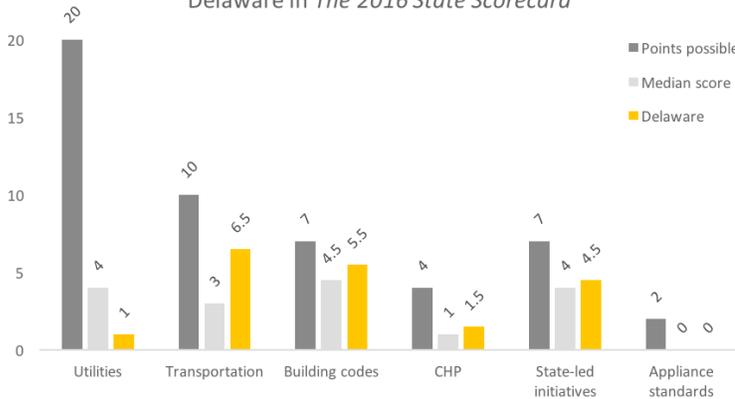


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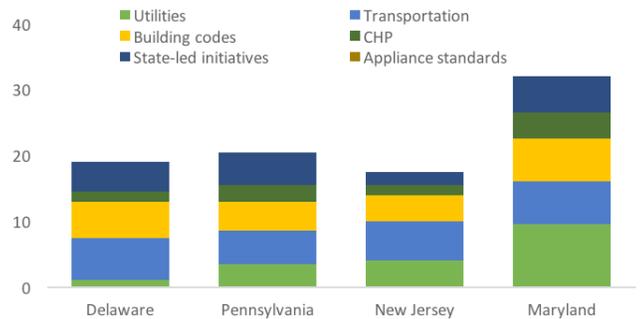


Delaware ranked 22nd in the 2016 *State Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, gaining two positions compared to 2015 and adding 2.5 points to its score. This year, Delaware scored 19 points out of a possible 50.

Delaware in *The 2016 State Scorecard*



How does Delaware stack up regionally?



UTILITIES

Delaware earned one point for its utility policies and programs. Most efficiency is delivered through the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility but total expenditures are below average for both electricity and natural gas efficiency programs, and Delaware has thus far realized low levels of savings through this channel. However, in 2014 Delaware passed legislation allowing utilities to recover costs of energy efficiency programs. Since then, the state has continued to lay the groundwork for future implementation with ongoing discussions on goal setting, cost recovery and evaluation, and measurement and verification frameworks. Energy savings may increase in the future as a result of these efforts.



TRANSPORTATION

Delaware earned 6.5 points out of a possible 10 points for transportation policies. The state commits a significant amount of funding to transportation, integrates transportation and land use planning, and has passed complete streets legislation. Delaware has a freight plan in place and has seen an improvement in both electric vehicle registrations and vehicle miles traveled per capita in recent years.



BUILDING ENERGY CODES

Delaware earned 5.5 points out of 7 for its building energy code stringency and compliance efforts. Building codes are reviewed triennially, and the state has initiated efforts to adopt new residential and commercial building energy codes based on the 2015 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2013, respectively. Delaware has not completed a compliance study, but it has invested in activities to improve compliance, including convening a stakeholder advisory group, providing training and outreach, and commissioning a gap analysis.



COMBINED HEAT & POWER

Delaware scored 1.5 out of 4 points for its combined heat and power policies. The state has a four-tiered interconnection

standard. Incentives for CHP deployment are offered through Delaware's Energy Efficiency Investment Fund, and the state also provides technical assistance for cost-effective and efficient CHP projects. One new CHP installation was completed in 2015.



STATE GOVERNMENT-LED INITIATIVES

Delaware scored 4.5 out of 7 points for state-led energy efficiency initiatives. Delaware delivers several financial incentives for energy efficiency investments through its Sustainable Energy Utility. Delaware's government also leads by example, benchmarking energy usage in state buildings, encouraging energy savings performance contracts, and requiring energy-efficient fleets and buildings. In addition, the University of Delaware and Delaware Technical and Community College lead a variety of energy efficiency research efforts.



APPLIANCE STANDARDS

Delaware has not set appliance standards beyond those required by the federal government.



HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Delaware trails many of its northeastern neighbors in the State Scorecard due to its lack of steady investment in energy efficiency as a utility resource. However, 2014 legislation paved the way for utilities to significantly step up energy efficiency programs. Stakeholders are working to finalize energy savings targets for utilities and Delaware's Sustainable Energy Utility, and over the next few years, Delaware could start to significantly ramp up savings. The *State Scorecard* has not yet captured this likely uptick in efficiency activity, but Delaware may be at a turning point.