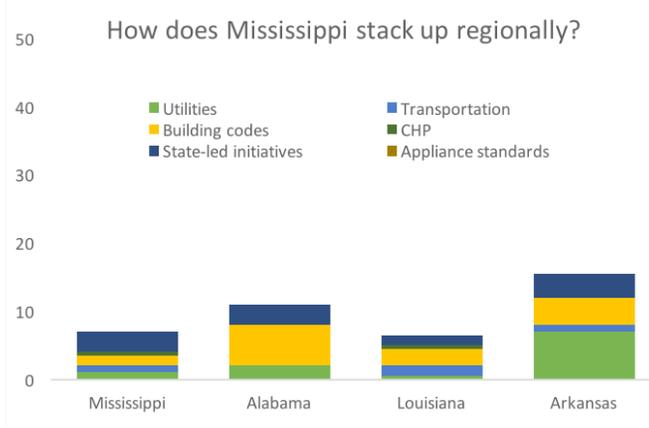
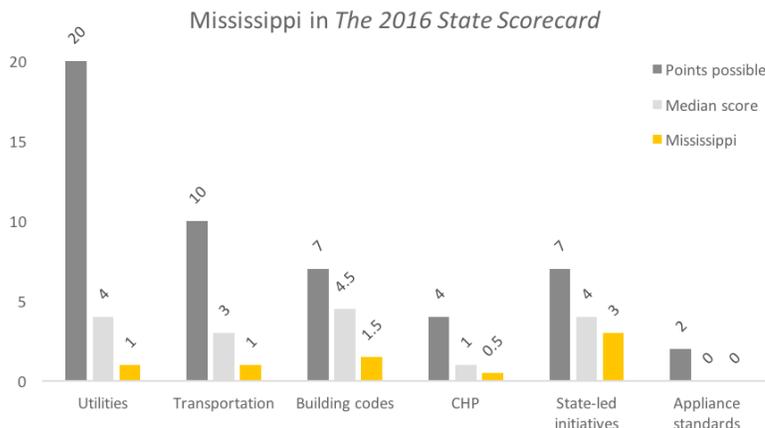


Mississippi



Mississippi ranked 46th in the 2016 *State Energy Efficiency Scorecard*. Despite earning 7 points, a half-point less than its 2015 score, the state rose one position in the rankings.



UTILITIES

Mississippi earned 1 point for its utility policies and programs. In July 2013, the Mississippi Public Service Commission issued an order allowing utilities to earn a return on energy efficiency investments and establishing quick-start energy efficiency programs. Utilities began implementing efficiency programs in mid-2014, and energy savings are still well below national average.



TRANSPORTATION

Mississippi earned 1 point out of a possible 10 points for transportation policies. The state has complete streets legislation in place, but has not otherwise pursued policies to encourage efficient transportation system development. There is significant room for growth in this policy area.



BUILDING ENERGY CODES

Mississippi earned 1.5 points out of 7 for its building energy code stringency and compliance efforts. Commercial codes were updated in 2013 to require compliance with ASHRAE 90.1-2010. Mississippi is a home-rule state, with a voluntary residential code based on ASHRAE 90-1975. The state has completed a baseline compliance study, but there have been relatively few efforts to strengthen compliance and provide training recently.



COMBINED HEAT & POWER

Mississippi scored 0.5 out of 4 points for its combined heat and power policies. No policies are in place that encourage the deployment of CHP systems, although the state does offer technical assistance for CHP development. No new CHP installations were completed in 2015.



STATE GOVERNMENT-LED INITIATIVES

Mississippi scored 3 out of 7 points for state-led energy efficiency initiatives. The state offers one loan program, as well as a public-sector lease program for energy-efficient equipment. The state government leads by example by setting energy requirements for public fleets, benchmarking energy use in state buildings, and encouraging the use of energy savings performance contracts. One research center in Mississippi focuses on energy efficiency.



APPLIANCE STANDARDS

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



HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Mississippi has taken steps in recent years to put itself on the path to a more energy-efficient future. Most notably, its electric utilities launched Quick Start energy efficiency programs in 2014. Electricity savings are still below average, but are likely to ramp up as efficiency programs continue to mature and the state moves into the Comprehensive Phase of its program delivery. The state has also worked to improve commercial building energy codes, although its residential code remains well behind current codes. There is still significant room for growth, but with policymakers committed to energy efficiency the state may continue to move up the rankings in future years.