

San Carlos

Sustainability Topic and Date Data Was Collected	Focus	County-Level Summary	San Carlos	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	2	SMC Sustainability
Built Environment (data collected: 2020/21)	Total PV Permits (2020/2021)	Average: 100.56, Min: 0, Max: 250	88	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	PV Permits Issued Per 1,000 Residents	Average: 5.37, Min: 0, Max: 17.79	2.93	(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	6	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	0.20	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	0.33	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	Last Date Climate Action Plan Updated and Adopted	Average year of last update: 2016	2009 is our last CAP, currently updating now and	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%	No	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%	In Process	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%	14%	RNHA
	RHNA Requirements Met for Low Income Housing, 2015-2020	Average: 62%, Min: 0%, Max: 425%	11%	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 - latest date data was available)	Average Commute Length (Minutes)	Average: 26.69, Min: 19.86, Max: 31.88	27.05	Vital Signs

	Percent of Residents Who Drive Alone to Work	Average: 69%, Min: 60%, Max: 76%	75.90%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Work from Home	Average: 7%, Min: 2%, Max: 21%	7.40%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Take Public Transit to Work	Average: 9%, Min: 0%, Max: 21%	7.50%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Bike to Work	Average: 1%, Min: 0%, Max: 8%	1.10%	Vital Signs
	Other Commute Strategies	Average: 14.%, Min: 7%, Max: 20%	8.10%	Vital Signs
Waste Management (2019)	Overall Waste (landfill, organics and recycling) Diversion Rate	Average: 0.56, Min: 0.38, Max: 0.8554	54.17%	(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	1779	(Info Sourced from Individual Waste Haulers)
Water	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2016 (Gallons)	Average: 102.34, Min: 50.95, Max: 206.5	84.37	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2017 (Gallons)	Average: 109.86, Min: 57.85, Max: 223.8	90.35	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2018 (Gallons)	Average: 112.86, Min: 58.65, Max: 222.45	92.95	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2019 (Gallons)	Average: 113.61, Min: 59.41, Max: 226.8	94.19	BAWSCA
	Gray Water Ordinance Allowing Gray Water?	Yes: 38%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 10%	No	SMCH

City of San Carlos Sustainability Efforts/Accomplishments

1. **Overall Commitment.** In San Carlos we recognize the actions we take at the local level make a difference on problems that are larger than the community itself.
2. **City Council's Climate Goals.** The San Carlos City Council has made addressing climate change and supporting sustainability a strategic goal. As a city vulnerable to the effects of a changing climate, San Carlos is taking bold action to reduce carbon emissions to address local community concerns, while also ensuring a high standard of living for our residents now and in the future.
3. **Specific Actions.** Recently we have done the following:
 - a. **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging.** EV charging stations were installed in City parking lots.
 - b. **Reach Codes.** The City adopted reach codes requiring that new construction be all-electric.
 - c. **Regional Support.** San Carlos is promoting regional energy efficiency and electrification programs.
 - d. **Climate Action Plan Update.** San Carlos is currently in the process of updating its 2009 Climate Action Plan with a new Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan (CMAP). Once completed the CMAP will guide City of San Carlos decision-makers, staff, and the community, to understand the sources and magnitude of local greenhouse emissions and the impacts of climate change on the community, reduce emissions, prioritize steps to achieve emission-reduction targets, and increase resilience to climate hazards.
 - e. **Reduction targets.** The CMAP will help guide our community towards reducing our emissions 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050 relative to 1990 levels.

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