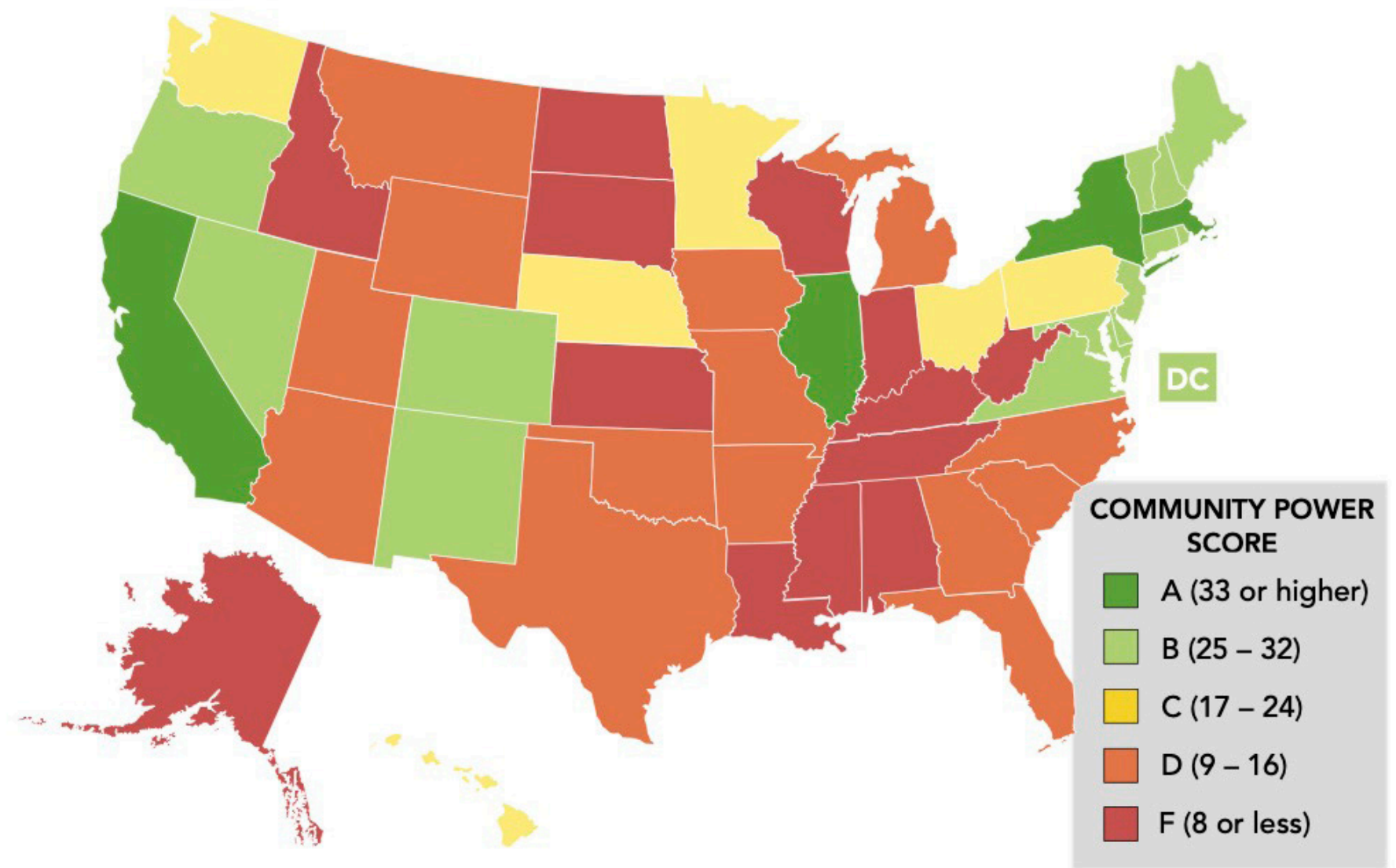


The 2023 Community Power Scorecard



Scoring Methodology and Full State Scores

State Community Power Score Methodology

The Community Power Score assigns points to each state based on its policy environment for supporting local energy action. It includes a total of 10 grading criteria. The 2023 scoring methodology is as follows:

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| Net Metering | 5 possible points for having a “customer-friendly” net metering environment based on each state’s net metering grade provided by SolarReviews . 0 for an F grade, 2 points for a D, 3 for a C, 4 for a B, and 5 for an A grade. |
| Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) | 3 points for single-family residential or commercial PACE, 5 points for both residential and commercial. |
| Community Choice Aggregation | 7 points for a state policy allowing communities to choose their electricity supply . |
| Residential Building Energy Code | 1 point for a state-set code, 3 points for local authority with no state code, and 5 points for a state code with a local, more stringent stretch code. |
| Renewable Portfolio Standard Carve-Out | 5 points for a distributed generation or solar-specific carve-out within the state’s renewable portfolio standard, 3 points if the renewable portfolio standard has expired or plateaued. |
| Interconnection | 2 possible points for policies or regulatory standards in connecting renewables to the grid, based on each state’s grade from SolarPowerRocks. -2 for an F grade, -1 for a D, 0 for a C, +1 for a B, +2 for an A. |
| Shared Renewables | 6 possible points for a statewide shared/community renewables policy and program. Rubric developed to evaluate existing policies and programs across six different factors: +1 point for an enabling state policy (e.g., virtual net metering or a shared renewables policy); +1 point for an operational program (i.e. some capacity is in operation, or has been awarded); +1 point for meaningful policy or requirements that specifically address low-income access; +1 point for policies that include multiple eligible technologies (e.g., solar, wind, digesters); and up to 2 points for effective and established programs (+1 point for an installed capacity greater than 25 watts per capita, +1 point for installed capacity greater than 100 watts per capita). |
| Third Party Solar Ownership | 2 points for allowing third party solar ownership (+1 point if that ownership can be done through a power purchase agreement, +1 point if power purchase agreements are allowed in all sectors). |

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| Utility Franchise Authority | 2 points for allowing cities to negotiate their own utility franchise contracts and fees (+1 point if cities can negotiate their own contracts, +1 point if cities can negotiate their own fees). |
| Preemption of Local Gas Bans | -2 points if the state has preempted local decision-making on connecting new construction to gas infrastructure. |

States can score up to 41 points. 0 to 19 percent is an F; 20 to 39% is a D; 40 to 59% is a C; 60 to 79% is a B; 80 to 100% is an A.

SCORECARD KEY:  A (33+)  B (25 – 32)  C (17 – 24)  D (9 – 16)  F (8 or less)

In the **2023 Community Power Scorecard**, 4 states excelled, 14 states and the District of Columbia saw above average scores, 6 were average, 14 were mediocre, and 13 states received failing grades.

2023 State Community Power Scores

| | Net Metering | Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) | Community Choice Aggregation | Residential Energy Building Code | Renewable Portfolio Standard Carve-Out | Interconnection | Shared Renewables | Third Party Solar Ownership | Utility Franchise Authority | Preemption of Local Gas Bans | Community Power Score | Community Power Grade |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Alabama | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 5 | F |
| Alaska | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | F |
| Arizona | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | -2 | 14 | D |
| Arkansas | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | -2 | 15 | D |
| California | 4 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 37 | A |
| Colorado | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 28 | B |
| Connecticut | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 27 | B |
| Delaware | 5 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 26 | B |
| Washington D.C. | 5 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 29 | B |
| Florida | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | -2 | 11 | D |
| Georgia | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | -2 | 9 | D |
| Hawaii | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | -2 | 18 | C |
| Idaho | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | F |
| Illinois | 5 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 37 | A |
| Indiana | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 3 | F |
| Iowa | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | -2 | 12 | D |
| Kansas | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | -2 | 5 | F |

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|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Kentucky | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 3 | F |
| Louisiana | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 1 | F |
| Maine | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 28 | B |
| Maryland | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 31 | B |
| Massachusetts | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 38 | A |
| Michigan | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 13 | D |
| Minnesota | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 24 | C |
| Mississippi | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | -2 | 5 | F |
| Missouri | 3 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 14 | D |
| Montana | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10 | D |
| Nebraska | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 17 | C |
| Nevada | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 25 | B |
| New Hampshire | 5 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 3 | -1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | -2 | 29 | B |
| New Jersey | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 31 | B |
| New Mexico | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 28 | B |
| New York | 4 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 37 | A |
| North Carolina | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | D |
| North Dakota | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | F |
| Ohio | 3 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | -2 | 22 | C |

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|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Oklahoma | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | -2 | 9 | D |
| Oregon | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 25 | B |
| Pennsylvania | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 18 | C |
| Rhode Island | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 28 | B |
| South Carolina | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 15 | D |
| South Dakota | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | F |
| Tennessee | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 6 | F |
| Texas | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | -2 | 14 | D |
| Utah | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | -2 | 11 | D |
| Vermont | 5 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 27 | B |
| Virginia | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 28 | B |
| Washington | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 20 | C |
| West Virginia | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | -2 | 8 | F |
| Wisconsin | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | F |
| Wyoming | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 10 | D |