

Brisbane

Sustainability Topic	Focus	County-Level Summary	Brisbane	Supplemental Sources (In Addition to Surveys)
Agriculture & Food (September 2021)	Farmer's Markets	Yes: 76%, No: 24%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 0%	Yes	California Farmer's Markets, PCFMA
	Community Gardens Y/N	Yes: 86%, No: 10%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 5%	Yes	SMC Sustainability
	Number of Community Gardens	Average: 1.4, Min: 0, Max: 4	1	SMC Sustainability
Built Environment (data collected: 2020/21)	Total PV Permits (2020/2021)	Average: 100.56, Min: 0, Max: 250	20	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	PV Permits Issued Per 1,000 Residents	Average: 5.37, Min: 0, Max: 17.79	4.28	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	Number of Net Zero Buildings (2021)	Average: 0.33, Min: 0, Max: 2	0	New Buildings Institute
Energy (September 2021)	Reach Building Code Adopted?	Yes: 67%, No: 19%, In Process: 14%, No Data: 0%	Yes	Sierra Club
	Reach EV Infrastructure Code Adopted?	Yes: 57%, No: 33%, In Process: 10%, No Data: 0%	Yes	Sierra Club
	Number of EV Chargers	Average: 7, Min: 0, Max: 26	2	SMC Sustainability
	# EV Chargers in City or County Owned Buildings and Parking Lots Per 1,000 people	Average: 0.33, Min: 0, Max: 1.27	0.43	SMC Sustainability
Climate Action (September 2021)	FTE Sustainability Coordinator or Manager	Average: 0.65 FTE per City (9.75 FTE/15 Cities responding). Not included: San Mateo County has approximately 30 FTE dedicated to	1 (with support from other non-dedicated staff)	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	Last Date Climate Action Plan Updated and Adopted	Average year of last update: 2016	2015	SMC Sustainability

Ecology & Biodiversity (September 2021)	Is Your City a Tree City?	Yes: 48%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 0%	No	Tree City USA
	Beekeeping Allowed?	Yes: 90%, No: 10%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 0%	Yes	Bee Guild
Economy (September 2021)	Do You Have an Environmentally Sustainable Purchasing Policy?	Yes: 57.%, No: 29.%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 14.%	Yes	SMC HR
	Do You Have a Minimum Wage Ordinance?	Yes: 38%, No: 43%, In Process: 5%, No Data: 10%	No	SMC HR
Health & Well Being (September 2021)	No Longer Use the Herbicide Glyphosate on City or County Owned Landscaping incl. Parks?	Yes: 76%, No: 10%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 14.%	Yes	SMC Parks
	Adopted County Compostable Foodware Ordinance?	Yes: 48%, No: 38%, In Process: 14.%, No Data: 0%	Yes	SMC Sustainability
Social Equity (RHNA Data: 2015-2020, Census data collected: 2019)	RHNA Requirements Met for Very Low Income Housing, 2015-2020	Average: 49%, Min: 0%, Max: 159%	0%	RNHA
	RHNA Requirements Met for Low Income Housing, 2015-2020	Average: 62%, Min: 0%, Max: 425%	0%	RNHA
	Number of Census Tracts below 40 on Healthy Places Index	Average: 0.29, Min: 0, Max: 4	0	Healthy Places Index
	Number of Census Tracts in the 40 to 50 Range on Healthy Places Index	Average: 0.33, Min: 0, Max: 3	0	Healthy Places Index
	Number of Census Tracts in the 50-60 Range on Healthy Places Index	Average: 0.24, Min: 0, Max: 2	0	Healthy Places Index
	Number of Census Tracts in the 60-70 Range on Healthy Places Index	Average: 0.58, Min: 0, Max: 4	0	Healthy Places Index

Transportation (2018)	Average Commute Length (Minutes)	Average: 26.69, Min: 19.86, Max: 31.88	31.88	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Drive Alone to Work	Average: 69%, Min: 60%, Max: 76%	63.50%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Work from Home	Average: 7%, Min: 2%, Max: 21%	8%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Take Public Transit to Work	Average: 9%, Min: 0%, Max: 21%	14.20%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Bike to Work	Average: 1%, Min: 0%, Max: 8%	0%	Vital Signs
	Other Commute Strategies	Average: 14.%, Min: 7%, Max: 20%	14.30%	Vital Signs
Waste Management (2019)	Overall Waste (landfill, organics and recycling) Diversion Rate	Average: 0.56, Min: 0.38, Max: 0.8554	No Data	(Info Sourced from Individual Waste Haulers)
	Pounds of Waste Per Capita Per Year, to Landfill, to Organics Stream and Recycled	Average: 1754.8, Min: 1169, Max: 3019	No Data	(Info Sourced from Individual Waste Haulers)
Water	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2016 (Gallons)	Average: 102.34, Min: 50.95, Max: 206.5	129.76	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2017 (Gallons)	Average: 109.86, Min: 57.85, Max: 223.8	147.66	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2018 (Gallons)	Average: 112.86, Min: 58.65, Max: 222.45	147.25	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2019 (Gallons)	Average: 113.61, Min: 59.41, Max: 226.8	140.57	BAWSCA

**Gray Water Ordinance Allowing
Gray Water?**

Yes: 38%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%,
No Data: 10%

No

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City of Brisbane Sustainability Efforts/Accomplishments

- 1. Commitment.** The City of Brisbane is taking a number of actions to address climate and environmental issues, with a level of focus and dedication not often seen in cities of its size (<5000 residents).
- 2. Building emissions.** In late 2019, the City took decisive action to address emissions from both new and existing buildings by adopting reach codes preventing natural gas in most new buildings and requiring solar and EV charging, and creating the Brisbane Building Efficiency Program (BBEP).

The BBEP requires commercial, industrial and multifamily buildings larger than 10,000 square feet to benchmark their energy and water use annually and report it to the city, with “Beyond Benchmarking” requirements starting in 2023 that require buildings to be high performing or take action to improve.

- 3. Climate Emergency.** Additional initiatives include a Climate Emergency Declaration to be considered by the City Council in July 2021 setting ambitious emissions reductions targets, and the addition of numerous EV charging stations to city facilities within the next 1-2 years.
- 4. Water use.** Brisbane residents are quite conservative with their water use. The per capita water consumption figure provided in the Dashboard includes all water use in the city (commercial, industrial, residential), divided by the Brisbane residential population.

Because Brisbane has a robust local economy with a very small population, the measure of per capita use is relatively high. If commercial and industrial uses were removed from the total, the residential per capita use metric would likely be less.

Source: Adrienne Etherton. Revised for brevity and clarity by SSMC, including at Brisbane’s request, the statement on water use.