**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 Rhode Island**

- Adopt policies to reduce water loss in utility distribution systems
- Allocate state funds to support water conservation and customer assistance programs
- Require water utilities to develop and implement climate change plans

** Comparing Rhode Island Against Other U.S. States**

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