

City Climate Commitments

Over 325 U.S. cities have stated a commitment to climate action.

18 out of the top 20 most populated U.S. cities—with an estimated population of over 30 million Americans—have set a quantified emissions reduction target.

City (in descending order of 2016 population estimate)	Key community-wide climate commitments and sectoral actions
New York	Reduce emissions 40% by 2030 from 2005 levels; reduce emissions from private sector buildings 30% by 2025 from 2005 levels; 80x50
Los Angeles	Reduce emissions 45% by 2025 from 1990 levels, and 20% by 2020; derive 55% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030; ordinance for buildings over a certain square foot threshold must benchmark and public their annual energy and water consumption; 80x50
Chicago	Reduce emissions 25% by 2020 from 1990 levels; Retrofit Chicago initiative seeks to reduce energy use by 20% across 76 buildings; 80x50
Houston	Reduce emissions from government operations 42% by 2016 from 2007 levels; supply 50% of municipal electricity from renewable sources by 2015; municipal energy retrofit program to upgrade 6 million square feet of city buildings to achieve 30% energy reductions; 80x50
Phoenix	Reduce emissions from municipal operations 40% by 2025 from 2005 levels, with a city-wide 2025 target under development for late 2017; supply 15% of energy demand with renewable sources by 2025; implemented advanced methane capture systems at city-owned landfills; 80x50
Philadelphia	Reduce emissions 20% by 2015 from 1990 levels; municipal energy plan seeks to reduce emissions from the built environment 50% by 2030; 80x50
San Antonio	No quantified city-wide emissions target; climate action plan expected to be completed in 2019; seeks to reduce energy demand 771 MW by 2020; seeks to generate at least 20% of energy from renewable sources by 2020
San Diego	Already achieved 2020 target to reduce emissions 15% from 2010 levels; 2035 target to reduce emissions 50% and use 100% renewable electricity
Dallas	Reduce emissions 30% by 2020 from 2005 levels; green building ordinance to promote sustainable construction
San Jose	Reduce emissions 14% by 2035 from 2008 levels; receive 100% of electrical power from renewable sources by 2022; reduce per capita energy use by 50% by 2022
Austin	Net zero emissions by 2050, with an interim target to reduce emissions 25% by 2020 from 2010 levels; carbon neutral city operations by 2020
Jacksonville	No quantified city-wide emissions target; provides support for the creation of local district energy systems
San Francisco	Reduce emissions 40% by 2025 from 1990 levels, and 25% by 2017; source 100% of residential electricity from renewable sources; shift 50% of trips to non-automobile by 2017; 80x50
Columbus	Reduce emissions 20% by 2020 from 2013 levels; reduce per capita energy consumption 20% by 2020
Indianapolis	Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; developing Sustainability and Resilience Action Plan

Sources: City websites, [NAZCA portal](#), [Measuring Up 2015](#), [ACEEE State and Local Policy Database](#)