



Delaware

Delaware ranked 22nd in the 2018 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, rising two positions compared to 2017. The state scored 18.5 out of a possible 50, 1.5 points more than last year.

The state has shown a commitment to strengthening efficiency in the building energy sector, however utility savings continue to lag behind much of the Northeast. While the Delaware Energy Efficiency Advisory Council has not established a mandatory energy efficiency resource standard, it has set savings targets that affected energy providers are actively working to achieve.



UTILITIES



TRANSPORTATION



BUILDING POLICIES



COMBINED HEAT AND POWER



STATE-LED INITIATIVES



APPLIANCE STANDARDS



DELAWARE

NATIONAL MEDIAN SCORE

POINTS POSSIBLE

UTILITIES

The Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility delivers most efficiency in the state, but continues to report lower than average electric and gas savings. The state's Energy Efficiency Investment Fund (EEIF) has seen its allocations of public utility tax dollars redirected away from the program and as a result, relies disproportionately on funding from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). The state briefly suspended the EEIF in early 2017 due to lack of funds, but relaunched it later in the year with revamped incentives for building and lighting upgrades. Delaware does not have a mandatory energy efficiency resource standard; however utilities continue to work towards meeting voluntary targets set by the state's Energy Efficiency Advisory Council.

TRANSPORTATION

Delaware commits a significant amount of funding to transportation, integrates transportation and land use planning, and has passed complete streets legislation. It has seen an improvement in both electric vehicle registrations and vehicle miles traveled per capita in recent years. Although the state also has a freight plan, Delaware still has opportunities to improve efficiency through targeted fuel savings goals.

BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES

Building codes are reviewed triennially, and the state has initiated efforts to adopt new residential and commercial building energy codes based on the 2018 IECC. The Delaware Energy Code Coalition convenes a diverse group of stakeholders to advise on strategies to strengthen energy code implementation and compliance. Efforts are ongoing to commission a compliance study.

COMBINED HEAT AND POWER

The state has a four-tiered interconnection standard. Incentives for CHP deployment are offered through Delaware's EEIF, and the state also provides technical assistance for cost-effective and efficient CHP projects.

STATE GOVERNMENT-LED INITIATIVES

Delaware delivers several financial incentives for energy efficiency investments through its Sustainable Energy Utility. State 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.