

Environmental Justice Scorecard

In his [2021 Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#), President Biden directed the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Management and Budget to create an Environmental Justice (EJ) Scorecard to assess the federal government's progress on advancing environmental justice, provide transparency for the public, and increase accountability for federal agencies. For EJNCF recommendations on the EJ Scorecard, refer to [this page](#).

On April 21, 2023, the White House launched the first version of the [Environmental Justice \(EJ\) Scorecard](#), or Phase One Scorecard, "to provide a baseline assessment of actions taken by federal agencies in 2021 and 2022 to help achieve the Biden-Harris Administration's environmental justice goals."

The Phase One Scorecard gives a high-level overview of 24 federal agencies' progress on:

Implementing the Justice40 Initiative to deliver at least 40% of climate and infrastructure investment benefits to disadvantaged communities.



Implementing and enforcing environmental and civil rights laws including National Environmental Policy Act and the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



Embedding environmental justice throughout the federal government.



The EJ Scorecard is **not just one scorecard**, but rather a compilation of information on Justice40 implementation and efforts to advance environmental justice from each federal agency. Rather than a comprehensive set of data on Justice40 funding, the information is organized into snapshots of select projects and programs. Some of these snapshots refer to programs for disadvantaged communities or Tribal communities. It does not give a total aggregate for funding, benefits, nor demographics across government implementation, but instead organizes information into snapshots of selected projects and programs.

The Scorecard also includes highlights on agency actions to protect environmental and civil rights (such as through National Environmental Policy Act compliance activities) and center environmental justice in decision-making (such as through community engagement, consultation and community partnership activities).

However, as it currently stands, the information provided in the Phase One Scorecard does not include any racial demographic data that would allow verification of the extent to which agencies have ensured racial equity in their work.

The administration plans to update the Scorecard and release more iterations that will build on this baseline assessment to measure the progress of federal agencies on advancing environmental justice over time, and include additional information on how this work is benefiting disadvantaged communities.