

RHODE ISLAND

40.5
POINTS
TOTAL

#11
NATIONAL
RANKING

#2 REGIONAL
RANKING (OF 6)

NEW ENGLAND 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	9/12
Water Loss Control	1/11
Water Conservation Planning	12.5/27.5
Drought Preparedness Planning	8/8.5
Climate Action Planning	0/4
Water-Land Use Planning Integration	4/6
State Funding for Water Efficiency Programs	0/4
State-provided Technical Assistance for Water Efficiency	0/3
Rate Structures that Encourage Conservation	4/4
State Funding for Water Bill Assistance	0/2
State Funding and Support for Water Reuse	0/4
Accounting for Energy Savings from Water Efficiency	0/1
Completion of Survey	2/2
TOTAL POINTS	40.5/89

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



9 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



1 AWARDED
4 MEDIAN
11 POINTS POSSIBLE

Water Conservation Planning



12.5 AWARDED
6.25 MEDIAN
27.5 POINTS POSSIBLE

Drought Preparedness Planning



8 AWARDED
0 MEDIAN*
8.5 POINTS POSSIBLE

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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