

Comparison of U.S. Commercial Building Energy Benchmarking and Transparency Policies

Jurisdiction	Legislation	Public Data Available	Policy Impact			Buildings Included	Policy Schedule		Compliance		Additional Elements	
	Released	Number of Bldgs	Square Footage	Energy Savings	Types & Sizes	Reporting to Gov't	Transparency	By # of Buildings	By % of Sq. Ft.	Water Tracking	Other Requirements	
Cities/Countries	Atlanta	-	2,900	402 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 25K	Jun 1, Annual	(if Energy Star >55) Sept 2018	-	-	✓	Audits every 10 years
	Austin	-	2,800	113 million	-	Comm ≥ 10K MF ≥ 5 units	Jun 1, Annual	Time of transaction	-	-	-	Audits & mandatory upgrades for high energy use MF buildings
	Berkeley	-	257	13.7 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 50K Comm & MF ≥ 25K	July 1, Annual July 1, 2019	TBD TBD	-	-	✓	Periodic/time of sale energy reports for all buildings (timing based on size)
	Boston	Yes	1,600	250 million	-	Comm ≥ 35K MF ≥ 35K/35 units	May 15, Annual	Oct 1, Annual	-	84% (2014)	✓	Periodic energy assessments and/or actions
	Boulder	-	475	26 million	-	Comm ≥ 50K New Comm ≥ 10K Comm ≥ 30K Comm ≥ 20K	Aug 1, Annual Aug 1, Annual Jun 1, Annual Jun 1, 2020	>Jun 1, 2019 >Jun 1, 2019 >Jun 1, 2021 >Jun 1, 2023	100% (2016)	100% (2016)	✓	Lighting upgrade; audits & RCx every 10 yrs (must invest in RCx measures w/ ≤2yr payback)
	Cambridge	Yes	1,100	78 million	-	Comm ≥ 50K MF ≥ 50 units	May 1, Annual	Sept 1, Annual	95% (2015)	93.5% (2014)	✓	-
	Chicago	Yes	3,500	900 million	2.9% (2014-17)	Comm ≥ 50K MF ≥ 50K	Jun 1, Annual	>Jun 1, Annual	85% (2017)	92% (2017)	-	Data verification by licensed professional 1 st year & every 3 years
	Denver	-	3,000	360 million	4.5% (2017)	Comm & MF ≥ 25K	Jun 1, Annual	TBD	90% (2017)	-	-	-
	District of Columbia	Yes	2,000	357 million	9% (2010-13)	Comm ≥ 50K MF ≥ 50K	Apr 1, Annual	>Apr 1, Annual	83% (2013)	-	✓	-
	Evanston, IL	-	557	45.6 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 100K Comm & MF ≥ 50K Comm & MF ≥ 20K	Jun 30, Annual Jun 30, Annual Jun 30, 2019	TBD	-	-	✓	Data verification by a certified professional 1 st year and every 3 years
	Fort Collins, CO	-	2,250	47 million	-	Comm ≥ 20K Comm ≥ 10K MF ≥ 20K Comm ≥ 5K MF ≥ 10K MF ≥ 5K	Mar 1, 2020 Mar 1, 2021 Mar 1, 2021 Mar 1, 2022 Mar 1, 2022 Mar 1, 2023	Annual	-	-	✓	-
	Kansas City	Yes	~1,500	~400 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 100K Comm & MF ≥ 50K	May 1, Annual	Sept 1, 2018 Sept 1, 2019	61.8% (2017)	-	✓	-
	Los Angeles	-	14,000	900 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 100K Comm & MF ≥ 50K Comm & MF ≥ 20K	Dec 1, Annual Jun 1, Annual Jun 1, 2019	Annual	82% (2016)	-	✓	ASHRAE level II audit and RCx every 5 years
	Minneapolis	Yes	625	110 million	3.4% (2014-16)	Comm ≥ 50K	Jun 1, Annual	Aug 31, Annual	-	80% (2016)	✓	-
	Montgomery Co., MD	Yes	~1,000	~110 million	-	Comm ≥ 50K	June 1, Annual	Oct, Annual	77% (2016)	-	-	Data verification by licensed professional 1 st year & every 3 years
	New York City	Yes	33,417	2.8 billion	6-14% (2010-14)	Comm & MF ≥ 50K Comm & MF ≥ 25K	May 1, Annual	Sept 1, Annual Anticipated >2018	90% (2015)	90% (2015)	✓	Audits & RCx (LL 87), lighting upgrades & submetering (LL 88)
	Orlando	-	826	125.6 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 50K	May 1, Annual	Sept 1, 2019	-	-	-	Energy audit or RCx every five years if ENERGY STAR <50. Benchmarking by qualified benchmarker
	Philadelphia	Yes	2,900	390 million	-	Comm ≥ 50K MF ≥ 50K	Jun 30, Annual	>Jun 30, Annual >Jun 30, 2017	91% (2014)	91% (2014)	✓	-
	Pittsburgh	-	861	164 million	-	Comm ≥ 50K	June 1, Annual	>Jun 1, Annual	-	-	✓	-
	Portland, ME	-	284	-	-	Comm ≥ 20K MF ≥ 50 units	May 1, Annual	Sept 1, 2019	-	-	✓	-
Portland, OR	Yes	1,024	87 million	-	Comm ≥ 20K	Apr 22, Annual	Oct 1, Annual	-	91% (2017)	-	-	
Reno	-	500	25 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 100K Comm & MF ≥ 50K Comm & MF ≥ 20K	Apr 1, 2020 Apr 1, 2021 Apr 1, 2022	Annual	-	-	✓	Bldgs not meeting performance target must do audit or retuning every 7 years	
Salt Lake City	-	1,211	124 million	-	Comm ≥ 50K Comm ≥ 25K	May 1, 2019 May 1, 2020	Sept 1, 2019 Sept 1, 2020	-	-	-	Tune-ups every 5 years	
San Francisco	Commercial Municipal	2,312	203 million	7.9% (2010-14)	Comm ≥ 10K	Apr 1, Annual	>Apr 1, Annual	-	82% (2013)	-	ASHRAE level I/II audits or RCx every 5 years	
San Jose	-	2,500	250 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 50K Comm & MF ≥ 20K	May 1, 2019 May 1, 2020	Annual	-	-	✓	Bldgs not up to performance std. must do audit, RCx or improvement measures	

	Seattle	Yes	3,352	323 million	3.7% (2014-16)	Comm & MF ≥ 20K	Apr 1, Annual	<Dec 31, Annual	99% (2016)	99% (2016)	-	Tune-ups every 5 years for Comm ≥50K
	South Portland, ME	-	-	-	-	Comm ≥ 5K MF ≥ 10 units	May 1, Annual	TBD	-	-	✓	Verification every 5 years by professional engineer
	St. Louis	-	900	143 million	-	Comm & MF ≥ 50K	Apr 1, Annual	Aug 1, Annual	-	-	✓	-
States	California	-	20,573	2.4 billion	-	Comm ≥ 50K MF ≥ 50k	June 1, Annual June 1, 2019	TBD	-	-	-	Mandatory upgrades TBD under AB 758
	New Jersey	-	-	-	-	Comm ≥ 25K	TBD	TBD	-	-	-	-
	Washington State	-	4,600	247 million	-	Comm ≥ 10K	None	Time of transaction	-	-	-	Audits for public buildings with low ratings