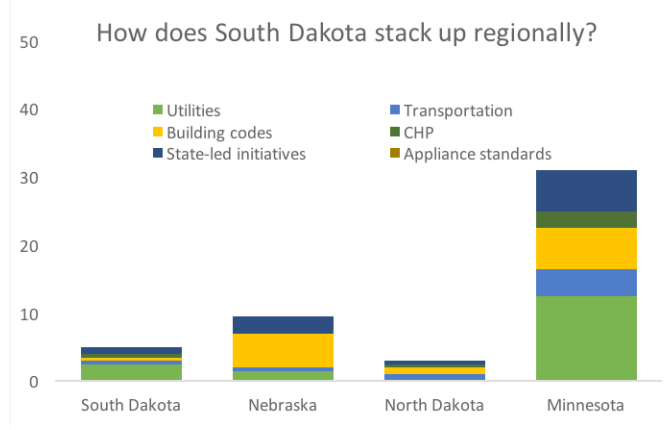
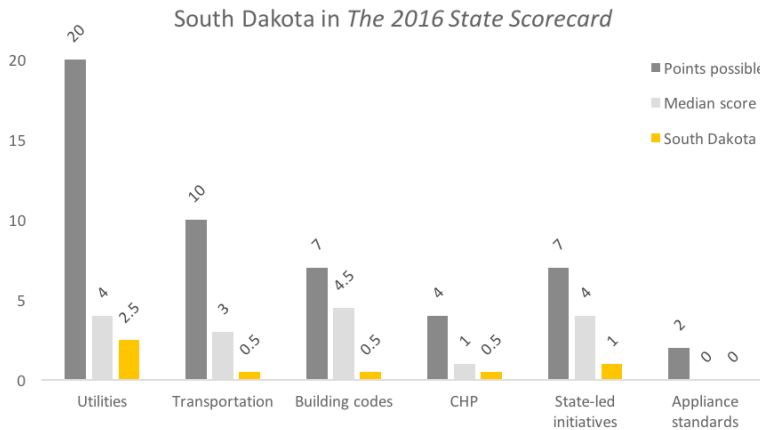


South Dakota



South Dakota ranked 49th in the 2016 *State Scorecard*, falling one spot compared to 2015. The state scored 5 points out of a total of 50, one point less than it received last year.



UTILITIES

South Dakota earned 2.5 points out of 20 for its utility policies and programs. Utilities offer both electricity and natural gas efficiency programs, but spending and savings are below national average. South Dakota has approved performance incentives and lost revenue adjustment mechanisms for both electric and natural gas utilities. However, the state has not adopted long-term energy savings targets that are aligned with those business model tools which would encourage energy efficiency as a cost-effective resource in the state's long-term energy planning.



TRANSPORTATION

South Dakota earned 0.5 out of a possible 10 points for transportation policies. The state saw a reduction in vehicle miles traveled per capita in recent years. However, South Dakota has not focused its efforts on policies to encourage efficient transportation systems, leaving significant room for growth.



BUILDING ENERGY CODES

South Dakota earned 0.5 out of 7 for its building energy code stringency and compliance efforts. There is no mandatory statewide energy code, but the 2009 IECC is the voluntary residential standard. Local jurisdictions may opt out of the state's commercial code, which requires ASHRAE 90.1 or IECC compliance by reference in the 2012 IBC. South Dakota completed a gap analysis in 2011.



COMBINED HEAT & POWER

South Dakota scored 0.5 out of 4 points for its combined heat and power policies. The state has an interconnection standard, but does not otherwise have policies in place that encourage CHP deployment. No new CHP systems were installed in 2015.



STATE GOVERNMENT-LED INITIATIVES

South Dakota scored 1 out of 7 points for state-led energy efficiency initiatives. South Dakota is one of the few states to require disclosure of residential building energy use. The state government leads by example by benchmarking energy use. There are no major research programs focused on energy efficiency within the state.



APPLIANCE STANDARDS

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



LOOKING AHEAD

Significant energy efficiency opportunities remain on the table for South Dakota. To deepen energy savings and save money for homes and businesses, the state could build upon its voluntary renewable energy targets to establish a long-term framework that prioritizes energy efficiency as a resource for utilities. While South Dakota has enabled alternative business models to help utilities prioritize energy efficiency, increased utility investments in their programs would generate significant savings to businesses and residents. The state government could lead by example by leveraging benchmarking data to reduce energy use in public facilities and offer consumer incentives for energy efficiency. To further benefit South Dakota's residents and economy, the state could also focus on policies to incent CHP deployment and efficient transportation systems.