

Menlo Park

Sustainability Topic and Date Data Was Collected	Focus	County-Level Summary	Menlo Park	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	0	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	PV Permits Issued Per 1,000 Residents	Average: 5.37, Min: 0, Max: 17.79	0.00	(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	0	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	0.00	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	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	Last Date Climate Action Plan Updated and Adopted	Average year of last update: 2016	2021, April	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.%	No	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. Adopted County Compostable Foodware Ordinance?	Yes: 76%, No: 10%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 14.%	Yes	SMC Parks
		Yes: 48%, No: 38%, In Process: 14%, No Data: 0%	No	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%	39%	RNHA
	RHNA Requirements Met for Low Income Housing, 2015-2020	Average: 62%, Min: 0%, Max: 425%	59%	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	1	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 - latest date data was available)	Average Commute Length (Minutes)	Average: 26.69, Min: 19.86, Max: 31.88	23.54	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Drive Alone to Work	Average: 69%, Min: 60%, Max: 76%	65.30%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Work from Home	Average: 7%, Min: 2%, Max: 21%	9.40%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Take Public Transit to Work	Average: 9%, Min: 0%, Max: 21%	6.20%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Bike to Work	Average: 1%, Min: 0%, Max: 8%	7.60%	Vital Signs
	Other Commute Strategies	Average: 14.%, Min: 7%, Max: 20%	11.50%	Vital Signs
Waste Management (2019)	Overall Waste (landfill, organics and recycling) Diversion Rate	Average: 0.56, Min: 0.38, Max: 0.8554	57.25%	(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	2037	(Info Sourced from Individual Waste Haulers)

Water	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2016 (Gallons)	Average: 102.34, Min: 50.95, Max: 206.5	145.11	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2017 (Gallons)	Average: 109.86, Min: 57.85, Max: 223.8	160.51	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2018 (Gallons)	Average: 112.86, Min: 58.65, Max: 222.45	173.59	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2019 (Gallons)	Average: 113.61, Min: 59.41, Max: 226.8	175.47	BAWSCA
	Gray Water Ordinance Allowing Gray Water?	Yes: 38%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 10%	Yes	SMCH

City of Menlo Park Sustainability Efforts/Accomplishments

1. **Climate Emergency.** The City Council adopted a Climate Emergency in 2019.
2. **City commission on the environment.** Menlo Park is one of the few cities in San Mateo County with a city commission focusing on the environment. Menlo Park's Environmental Quality Commission has been a leader in providing recommendations to the City Council regarding a simple, doable Climate Action Plan.
3. **The City's Climate Action Goals are:**
 - a. Convert 95% of existing buildings to all electric by 2030.
 - b. Increase the number of Electric Vehicles (EVs) and decrease gasoline sales.
 - c. Expand access to EVs in multi-family properties.
 - d. Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by 25%.
 - e. Eliminate fossil fuels in city operations.
 - f. Develop a climate action plan to protect the most vulnerable parts of the community from sea level rise and the impacts of flooding.
4. **Awards.** The City has received these spotlight awards from the California Institute for Local Government.
 - a. Silver in greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions
 - b. Gold in sustainability best practices
 - c. Platinum in energy savings and natural gas savings

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