

## POLICY AREA SCORES



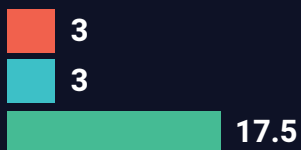
## PROGRAMS



## ENABLING POLICIES



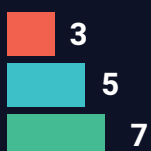
## BUILDINGS



## TRANSPORTATION



## INDUSTRY



## KEEPING PACE TO AVOID LAST PLACE FINISH

Saskatchewan narrowly avoided the last place position, which is largely due to a 2020 law that enabled energy efficiency improvements in municipalities (Property Assessed Clean Energy – PACE), with Saskatoon launching a Home Energy Loan Program.

The province continues to score at or near the bottom on electricity and natural gas program savings and spending. The natural gas or electricity utilities do not have energy savings targets, and there are no requirements for energy efficiency to be considered as a more cost-effective option compared to energy supply.

Saskatchewan has the lowest electric vehicle (EV) charging availability, with 0.1 charging stations available per 100 km of road, while Québec has 6 stations per 100 km. Despite this lack of infrastructure for EVs, the province is the first government in Canada to charge an annual tax on electric vehicles. Citizen groups suggest delaying the tax until 1.3% of vehicles are electric.<sup>2</sup>

## STRENGTHS

**PACE Financing:** Saskatchewan passed enabling legislation to allow municipalities to implement programs to fund energy efficiency improvements through property tax bills in 2020. To increase the benefits of this financing solution, Saskatchewan could create a province-level program to help municipalities, as seen in Alberta and Nova Scotia.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Energy efficiency resource standards (EERS):** Saskatchewan should develop a stronger, clearer framework for treating energy efficiency as a resource in both the electricity and natural gas systems. An efficiency resource standard requires that a proportion of energy needs come from energy savings, like targets for renewable energy production.

**Carbon price revenues:** Saskatchewan administers the output-based carbon pricing system for industry and allocates associated revenues to a Technology Innovation Fund. The province can recognize energy efficiency as an eligible project under this initiative to increase public funding and support for industrial energy efficiency.

<sup>2</sup> <https://sidewalktax.ca/>

Saskatchewan reclaims  
the second last rank,  
with 18 points out of 100



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