

NORTH CAROLINA

26
POINTS
TOTAL

#21
NATIONAL
RANKING

#3 REGIONAL
RANKING (OF 5)
SOUTHEAST REGION

About the Scorecard

The 2022 U.S. State Policy Scorecard for Water Efficiency and Sustainability evaluates and scores U.S. states by their adoption of policies and laws that advance water efficiency, conservation, and sustainability. The Scorecard is intended to encourage further legislative action at the state level.

Scorecard Summary	Points
Plumbing Fixture Standards and Codes	0/12
Water Loss Control	0/11
Water Conservation Planning	9/27.5
Drought Preparedness Planning	7/8.5
Climate Action Planning	0/4
Water-Land Use Planning Integration	0/6
State Funding for Water Efficiency Programs	4/4
State-provided Technical Assistance for Water Efficiency	2/3
Rate Structures that Encourage Conservation	0/4
State Funding for Water Bill Assistance	0/2
State Funding and Support for Water Reuse	2/4
Accounting for Energy Savings from Water Efficiency	0/1
Completion of Survey	2/2
TOTAL POINTS	26/89

Priority Scoring Factors

The categories below are highlighted in order to encourage states to make the most progress in heavily weighted sectors.

Plumbing Fixture Standards and Codes



0 AWARDED
0 MEDIAN*
12 POINTS POSSIBLE

*When the median = 0, at least half of the states still have not adopted this critical policy.

Water Loss Control



0 AWARDED
4 MEDIAN
11 POINTS POSSIBLE

Water Conservation Planning



9 AWARDED
6.25 MEDIAN
27.5 POINTS POSSIBLE

Drought Preparedness Planning



7 AWARDED
0 MEDIAN*
8.5 POINTS POSSIBLE

Recommendations for North Carolina

- ✓ Adopt laws and codes for high efficiency fixtures
- ✓ Adopt policies to reduce water loss in utility distribution systems
- ✓ Require coordination between land use and water planning

Comparing North Carolina Against Other U.S. States

AWE's 2022 U.S. State Policy Scorecard for Water Efficiency and Sustainability

