

Comparison of all 50 States' Building Codes

Level of building code authority and administration (including enforcement)

Statewide authority; mandated local or state administration
Statewide authority; optional town or county administration
Authority and administration is by town or county (optional)
No authority over single family homes except in some cities

DOE Building Energy Codes Program: rates level of Energy Code goals (not level of enforcement)
 (Note: Their data is dated June 2023 but it seems to be out of date. Using their rating but question AZ, AR, HI, IL, LA, MN, MS, NC, ND)

Statewide to ASHRAE 2019 or better
Statewide to ASHRAE 2013 or better
Statewide at some minimum level
No energy code except in some municipalities

State	Pacific States					Mountain States					Plains States					North-Central States												
	AK	CA	HI	OR	WA	AZ	CO	ID	MT	NM	NV	UT	WY	KS	ND	NE	OK	SD	TX	IA	IL	IN	MI	MN	MO	OH	WI	
Commercial: Edition of IBC with amend's	2021	2021	2018	2021	2021	By county	By county	2018	2021	2021	2018	2018	2021	By County	2021	2018	2018	2018	Local authority	2015	2021	2012	2015	2018	By County	2015	2021?	
Commercial Energy Code	None	2022 CA Code	2021	ASHRAE 90.1-2019	2021	By county	By county	2018	2021	2018	2021	2018	By County	2006	2021	2018	2006	2015 IBC	2015	2012	2021	2010	2015	2018	By County	2012	2021?	
Small Resid'l: Edition of IRC with amend's	none	2021	2018	2018	2021	By county	By county	2018	2021	2021	2018	2015	By County	By County	2021	2018	2018	2015	Local authority	2015	2021	2018	2015 structure	2018	By County	2018	2015	
Residential Energy Code	2018	2022 CA Code	2021	2018	2021	By county	By county	2018	2021	2018	2021	2018	By County	By County	2021	2018	2009	2009	2015	2012	2021	2018	2015	2018	By County	2012	2009	
Local Gov't may restrict further	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Comm. Only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-bldg No-energy	??	??	No?	Yes	?	Yes

State	Northeast States										Southeast States												
	CT	DE	MA	MD	ME	NH	NJ	NY	PA	RI	VT	AL	AR	FL	GA	KY	LA	MS	NC	SC	TN	VA	WV
Commercial: Edition of IBC with amend's	2021	By County	2015	2021	2015	2018	2021	2018	2018	2018	2015	2021	2021	2018	2018	2015	2021	2018	2018	2021	2012	2018	2018
Commercial Energy Code	2021	2018	2018	2021	2015	2018	ASHRAE 90.1-2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	ASHRAE 90.1-2013	2018/2021	2018	2015	2012	2021	2018	2018	2009	2012	2018	ASHRAE 90.1-2007
Small Resid'l: Edition of IRC with amend's	2021	By County	2015	2021	2015	2018	2021	2018	2018	2018	NONE	By County	2021	2018	2018	2018	2021	2018	2018	2021	2018	2018	2018
Residential Energy Code	2021	2018	2018	2021	2015	2018	2021	2018	2018	2018	2018	2015	2018/2021	2018	2015	2012	2021	2018	2018	2009	2018	2018	2009
Local Gov't may restrict further	No	Yes	Yes-energy only	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

CODE NOTE: Many states adopt non-ICC codes as well. To simplify discussion, only ICC codes are identified here.

- STATE NOTES:**
- Alabama - check to confirm residential. Website for ADECA was down. 22 counties do not adopt residential codes??
 - Alaska - Housing that is financed is covered by these codes. Non-financed housing is not covered by codes except in some cities. Same true w commercial?
 - Arizona - The only county that does not have a code is Greenlee, population 9,000.
 - Arkansas -confirm enforcement is statewide. One document implies it's optional.
 - Colorado - Just passed a statewide energy code. It appears 11 counties do not have building codes.
 - Delaware - Adoption is optional, but every county has adopted the building code.
 - Hawaii -- confirm counties have to enforce. Not clear.
 - Idaho - It appears 6 counties do not have building codes.
 - Illinois - State website makes the code seem mandatory. But one website says many towns do not.
 - Iowa - has 3 state building inspectors to cover places there is no local official.
 - Indiana - local enforcement; 4 default state inspectors for counties that do not administer.
 - Kansas - many counties do not adopt building codes.
 - Kentucky - confirm local enforcement is optional.
 - Louisiana - municipalities must enforce. They may use 3rd party inspectors.
 - Maryland - confirm local adoption is mandatory.
 - Massachusetts - confirm state enforces via locals. No local adoption/enforcement right?
 - Michigan -- CONFIRM (1) building codes (2) energy codes are state adopted, mandatory enforcement
 - Mississippi - confirm all. Confirm IECC is mandatory. 2 counties do not adopt codes.
 - Missouri - 9 counties do not adopt codes.
 - Nebraska - State can enforce energy code if county does not.
 - Nevada - Statewide code; administered by county. Some counties have not adopted the energy code (but are supposed to...website may be out of date.
 - North Dakota - 10 sparsely populated counties do not have codes. 90% of the population lives in counties with codes.
 - Ohio - not clear. State codes but only guidance? All adoption and enforcement is local? Do all counties or cities enforce?
 - Oklahoma - "in most cases, in counties & cities where there is no enforcement, jurisdiction goes to the state fire marshal." CHECK.
 - Pennsylvania - 90% of all municipalities enforce locally. For towns that have opted out, the State inspects commercial. Residential owners must hire inspectors.
 - South Dakota - Confirm all fields w inspector. Websites do not agree.
 - Texas - At least 16 of 254 counties do not adopt building codes.
 - Utah - mandatory minimum state codes. Optional for towns to adopt; confirm all have adopted.
 - West Virginia - 7 counties have not adopted codes? Can they make their code more restrictive? Is the State the default if town does not adopt?
 - Wyoming - It appears 7 counties do not adopt building codes.