

STATUS	POLICY	POLICY AREA	POLICY CATEGORY	YR ENACTED
Enacted	<p>Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets</p> <p>26-28% by 2025</p> <p>Relative to 2005 levels</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order 2019-06 (2019) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2019
Not Enacted	<p>Climate Action Plans</p> <p>Climate action plans are documents that clearly outline the policies and strategies that the state intends to implement to meet its emissions reduction targets. Draft plans are often published first, and after a period of public comments and revisions, a final plan is released.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	
Not Enacted	<p>State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory</p> <p>State greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventories report sector-based GHG emissions in a given year, and often provide historical data on emissions over time. Inventories may also include data on co-pollutant emissions.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	
Not Enacted	<p>Climate Bureaucracy</p> <p>Climate bureaucracy consists of dedicated climate offices and staff, interagency working groups, task forces, and other bodies made up of government staff. These bodies are often responsible for writing a state's climate plan and implementing the policies and strategies identified to meet its climate targets.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	
Not Enacted	<p>Climate Advisory Bodies</p> <p>Climate advisory bodies often write or advise on a state's climate plan, and make non-binding recommendations on climate policy design and implementation. The bodies can consist of all non-government members, or be a mix of government and non-government members.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	

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Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Community Definitions</p> <p>"Environmental justice communities" are the 25% highest scoring census block groups based on factors including environmental hazards, income, race, health, and other environmental and socioeconomic criteria used by the U.S. EPA's EJScreen; communities are also able to request self-designation as an EJ community.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 ILCS 3855/1-56 (2017) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2017
Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Mapping Tools</p> <p>Illinois EPA EJ Start</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illinois EPA EJ Start (2022) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2022
Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Community Investment Requirements</p> <p>At least 25% of Illinois Solar for All funding must be allocated to projects within EJ communities.</p> <p>At least 45% of transportation electrification funding must be directed to environmental justice communities.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 ILCS 3855/1-56 (2017) SB 2408 (2021) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2017
Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Bureaucracy</p> <p>Illinois EPA – EJ Coordinator</p> <p>Illinois EPA – Office of Environmental Justice</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illinois EPA – EJ Coordinator Illinois EPA – Office of Environmental Justice 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	

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Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Advisory Bodies</p> <p>Commission on Environmental Justice</p> <p>Justice40 Oversight Committee</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 415 ILCS 155/ (2011) • HB 2487 (2023) • Commission on Environmental Justice 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2011
Not Enacted	<p>Cumulative Impact Assessment</p> <p>Cumulative impact assessments determine the health and environmental impacts of renewing or granting a permit for certain pollution-generating facilities in environmental justice communities. Increased pollution burdens in communities may result in the permit application being denied.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Plans</p> <p>Just transition plans are documents that outline policies and recommendations aimed at supporting communities, workers, and industries affected by the transition away from fossil fuels. The plans often focus on workforce development and retraining, job creation, and economic diversification.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Offices and Staff</p> <p>Just transition offices and staff assist workers and communities transitioning away from fossil fuel extraction and use, typically through retraining programs and support with relocation and economic diversification. Offices and staff also coordinate with other state agencies to effectively design policy to achieve a just transition.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Enacted	<p>Just Transition Advisory Bodies</p> <p>Energy Transition Workforce Commission</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 2408 (2021) • Energy Transition Workforce Commission 	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	2021

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Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Funds</p> <p>Just transition funds support initiatives and investments aimed at facilitating the equitable transition of workers and communities affected by shifts in industries or policies that transition from fossil fuels.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Enacted	<p>Green Banks</p> <p>Illinois Finance Authority Climate Bank and the Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 2408 (2021) • Illinois Finance Authority Climate Bank and the Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund 	Cross-Sector	Climate Finance	2021
Not Enacted	<p>Carbon Pollution Pricing</p> <p>Carbon pollution pricing establishes a pollution fee or cap-and-trade program on the greenhouse gas emissions associated with each sector/source of emissions within the state. Programs typically cover the electricity, buildings, transportation, and/or industrial sectors.</p>	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	
Not Enacted	<p>Social Cost of Carbon</p> <p>The social cost of carbon is a monetary estimate of the damage of each ton of greenhouse gases emitted. The social cost of carbon is used to quantify and monetize climate damages, representing the net economic cost of climate pollution to society.</p>	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	
Enacted	<p>Clean Energy and Renewable Portfolio Standards</p> <p>100% zero-carbon power by 2045 100% clean energy by 2050</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 2408 (2021) 	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2021
Not Enacted	<p>Electricity Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets</p> <p>Electricity greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are set by a state to limit GHG emissions in the electricity sector. These targets aim to reduce emissions by different amounts over time, often expressed as percentage relative to a baseline year.</p>	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	

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Clean Energy Plans

Renewable Energy Access Plan

Establishing Policies

Enacted

- [SB 2408 \(2021\)](#) 
- [Docket No. 22-0749 \(2024\)](#) 
- [Renewable Energy Access Plan \(2024\)](#) 

Electricity

Energy Plans and Targets

2024

Distributed Generation/Solar Carve-out

The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.

Enacted

Establishing Policies

- [SPOT - Distributed Generation/Solar Carve-out in Illinois](#) 

Policy Components

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Electricity


Clean Energy Generation

Net Metering

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Partially Enacted

Establishing Policies





- [SPOT - Net Metering in Illinois](#) 
- [SPOT - Aggregate Net Metering in Illinois](#) 

Policy Components

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Electricity

Clean Energy Generation


STATUS	POLICY	POLICY AREA	POLICY CATEGORY	YR ENACTED
	<h2 data-bbox="285 181 592 215">Shared Renewables</h2> <p data-bbox="285 241 839 367">The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.</p>			
Enacted	<p data-bbox="285 389 512 416">Establishing Policies</p> <ul data-bbox="325 443 783 510" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 443 783 470"> SPOT - Shared Renewables in Illinois  <p data-bbox="285 539 496 566">Policy Components</p> <p data-bbox="285 595 320 622">6/6</p>	Electricity	Clean Energy Generation	
	<h2 data-bbox="285 678 778 712">Community Choice Aggregation</h2>			
	<p data-bbox="285 734 711 790">Illinois has an active community choice aggregation program.</p>			
Enacted	<p data-bbox="285 808 512 835">Establishing Policies</p> <ul data-bbox="325 862 520 929" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 862 520 889"> HB 316 (2009)  	Electricity	Clean Energy Generation	2009
	<h2 data-bbox="285 1019 651 1052">Energy Storage Targets</h2>			
	<p data-bbox="285 1077 834 1308">The Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act directed the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to establish storage procurement targets for all utilities serving >200,000 customers by 2022. However, the ICC decided not to establish any procurement targets, stating "establishing targets does not appear to be a reasonable policy to pursue at this state in the process" in its 2022 report to the Governor and General Assembly.</p>			
Enacted	<p data-bbox="285 1330 512 1357">Establishing Policies</p> <ul data-bbox="325 1384 533 1451" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 1384 533 1411"> SB 2408 (2021)  	Electricity	Transmission, Distribution, and Energy Storage	2021
	<h2 data-bbox="285 1534 695 1568">Interconnection Standards</h2>			
	<p data-bbox="285 1590 807 1617">Illinois received a B grade from Freeing the Grid.</p>			
Enacted	<p data-bbox="285 1639 512 1666">Establishing Policies</p> <ul data-bbox="325 1693 775 1760" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 1693 775 1720"> Freeing the Grid Illinois Grade (2023)  	Electricity	Transmission, Distribution, and Energy Storage	2023
	<h2 data-bbox="285 1848 528 1881">Coal Phaseouts</h2>			
Not Enacted	<p data-bbox="285 1906 802 1962">Coal phaseouts establish a target year by which states must end coal-fired power generation.</p>	Electricity	Coal Retirement	

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Not Enacted	<h3>Coal Plant Securitization</h3> <p>Coal securitization is a financing tool that allows utility companies to refinance debt they issued to build coal plants and close the facilities early without taking a financial hit or passing costs on to ratepayers.</p>	Electricity	Coal Retirement	
Enacted	<h3>Residential Energy Codes</h3> <p>The statewide energy code for residential construction is 2021 IECC with amendments.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Illinois State Energy Code (2023) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2023
Enacted	<h3>Commercial Energy Codes</h3> <p>The statewide energy code for commercial building construction is 2021 IECC with amendments.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Illinois State Energy Code (2023) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2023
Enacted	<h3>Stretch Building Energy Codes</h3> <p>The Illinois Capital Development Board approved the Illinois Residential Stretch Code on April 9, 2024. The Code will be available for municipalities to adopt by October 31, 2024.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SB 2408 (2021) ■ Illinois Residential Stretch Code (2024) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2024
Not Enacted	<h3>Appliance Standards</h3> <p>Appliance standards set minimum energy and water conservation requirements for appliances and equipment.</p>	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	
Not Enacted	<h3>Building Performance Standards</h3> <p>Building performance standards establish energy and/or greenhouse gas performance targets for existing buildings in a state. These targets increase in stringency over time, leading to efficiency improvements in buildings to conserve energy and reduce emissions.</p>	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	

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Not Enacted	<p>Clean Heat Standards</p> <p>Clean heat standards establish a performance standard requiring heat providers to deliver a gradually-increasing percentage of low-emission heating services to customers.</p>	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	
Enacted	<p>Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS)</p> <p>Electric utilities are required to achieve cumulative persisting annual savings of 21.5% by 2030 for utilities serving more than 3,000,000 retail customers, and cumulative persisting annual savings of 16% by 2030 for utilities serving between 500,000 and 3,000,000 retail customers. Savings are relative to average consumption over 2014-2016.</p> <p>Gas utilities are required to achieve annual energy savings of 1.5% each year.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 220 ILCS 5/8-104 (2011) • SB 2408 (2021) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2021
Enacted	<p>Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)</p> <p>Illinois has enacted commercial PACE-enabling legislation and has active programs.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 2831 (2017) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2017
Partially Enacted	<p>Weatherization Funding</p> <p>The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPOT - Weatherization Funding in Illinois <p>Policy Components</p> <p>3/4</p>	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	

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Not Enacted	<p>All-Electric Buildings</p> <p>All-electric buildings policies require new buildings to be constructed with all-electric heating, cooling, and cooking systems to transition away from fossil-fuel use in buildings.</p>	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Electrification	
Not Enacted	<p>Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) Standards</p> <p>Under Section 177 of the Clean Air Act, California has the unique authority to establish vehicle emission standards more stringent than federal standards, and other states may adopt California's standards. These Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards control tailpipe emissions of criteria pollutants and greenhouse gasses from light-duty vehicles.</p>	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	
Not Enacted	<p>Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates</p> <p>Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandates, also known as "clean car standards," require automakers to produce and sell a certain percentage of zero-emission light-duty vehicles each model year based on total new vehicle sales. The most stringent ZEV mandates require 100% of new vehicle sales to be electric by 2035 and are known as "Advanced Clean Cars II".</p>	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	
Enacted	<p>Electric Vehicle Rebates</p> <p>The Illinois Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate Program offers rebates for new and used EVs: up to \$4,000 for all-electric vehicles and \$1,500 for all-electric motorcycles.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 2408 (2021) • Electric Vehicle Rebate Program 	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	2021
Not Enacted	<p>Low NOx Omnibus Rules</p> <p>Low NOx Omnibus Rules establish stringent tailpipe emission standards for heavy duty vehicles, updated testing procedures, and technology-neutral compliance mechanisms to reduce nitrous oxide (NOx) pollution. The regulation must be adopted first by California, and other states may adopt the regulation under the federal Clean Air Act.</p>	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	

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Not Enacted	<p>Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MHD) Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates</p> <p>Medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) zero-emission vehicle mandates, also known as "Advanced Clean Trucks", require automakers to produce and sell a certain number of zero-emission MHD vehicles to fulfill a quota based on a percentage of total sales in states.</p>	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	
Not Enacted	<p>Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebates</p> <p>Medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) electric vehicle rebates consist of programs and policies that offer rebates to make MHD electric vehicles more affordable to increase their adoption in a state.</p>	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	
Enacted	<p>Public Fleet Electric Vehicle (EV) Procurement Targets</p> <p>Requires the state to develop and implement a program for the procurement of zero emissions vehicles for the state fleet</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order 2021-08 (2021) 	Transportation	Lead by Example	2021
Not Enacted	<p>Electric Bus Procurement Targets</p> <p>Electric bus procurement targets require that a certain percentage or number of school buses and/or transit buses purchased or leased by the state, transit authorities, and/or school districts must be electric or zero-emissions.</p>	Transportation	Lead by Example	
Enacted	<p>Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Requirements</p> <p>Requires that new residential buildings with designated parking spaces have EV charging capabilities; each residential unit with a designated parking spot is required to have at least one parking space that is EV-capable.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 40 (2023) 	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	2023

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Not Enacted	<p>Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Rebates</p> <p>Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure rebates offer rebates to make the purchase and/or installation costs of EV charging infrastructure more affordable.</p>	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	
Not Enacted	<p>Electric Vehicle (EV) and EV Charging Infrastructure Plans</p> <p>Electric vehicle (EV) and EV charging infrastructure plans are documents that provide a framework to guide the development, coordination, and adoption of EVs and EV charging infrastructure.</p>	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
Not Enacted	<p>Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets</p> <p>Transportation greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are set by a state to limit emissions in the transportation sector. These targets aim to reduce emissions by specific amounts over time, often expressed as a percentage reduction from a baseline year.</p>	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
Not Enacted	<p>Low Carbon Fuel Standards</p> <p>A low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) is a market-based mechanism to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels and account for the fuel's life cycle greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
Enacted	<p>Bicycle Friendly States</p> <p>Illinois is ranked 15th out of 50 in the 2022 Bicycle Friendly State rankings by the League of American Bicyclists.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <p>Illinois Bicycle Friendly State Scorecard</p>  <p>Policy Components</p> <p>5/5</p>	Transportation	Public and Active Transportation	
Not Enacted	<p>Buy Clean Requirements</p> <p>Buy clean requirements mandate or incentivize the use of low-carbon construction materials, such as concrete and steel, in public projects to address embodied carbon.</p>	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Industrial Decarbonization	

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Not Enacted	<p>Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Regulations</p> <p>Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) regulations include phasedown commitments, rulemakings, disclosure requirements, bans, or other measures that reduce HFC usage and emissions.</p>	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	
Not Enacted	<p>Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) Regulations</p> <p>Sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) regulations include phasedown commitments, reporting requirements, bans, or other measures that reduce SF6 usage and emissions.</p>	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	
Not Enacted	<p>Oil and Gas Methane Regulations</p> <p>Oil and gas methane regulations include phasedown commitments, reporting requirements, leak detection and repair, or other measures that reduce methane emissions from oil and gas production.</p>	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	
Not Enacted	<p>Fracking Bans</p> <p>Fracking bans prohibit the practice of hydraulic fracking for the production of oil and/or natural gas by a certain year. Legislation often requires an environmental agency or department to promulgate regulations.</p>	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	
Not Enacted	<p>Landfill Methane Regulations</p> <p>Landfill methane regulations include rulemakings, emissions monitoring, emissions control, or other measures that reduce methane emissions from decaying organic waste in landfills.</p>	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	
Not Enacted	<p>Food Waste Bans and Targets</p> <p>Food waste bans and targets include policies that prohibit certain entities that generate specified amounts of food waste (typically commercial businesses and larger institutions) from sending this waste to landfills. Targets aim to reduce total food waste by a certain percentage each target year.</p>	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	

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Enacted	<p>Agriculture Financial Incentives</p> <p>The Sustainable Agriculture Grants Program provides grants to implement conservation practices that reduce soil loss and improve soil health.</p> <p>The Cover Crop Premium Discount Program offers premium discounts to promote additional acres of cover crops that are not covered by other state and federal program incentives.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Agriculture Grants Program • Cover Crop Premium Discount Program 	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	
Not Enacted	<p>Agriculture Technical Assistance Programs</p> <p>Agriculture technical assistance programs provide state-driven technical assistance, apprenticeship and mentorship programs, and support securing additional funding for farmers to increase uptake of soil health practices.</p>	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	