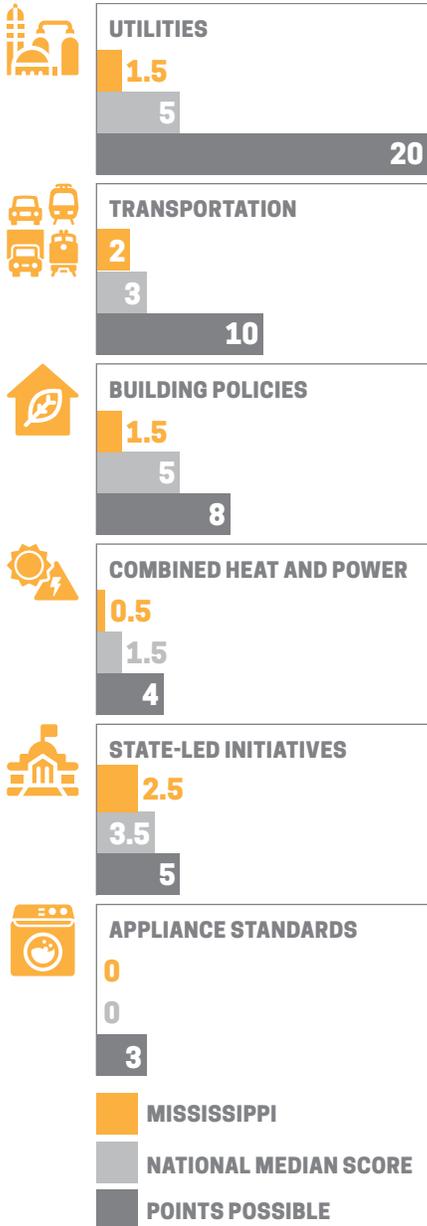




Mississippi

Mississippi tied for 44th in the 2018 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, rising two positions compared to last year. The state earned 8 points, a half-point more than its 2017 score.

Following several years of significant policy efforts, utility energy efficiency programs have taken root in Mississippi. The state's electric utilities launched Quick Start energy efficiency programs in 2014, and while electricity savings are still below average they could ramp up as efficiency programs continue to mature. The state has also worked to improve commercial building energy codes, although its residential code remains well behind current codes.



UTILITIES

Mississippi earned one point for its utility policies and programs. A 2013 order by the Mississippi Public Service Commission allowing utilities to earn a return on energy efficiency investments paved the way for the establishment of the state's Quick Start energy efficiency programs. Utilities began implementing efficiency programs in mid-2014. Recent proceedings extended the Quick Start phase through 2020. Energy savings are still well below national average.

TRANSPORTATION

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 EFFICIENCY POLICIES

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 recent efforts to strengthen compliance and provide training.

COMBINED HEAT AND POWER

No policies that encourage the deployment of CHP systems are in place, although the state does offer technical assistance for CHP development. No new CHP installations were completed in 2017.

STATE GOVERNMENT-LED 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 and benchmarking energy use in state buildings. One research center in Mississippi focuses on energy efficiency.

APPLIANCE STANDARDS

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