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.

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

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

Water Loss Control

Water Conservation Planning

Drought Preparedness Planning

Recommendations for Massachusetts

- Require water utilities to develop and implement drought preparedness plans
- Require water rate structures that encourage conservation
- Require coordination between land use and water planning

Comparing Massachusetts Against Other U.S. States

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