



Connecticut Moves Up to #6 State for Energy Efficiency

On October 3, 2012, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) released its 2012 *State Energy Efficiency Scorecard (Scorecard)*. Connecticut is ranked as the sixth most energy efficient state, moving up from eighth place last year. In its *Scorecard*, ACEEE notes that Connecticut is poised to break back into a top five spot, which it has held in the past. The top five states for energy efficiency according to the ACEEE 2012 *Scorecard* are Massachusetts, California, New York, Oregon, and Vermont.

The ACEEE *Scorecard* evaluates and ranks all fifty states and the District of Columbia according to policies and programs that encourage the efficient use of energy in many sectors of the economy. The *Scorecard* examines six of the primary policy areas in which states typically pursue energy efficiency: utility and "public benefits" programs and policies; transportation policies; building energy codes; combined heat and power (CHP) policies; state government initiatives concerning energy efficiency; and appliance efficiency standards. ACEEE suggests that although they provide individual state scores and rankings, the difference between states is best captured in tiers of ten.

The 2012 ACEEE *Scorecard* may be accessed through the following link:
<http://aceee.org/research-report/e12c>.