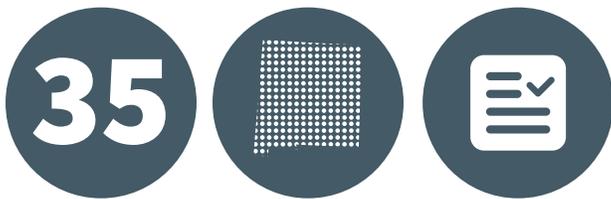


# New Mexico

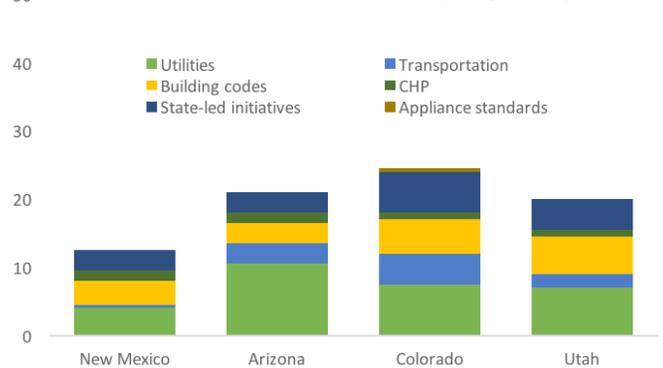


New Mexico tied for 35th in the 2016 *State Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, falling four positions in the rankings compared to 2015. The state scored 12.5 points out of a possible 50, a half-point less than it earned last year.

New Mexico in *The 2016 State Scorecard*



How does New Mexico stack up regionally?



## UTILITIES

New Mexico earned 4 points out of 20 for its utility policies and programs. Utilities administer both electricity and natural gas efficiency programs, but achieve below-average savings. The state has an energy efficiency resource standard that sets long-term targets for electricity savings, although targets were lowered in 2013 in legislation that also shored up funding for programs. Performance incentives are available to electric utilities. Although utilities have been allowed to recover lost revenues in the past, currently no such mechanisms are in place.



## TRANSPORTATION

New Mexico earned 0.5 out of a possible 10 points for transportation policies. Average vehicle miles traveled has decreased in recent years; however, New Mexico does not have policy frameworks in place to encourage efficient transportation. There is significant room for growth in this area.



## BUILDING ENERGY CODES

New Mexico earned 3.5 points out of 7 for its building energy code stringency and compliance efforts. Residential and commercial buildings must comply with the 2009 IECC. The state has completed a gap analysis and conducts code training and outreach.



## COMBINED HEAT & POWER

New Mexico scored 1.5 out of 4 points for its combined heat and power policies. The state has an interconnection standard and offers incentives for the deployment of CHP. No new CHP installations were completed in 2015.



## STATE GOVERNMENT-LED INITIATIVES

New Mexico scored 3 out of 7 points for state-led energy efficiency initiatives. The state offers a sustainable building tax credit and authorizes bonds for energy efficiency investments. The state government implements a comprehensive set of lead by example programs, including requiring efficient buildings and fleets, benchmarking public buildings, and encouraging the use of energy savings performance contracts. No major research centers in New Mexico focus on energy efficiency.



## APPLIANCE STANDARDS

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



## HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

New Mexico has several policies in place that encourage long-term energy savings, including an energy efficiency resource standard and a sustainable funding source backed by legislation. However, the state continues to realize below-average levels of savings. Ramping up programs would generate more savings for customers in New Mexico and help boost the state's score to what it achieved in prior years. Similarly, putting a greater focus on policies to encourage efficient transportation systems and CHP deployment could expand energy savings opportunities within the state.