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Boston in Top 25 of EPA's list of cities with the most Energy Star certified buildings

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Boston, MA The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced its tenth annual "Top Cities" list, which ranks the 25 U.S. metropolitan areas with the most Energy Star certified buildings and superior energy performance in the preceding calendar year. Boston was number 11 on the list and is recognized for its continuing commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions and save money through energy efficiency.

Boston had 231 buildings that were Energy Star certified. Thanks to these buildings' owners and managers, Boston is cutting greenhouse gas emissions equal to emissions from over 43,000 passenger vehicles for one year, and saving more than \$98 million in annual utility bills.

"Once again earning a top spot in the Energy Star Top Cities ranking demonstrates Boston's ongoing commitment to cutting building-related energy costs and reducing waste," said Alexandra Dunn, EPA New England regional administrator. "With help from Energy Star, city leaders and building owners are working together to strengthen their economies, foster competition, and create a healthier environment."

To create the annual list, EPA tallies the number of Energy Star certified buildings within each metropolitan area, as defined by the U.S. Census. These areas include the city itself as well as surrounding towns and suburbs.

This year's top cities are:

Rank Metro Area (Building Count)

1. Los Angeles (716)
2. Washington, DC (661)
3. Dallas (468)
4. Atlanta (441)
5. New York (434)

6. San Francisco (378)
7. Chicago (339)
8. Phoenix (303)
9. Denver (265)
10. Houston (247)
11. Boston (231)
12. Riverside, Calif. (173)
13. San Diego (164)
14. Seattle (164)
15. Philadelphia (157)
16. Tampa (154)
17. Austin (130)
18. San Jose (129)
19. Minneapolis (116)
20. Virginia Beach (109)
21. Miami (106)
22. Sacramento (100)
23. Charlotte (94)
24. Louisville (86)
25. Indianapolis (86)

The Top Cities list shows how cities across America are embracing energy efficiency as a proven path to financial savings and a healthier environment. Commercial buildings are responsible for 19 percent of the nation's energy use and cost American organizations and cities more than \$100 billion per year in energy bills. By the end of 2017, more than 32,000 buildings across America had

earned EPA's ENERGY STAR certification. Together, these buildings have saved more than \$4.5 billion on energy bills and prevented greenhouse gas emissions equal to the annual electricity use of more than 3 million homes.

Commercial buildings that apply for EPA's Energy Star must have their performance verified by a professional engineer or a registered architect. Energy Star certified buildings use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings. Many types of commercial facilities can earn the Energy Star, including office buildings, schools, hospitals, and retail stores.

Since 1992, Energy Star and its partners have helped save American families and businesses over \$450 billion and over 3.5 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity while also achieving broad emissions reductions—all through voluntary action.

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