

San Mateo

Sustainability Topic and Date Data Was Collected	Focus	County-Level Summary	San Mateo	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	250	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	PV Permits Issued Per 1,000 Residents	Average: 5.37, Min: 0, Max: 17.79	2.45	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	Number of Net Zero Buildings (2021)	Average: 0.33, Min: 0, Max: 2	1	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	20	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 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	2020	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. 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%	13%	RNHA
	RHNA Requirements Met for Low Income Housing, 2015-2020	Average: 62%, Min: 0%, Max: 425%	10%	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	4	Healthy Places Index
Transportation (2018 - latest date data was available)	Average Commute Length (Minutes)	Average: 26.69, Min: 19.86, Max: 31.88	26.74	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Drive Alone to Work	Average: 69%, Min: 60%, Max: 76%	68.60%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Work from Home	Average: 7%, Min: 2%, Max: 21%	5.50%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Take Public Transit to Work	Average: 9%, Min: 0%, Max: 21%	10.90%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Bike to Work	Average: 1%, Min: 0%, Max: 8%	1.30%	Vital Signs
	Other Commute Strategies	Average: 14.%, Min: 7%, Max: 20%	13.70%	Vital Signs
Waste Management (2019)	Overall Waste (landfill, organics and recycling) Diversion Rate	Average: 0.56, Min: 0.38, Max: 0.8554	47.77%	(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	1429	(Info Sourced from Individual Waste Haulers)
Water	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2016 (Gallons)	Average: 102.34, Min: 50.95, Max: 206.5	91.33	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2017 (Gallons)	Average: 109.86, Min: 57.85, Max: 223.8	97.61	BAWSCA

Water Use Per Person Per Day 2018 (Gallons)	Average: 112.86, Min: 58.65, Max: 222.45	100.17	BAWSCA
Water Use Per Person Per Day 2019 (Gallons)	Average: 113.61, Min: 59.41, Max: 226.8	101.37	BAWSCA
Gray Water Ordinance Allowing Gray Water?	Yes: 38%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 10%	Yes	SMCH

City of San Mateo Sustainability Efforts/Accomplishments

1. **Reach Codes.** Replacing an earlier “two compliance pathway” code, the City Council adopted an all-electric, new-construction reach code for residential and office buildings, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. It also requires new residential buildings consisting entirely of affordable units to be all-electric or exceed the State Energy Code.
2. **Waste Reduction.** The City Council adopted the Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance requiring that effective October 1, 2022, food facilities and restaurants use compostable service ware. To achieve additional waste reductions, Staff launched the voluntary “Quit the Cutlery” campaign in which restaurants pledge to distribute cutlery, straws, condiment packets, etc. only by customer request.
3. **Municipal Energy Efficiency.** In 2018, the City completed an on-bill-reimbursement contract with PG&E for the Sustainable Solutions Turnkey program for energy efficiency upgrades at City facilities. The \$3.2 million project includes upgrades at City Hall, libraries, fire stations, and recreation facilities.
4. **Electric Vehicles (EV).** Staff leveraged Peninsula Clean Energy’s EV ready technical assistance and received funding from the California EV Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP). A city-hired contractor is installing EV chargers at the Main Street Garage.
5. **Transportation.** The [2020 San Mateo Bicycle Master Plan](#) (2020 Plan) is the culmination of over a year of robust community engagement, analysis of existing conditions and data, planning and design. The 2020 Plan was adopted by City Council on April 6, 2020 and serves as a blueprint for expanding and improving the San Mateo bicycle and mobility network.

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