

Colma

Sustainability Topic and Date Data Was Collected	Focus	County-Level Summary	Colma	Supplemental Sources (In Addition to Surveys)
Agriculture & Food (September 2021)	Farmer's Markets	Yes: 76%, No: 24%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 0%	No	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	No Data	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	PV Permits Issued Per 1,000 Residents	Average: 5.37, Min: 0, Max: 17.79	No Data	(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)	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	1.27	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 various aspects of Sustainability.	1/3	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	Last Date Climate Action Plan Updated and Adopted	Average year of last update: 2016	2013	SMC Sustainability

Ecology & Biodiversity (September 2021)	Is Your City a Tree City?	Yes: 48%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 0%	Yes	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%	Yes	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%	155%	RNHA
	RHNA Requirements Met for Low Income Housing, 2015-2020	Average: 62%, Min: 0%, Max: 425%	425%	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	1	Healthy Places Index
Transportation (2018 - latest date data was available)	Average Commute Length (Minutes)	Average: 26.69, Min: 19.86, Max: 31.88	27	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Drive Alone to Work	Average: 69%, Min: 60%, Max: 76%	59.70%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Work from Home	Average: 7%, Min: 2%, Max: 21%	3.70%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Take Public Transit to Work	Average: 9%, Min: 0%, Max: 21%	18.10%	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%	18.50%	Vital Signs
Waste Management (2019)	Overall Waste (landfill, organics and recycling) Diversion Rate	Average: 0.56, Min: 0.38, Max: 0.8554	55%	(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	96.79	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2017 (Gallons)	Average: 109.86, Min: 57.85, Max: 223.8	97.76	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2018 (Gallons)	Average: 112.86, Min: 58.65, Max: 222.45	98.44	BAWSCA

Water Use Per Person Per Day 2019 (Gallons)	Average: 113.61, Min: 59.41, Max: 226.8	96.45	BAWSCA
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Gray Water Ordinance Allowing Gray Water?	Yes: 38%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 10%	No	SMCH
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City of Colma Sustainability Efforts/Accomplishments

1. **CAP.** Colma developed its first Climate Action Plan in 2013; City Council approved staff/resources to begin CAP implementation immediately.

The City Council adopted the Climate Action Plan 2030 Update in October 2020; staff is working on its top priority CAP 2030 projects: expanding EV infrastructure, SB 1383 compliance and commercial energy/water efficiency programs.

2. **Greenhouse Gases.** According to the most recent greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory (2017), Colma met and exceeded the GHG reduction target of AB 32 and reduced GHG emissions 27% since 2005.
3. **Reduction in Commercial Energy Usage.** Colma developed a focused commercial energy efficiency project for its largest businesses, which reduced electricity usage by 1.3M kWh annually.
4. **All-Electric Town Hall.** Colma's new Town Hall is an all-electric building.
5. **Sustainable Purchasing Policy.** Sustainability Environmental Purchasing Policy is in effect, and city staff is providing easy access to recycled content product resources. There is a monitoring program to ensure compliance.
6. **Awards.** The City was awarded multiple Beacon Awards for reducing GHG emissions, municipal energy efficiency programs and community GHG reductions. Colma's Town Hall is a State Certified Green Business as of 2020.
7. **Water Reduction.** Through grants, Colma worked with San Mateo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) to increase water conservation at cemeteries and continues to collaborate with partners such as Peninsula Clean Energy and the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability to meet SB 32 GHG reduction targets.

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