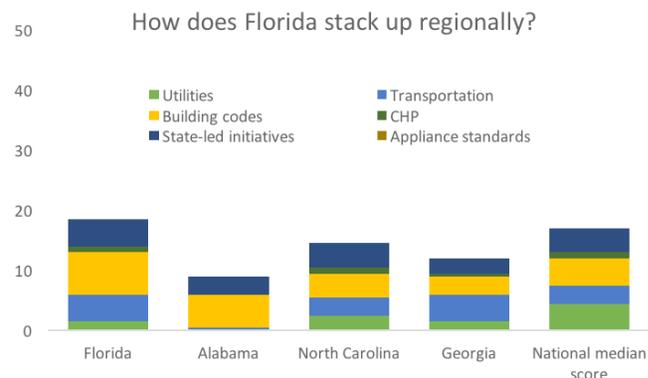
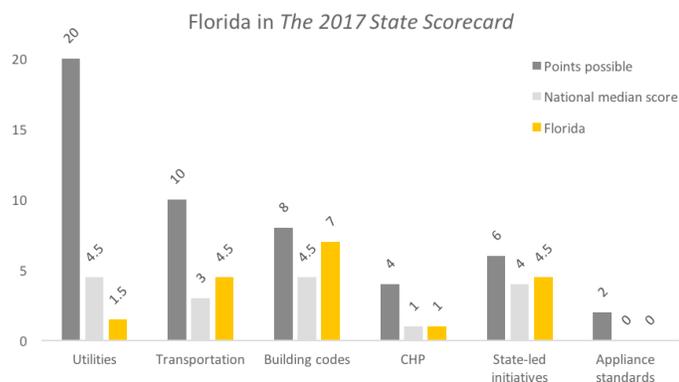


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Florida ranked 22nd in *The 2017 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, rising three spots compared to 2016 and becoming one of this year's most improved states. The state scored 18.5 out of 50 points, 2.5 points more than it earned last year. Florida has shown support for energy efficiency through proactive building energy code adoption and compliance efforts, and through a variety of state-funded incentive programs. However utility savings continue to lag behind most states in the wake of regulatory decisions to scale back demand-side management programs. Opportunities are available for Florida to significantly improve in most policy categories, for example by increasing investment in utility programs and adjusting utility business models to align utility incentives with efficiency.

UTILITIES (1.5 OUT OF 20)

Utilities in the state allocate below-average levels of funding for both electricity and natural gas efficiency programs, and low levels of savings were reported. In 2014, the Public Service Commission approved requests by utilities to dramatically decrease the level of energy efficiency offered to customers in the future. Significant opportunity remains to treat energy efficiency as a utility system resource, which would help meet the state's future energy needs and help customers save money.

TRANSPORTATION (4.5 OUT OF 10)

The state has policies to promote the integration of transportation and land use planning and has a freight plan in place. Florida also saw a reduction in vehicle miles traveled per capita in recent years.

BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES (7 OUT OF 8)

Florida law requires that residential and commercial buildings comply with the 5th Edition Florida Building Code, equivalent to the 2012 IECC with state-specific amendments. Florida worked with the US Department of Energy's Building Energy Codes Program to conduct a compliance study in 2014. The state convenes a stakeholder advisory group and provides energy code training.

COMBINED HEAT AND POWER (1 OUT OF 4)

The state offers incentives and grants for CHP projects, but otherwise has limited policies to encourage cost-effective and efficient CHP.

STATE GOVERNMENT-LED INITIATIVES (4.5 OUT OF 6)

Florida offers rebate and grant programs, as well as commercial and residential PACE financing. Recently, the state made available a new agricultural efficiency program, providing free energy evaluations and grant reimbursements on proposed efficiency measures. The Florida government leads by example to a limited extent, requiring energy-efficient fleets and encouraging the use of energy savings performance contracts. Research & development focused on energy efficiency is conducted at several universities in the state. The state does not require building energy use disclosure.

APPLIANCE STANDARDS (0 OUT OF 2)

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