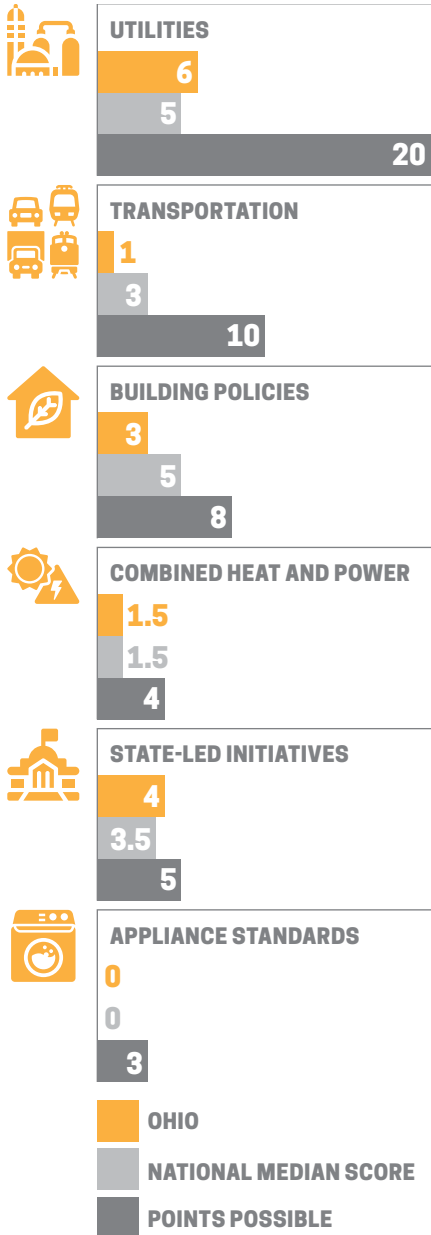




Ohio

Ohio tied for 29th in the *2018 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, rising two positions in the rankings. The state scored 15.5 points out of a possible 50, 1 point more than it earned in 2017.

Efficiency programs began to ramp up again in 2017 following a two-year freeze on savings goals. However legislative efforts to weaken clean energy targets have been a recurring theme in Ohio and continue to pose a threat to efficiency programs. In addition, 2014 legislation allows large industrial customers to opt out of the energy efficiency standard, preventing utilities from capturing all cost effective energy savings. Encouraging utilities to treat energy efficiency as a least-cost resource could deliver substantial customer savings, support economic development in the state, and help put Ohio on a path toward a more sustainable energy future.



UTILITIES

Ohio's energy efficiency resource standard was reinstated in late 2016 following a two-year freeze enacted by the legislature. Most utilities continued to implement some efficiency programs throughout the freeze and ramped up their efforts in 2017. Questions remain regarding the future of energy efficiency in Ohio, given repeated efforts by the legislature to weaken the state's clean energy commitments.

TRANSPORTATION

The state has a freight plan in place, but opportunities remain to adopt concrete freight efficiency targets or performance measures, and to promote more efficient modes of transportation. There is significant room for improvement in this area.

BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES

Residential and commercial buildings must comply with the 2009 IECC. The state has completed a gap analysis, offers training and outreach, and involves utilities in code compliance activities.

COMBINED HEAT AND POWER

The state has an interconnection standard and cost-effective and efficient CHP is included under the state's energy efficiency resource standard. Incentives are available for CHP projects. No new CHP installations were completed in 2017.

STATE GOVERNMENT-LED INITIATIVES

The state runs several incentive programs and offers a property tax exemption for energy-efficient projects. The state government undertakes limited lead by example activities, benchmarking public buildings. Ohio State University conducts research on energy efficiency.

APPLIANCE STANDARDS

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