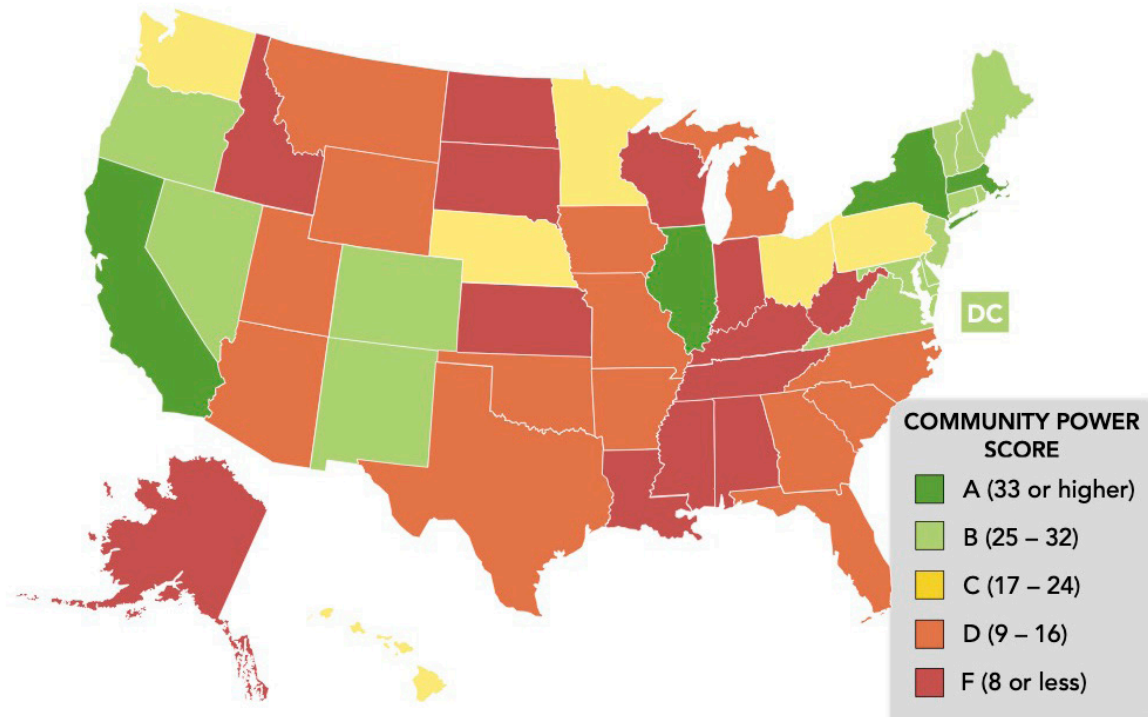




# Which Regions and States are Leading in Local Clean Energy Policy in 2023?

ILSR's Community Power Scorecard evaluates states based on their energy policies and how these policies help or hinder local clean energy action. We grade each state and rank them relative to one another. In case you missed it, check out the [2023 Community Power Scorecard](#).

The following images break down this year's scorecard (below) into further detail. Please save and share!



# The Top Five States of ILSR's 2023 Community Power Scorecard

Massachusetts earned the top spot in ILSR's 2023 Community Power Scorecard. Massachusetts has many solar-friendly policies, including community solar, a solar mandate, third party financing, and retail net metering. Cities in Massachusetts can start PACE financing programs and set more stringent building energy codes. They can also choose their own electricity supply through community choice energy.

## 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD



# MASSACHUSETTS

**38** out of 41 points

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California, Illinois, and New York all tied for second with 37 points. California lost a point for net metering this year, but its new community solar policy holds promise. Illinois's community solar program is finally taking off and New York's program has **reached more than a gigawatt of installed capacity**. California and Illinois have excellent interconnection standards, while New York's have room for improvement. All three states allow community choice aggregation and require solar or distributed energy resources as part of their energy standard.

# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD



A

## CALIFORNIA

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# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD

# A



## NEW YORK

# 37

 out of 41 points

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Maryland and New Jersey each scored 31 points. Both states have excellent net metering policies, strong interconnection standards (Maryland added specific considerations for battery storage in 2022), and burgeoning community solar programs. Maryland does not allow community choice energy state-wide, but scores points where New Jersey does not for allowing stretch building energy codes.

# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD

# B



## MARYLAND/NEW JERSEY

# 31

 out of 41 points

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While these states provide many opportunities for advancing energy democracy, other states are falling behind.

# The Bottom Five States of ILSR's 2023 Community Power Scorecard

Louisiana finished last in the 2023 Community Power Scorecard. The state has been last, or tied for last, since the 2019 community power scorecard. Louisiana has a “buy all, sell all” net metering policy, poor interconnection standards, and local building energy codes are determined by the state with no flexibility. Communities can negotiate their own franchise agreements, but may not ban gas hookups to new construction.

## 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD



### LOUISIANA

**1** out of 41 points

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Indiana and Kentucky both scored two points better than Louisiana. In 2022, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission allowed the state's utilities to switch to “instantaneous netting,” which dramatically reduces the value of customer-owned solar generation. Indiana has better interconnection standards than Kentucky, but does not allow PACE financing (Kentucky does).

# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD



# F

## INDIANA

# 3

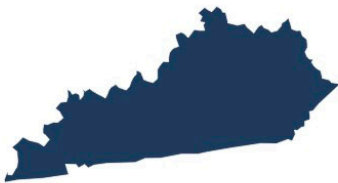
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# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD



# F

## KENTUCKY

# 3

 out of 41 points

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Unlike Indiana and Kentucky, Idaho allows communities to ban new gas hookups. The state also has a passable net metering policy, but loses two points for its interconnection environment. Idaho communities can negotiate their own utility franchise agreements, but cannot set more stringent building energy codes.

# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD



F

## IDAHO

4 out of 41 points

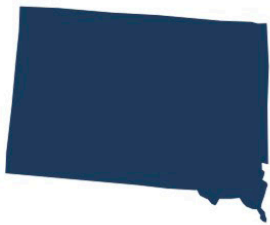
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South Dakota scores very few points, but fares better than Louisiana, Indiana, Kentucky, and Idaho because it does not lose points for poor interconnection standards or preempting gas bans. The state only scores for being a “home rule” building energy code state (three points) and allowing cities to negotiate their own franchise agreements with utilities (one point).

# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD



F

## SOUTH DAKOTA

4 out of 41 points

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# Regional Leaders in Local Clean Energy

How do states compare to their neighbors? Is energy democracy a regional trend?

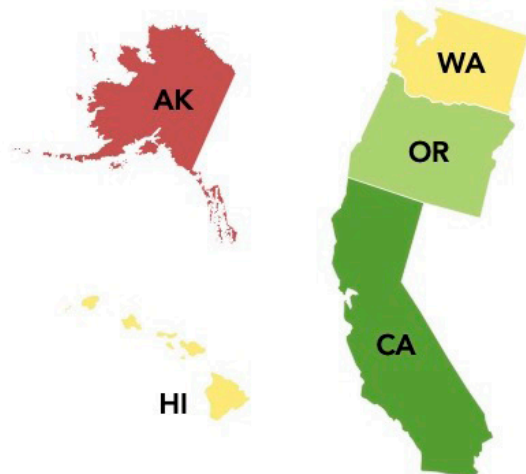
Here, we take a closer look at this year's community power scorecard to find which states rank highest, as compared to their peers, across nine regions of the country (corresponding to **U.S. Census Divisions**).

1. Pacific Region
2. Mountain Region
3. West North Central Region
4. East North Central Region
5. Mid-Atlantic Region
6. New England Region
7. South Atlantic Region
8. East South Central Region
9. West South Central Region

## 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD

### Pacific Region

### Regional Leader



### CALIFORNIA

# A

37 out of 41 points

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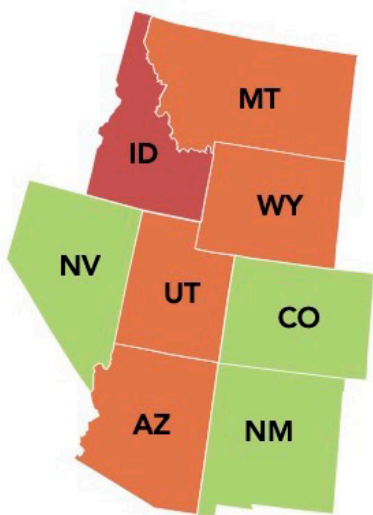




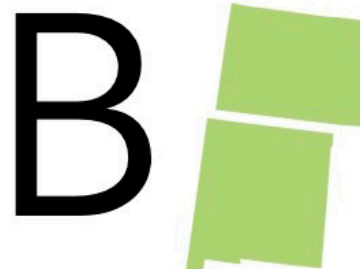
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Mountain Region

Regional Leader



COLORADO &  
NEW MEXICO



28 out of 41 points

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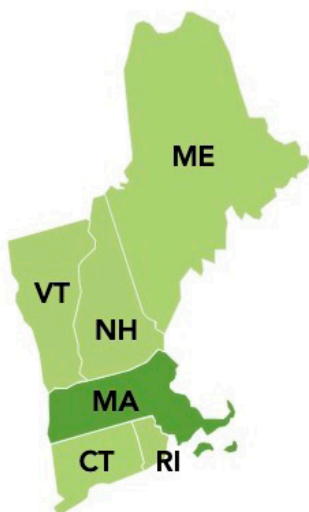
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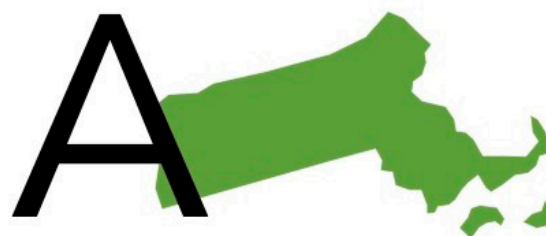
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New England Region

Regional Leader



MASSACHUSETTS



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Mid-Atlantic Region

Regional Leader



## NEW YORK



37 out of 41 points

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East North Central Region

Regional Leader



## ILLINOIS



37 out of 41 points

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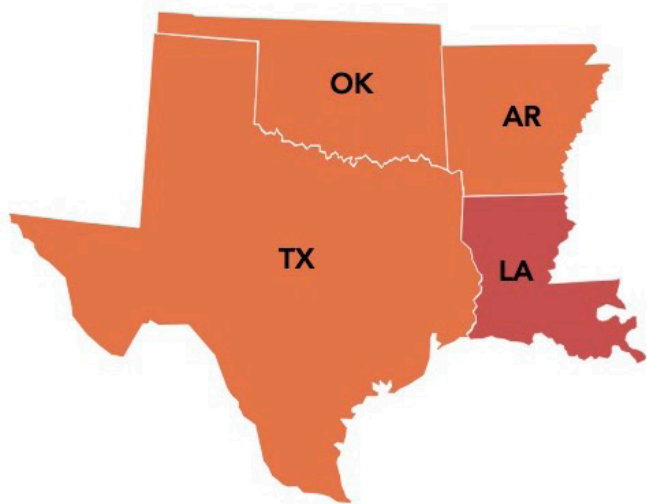
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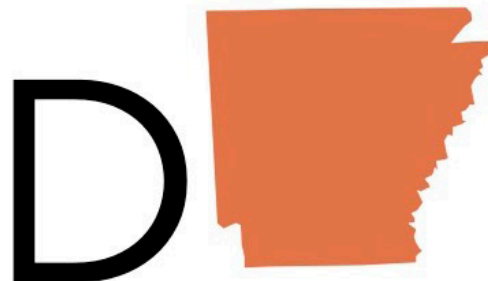
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West South Central Region

Regional Leader



## ARKANSAS



15 out of 41 points

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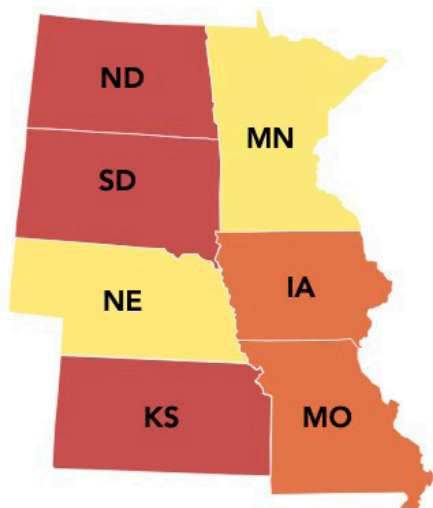
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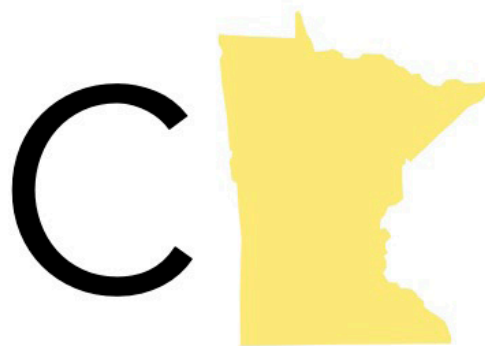
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West North Central Region

Regional Leader



## MINNESOTA



24 out of 41 points

SCORECARD KEY: A B C D F

# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD

East South Central Region

Regional Leader



## FLORIDA

# D

11 out of 41 points

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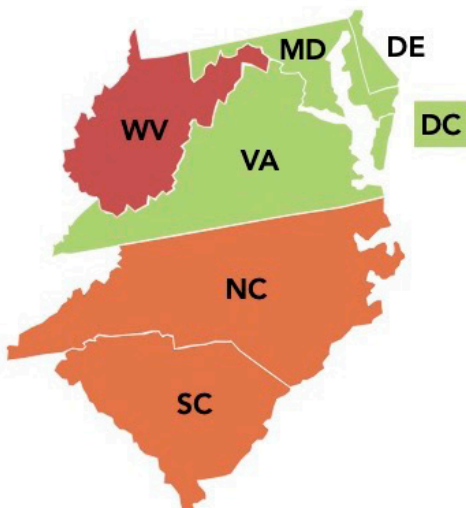
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# 2023 COMMUNITY POWER SCORECARD

South Atlantic Region

Regional Leader



## MARYLAND

# B

31 out of 41 points

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