the city has a goal to increase tree canopy coverage for urban land to 40%. The city also has a private tree protection ordinance and provides development bonuses for conservation of private land.

BUILDINGS POLICIES (8.5 OF 28 POINTS)

Texas allows jurisdictions to adopt building energy codes that exceed the stringency of state codes, but San Antonio has not adopted a more stringent code. The city offers financing for energy efficiency upgrades to commercial and residential buildings. San Antonio has room to do more as it does not have audit, retrofit, or benchmarking requirements.

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (6 OF 20 POINTS)

CPS Energy, the energy utility serving San Antonio, could ramp up its efforts in energy efficiency. CPS Energy earned partial credit for electric efficiency spending and savings, but did not earn credit for natural gas efficiency. CPS Energy offers low-income and multifamily efficiency programs. San Antonio earned no credit for data access and partial credit for efficiency in water services.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES (13.5 OF 30 POINTS)

The City of San Antonio Sustainability Plan includes a codified goal to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and focuses on sustainable land use patterns and modes of transportation. The SA2020 Vision report lays out targets for increasing sustainable modes of transportation. San Antonio's commitment to this goal is evidenced by its bike- and car-share programs and its complete streets policy. The city's zoning code includes various forms of smart growth development. However, the transit system is not well funded, and San Antonio could offer incentives for affordable housing developments near transit corridors.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

San Antonio lost points in local government operations because of the *Scorecard's* de-emphasis of the policy area in scoring. The city also earned fewer points for energy and water utilities because of the *Scorecard's* increased emphasis on energy savings from efficiency programs. San Antonio has opportunities to increase its score in each of the five policy areas.