2030
By the Numbers

The 2018 summary of the AIA 2030 Commitment
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The question of combating climate change through the built environment has long ceased to be one of “whether?” “why?” or “when?” Instead, the real question is “who?”

Architects, engineers, and owners all have critical roles to play in fighting climate change and the opportunity to become leaders in the movement. Every single one of us can—and should—align our work with efforts to fight climate change. This recognition of individual responsibility underpinned the passage of a resolution for “urgent and sustained climate action” by an overwhelming margin of voting members at the 2019 AIA Conference on Architecture.

The 2030 Commitment, at its core, is a response to our climate crisis and a platform for architects, engineers, and owners—whether in small practices or international organizations—to demonstrate climate action through energy-efficient design. Signatories of the 2030 Commitment report annual progress against increasingly aggressive targets for energy reduction in projects, culminating in a goal of zero net carbon buildings by 2030.

For 2018 alone, 252 firms reported data to the 2030 Commitment’s Design Data Exchange (DDx) on projects totaling nearly 3 billion square feet across 92 countries. These projects accounted for an overall predicted energy use (pEUI) reduction equivalent to avoiding 17.7 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions—and operating savings of more than $3.3 billion—relative to 2030 baseline-equivalent buildings.

Nevertheless, it’s clear that we must double down on efforts to meet our 2030 targets. This year’s average weighted pEUI reduction—46%—is the best in 2030 history, but less than the current 70% target. To reach a zero net carbon future, we must vastly increase the number of 2030 signatories and the project’s performance data by working together to:

- Increase incorporation of energy modeling especially during early design phases to set reduction targets and focus on incorporating passive design strategies. In 2018, modeled projects reported about 25% better pEUI reduction than non-modeled projects, but only about half of all reported projects were modeled—leaving untapped a powerful tool to drive design and improve performance.
- Embrace both on- and off-site renewable energy in design. Innovative design and passive strategies alone cannot bring every project to zero net carbon emissions.
- Advocate for more stringent codes that continue to push the bottom up. For instance, universal adoption of the ZERO Code, championed by Architecture 2030 and AIA, could make zero net carbon buildings the norm.
- Encourage more signatories and collaborators to share their data. Reporting project data is the only way to show accountability and progress toward the 2030 goals. It also helps firm leaders better understand the performance and impact of their portfolios in the industry context and strengthens the case for zero net carbon solutions.

*See appendix for the method used to calculate these savings.*
In 2018, 2030 Commitment projects accounted for an annual overall energy savings equivalent to avoiding 17.7 million MT CO₂e. Over a year, this equates to:

- **17.7 MILLION MT CO₂e**
- **3.7 million** passenger vehicles removed from the road for one year. In context, 3.7 million is the estimated number of registered private and commercial vehicles in the state of Georgia.
- **20.8 million** acres of forest-equivalent carbon sequestration.
- **2.1 million** homes powered by electricity and natural gas or 3 million homes powered by electricity for one year—the approximate equivalent to powering all housing units in Maryland for 1 year.
SECTION 1.

2030 SIGNATORIES ARE LEADERS
In 2018, 252 signatories—45% of all 2030 signatories—reported nearly 3 billion square feet of project data. The data presents a striking picture of climate leadership globally, locally, and across the profession.

**THESE 16 FIRMS ACHIEVED A 70% OR GREATER pEUI SAVINGS ACROSS THEIR ENTIRE PORTFOLIO!**

Arkin Tilt Architects
Bergmeyer Associates
COULSON
ehdd
Green Hammer
Kaplan Thompson Architects
Lehrer Architects LA, Inc.
LPA, Inc.
McLennan Design
Placetailor
Pyatok Architecture + Urban Design
Sam Rodell Architects AIA
TBDA
Vermont Integrated Architecture
YGH Architecture
ZeroEnergy Design
LEADERS / Reporting firms in 2018

THESE FIRMS REPORTED PROJECT DATA IN 2018.

100 Fold Studio
5G Studio Collaborative
AC Martin
Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture
Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.
Alliance
Ankrom Moisan Architects, Inc.
Ann Beha Architects
ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge, Inc.
Archimania
Architectural Nexus, Inc.
Arkin Tilt Architects
Arrowstreet
Ashley McGraw Architects
Atelier Ten
Ayers Saint Gross
Ballinger
BAR Architects
Bassetti Architects
Bergmeyer Associates
BeyerBlinderBell Architects & Planners, LLP
bKL Architecture LLC
BKV Group
Blair + Mui Dowd Architects, PC
BLT Architects
BNIM Architects
BohlinCywinskiJackson
Bora Architects
Boulder Associates, Inc.
Braun and Steidl Architects
Brininstool + Lynch, Ltd.
Brooks + Scarpa Architects, Inc.
Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf
Bruner/Cott & Associates
BuroHappold Engineering
BWBR
CallisonRTKL
CambridgeSeven
CannonDesign
Carleton Hart Architecture
CBT Architecture
Clark Nexsen
CO Architects
Coldham & Hartman Architects
COOKFOX Architects
Cooper Carry
Corgan
COULISON
CS&P
CTA Architects Engineers
Cunningham Group Architecture, Inc.
Dake Wells Architecture
Dattner Architects
David Baker Architects
Davis Partnership Architects
DBR Engineering Consultants, Inc.
Dekker/Perich/Sabatini
Design Collective, Inc.
designLAB architects
Dewberry
DIALOG
DICSAU
DiMella Shaffer
DLR Group
DRAW Architecture + Urban Design
DS Architecture, LLC
DSK Architects + Planners
DWL Architects + Planners Inc.
Ehhd
Ehrlich Yanai Rhee Chaney Architects
Elkus Manfredi Architects
Ellenzweig
Elness Swenson Graham Architects, Inc.
ELS Architecture and Urban Design
emersion DESIGN
LEADERS / Reporting firms in 2018

Engberg Anderson Architects
English + Associates Architects, Inc.
Ennead Architects
Eskew+Dumez+Rippe
EwingCole
EYP
Farr Associates
Feldman Architecture
FFA Architecture and Interiors, Inc.
Finegold Alexander Architects
Flad Architects
Frederick + Frederick Architects
FXFOWLE
gbA Architecture & Planning
GBD Architects Incorporated
Gensler
GFF
GLHN Architects & Engineers, Inc.
Goody Clancy
Gould Evans
GREC
Green Hammer
Gresham, Smith and Partners
Grimm and Parker
GSBS Architects
Guidon Design
Hacker
Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford
Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas + Company
Handel Architects, LLP
Harley Ellis Devereaux

HarrisonKornberg Architects
Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture
Hastings Architecture Associates, LLC
HDR
Helix Architecture + Design
Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc.
HGA Architects and Engineers
High Plains Architects
HKS
HMC Architects
HMFH Architects, Inc.
HOK Inc.
Holst Architecture
Hord Coplan Macht
Howeler + Yoon Architecture, LLP
ICON Architecture, Inc.
IKM Incorporated
In Balance Green Consulting
Jacobs Global Buildings Design
Jer Greene, AIA + CPHC
John Ronan Architects
Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc.
Jones Studio, Inc.
Jones Whitsett Architects
JSA, Inc.
Kaplan Thompson Architects
KieranTimberlake
Kipnis Architecture + Planning
Kirksey
KOO LLC
Krueck + Sexton Architects

Kuhn Riddle Architects
LakeFlato Architects
Landon Bone Baker Architects (LBBA)
Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects
Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Legat Architects
Lehrer Architects LA, Inc.
LHB, Inc.
Little Diversified Architectural Consulting
LMN Architects
Lord Aeck Sargent
LPA, Inc.
LSW Architects
Maclay Architects
Mahlum Architects
Marlene Imirzian & Associates Architects
Mazzetti
McGranahan Architects
McLennan Design
Miller Dyer Spears, Inc.
Mithun
MJMA
mode associates
Moody Nolan
Moseley Architects
MSR
NAC Architecture
NBBJ
Neumann Monson Architects
Olson Kundig
OPN Architects

AIA 2030 BY THE NUMBERS
LEADERS / Reporting firms in 2018

Opis Architecture
Orcutt | Winslow
Otak, Inc.
Overland Partners Architects
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Pappageorge Haymes Partners
PATH Architecture
Paul Poirier + Associates Architects
Payette
Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects LLC
Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects
Perkins + Will
Perkins Eastman
Pickard Chilton
Placetailor
Precipitate, PLLC
Pyatok Architecture + Urban Design
Quattrociocchi Kwok Architects
Quinn Evans Architects
Ratcliff
RATIO Architects
RB+B Architects, Inc.
richärd + bauer
RMW architecture & interiors
RNT Architects
Robert A.M. Stern Architects
Ross Barney Architects
RSP Architects
RVK Architects, Inc.
Sam Rodell Architects AIA
Sasaki Associates
Schadler Selnau Associates PC
SERA Architects
Serena Sturm Architects
Shepley Bulfinch
SHKS Architects
SHP Leading Design
siegel & strain architects
Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.
SmithGroupJJR
Smith-Miller + Hawkinson Architects
SMMA
Snow Kreilich Architects
Solomon Cordwell Buenz
SOM (Skidmore Owings & Merrill)
Speranza Architecture
SRG Partnership, Inc.
Stantec Architecture
Steinberg Architects
Sterner Design
Studio Ma
STUDIOS architecture
TBDA
The Beck Group
The Green Engineer, Inc.
The Miller Hull Partnership
The Sheward Partnership
The SLAM Collaborative
Thornton Thomasetti
TK-Architecture
TLC Engineering Solutions
TLCD Architecture
TreanorHL
Trivers Associates
Urban Design Perspectives
UrbanWorks, Ltd.
Utile
Valero Dewalt Train Associates
Vanderweil Engineers
Vermont Integrated Architecture
VMDO Architects
WBRC Architects/Engineers
WDG Architecture
Weber Thompson
Wight & Company
William Rawn Associates
WLC Architects, Inc.
Wright Heerema Architects
WRNS Studio
WRT
Yost Grube Hall
ZeroEnergy Design
ZGF Architects LLP
Ziger/Snead
LEADERS / New firms in 2018

THESE FIRMS JOINED THE 2030 COMMITMENT IN 2018.

100 Fold Studio  Fergus Garber Young
Anmahian Winton Architects  FFKR Architects
Antunovich Associates  FGP Atelier International LLC
BBGM Architects & Interiors, Inc.  gbA Architecture & Planning
Behnisch Architekten  GLHN Architects & Engineers, Inc.
Ben Rosenblum Studio  GO Logic
bKL Architecture LLC  Hart Howerton
BKSK Architects  HBRA Architects
BKV Group  HKS Architects
Blackney Hayes Architects  Howeler + Yoon Architecture, LLP
Brininstool + Lynch  John Ronan Architects
CambridgeSeven  Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc.
Carleton Hart Architecture  Jurassic Studio
Corgan  KBZ Architects
Cowart Group PC  KOO LLC
dbHMS  KSS Architects
DBR Engineering Consultants, Inc.  Kuhn Riddle Architects
DesignStudiosNUS  Lorcan O’Herlihy Architects
DMAC Architecture  Machado and Silvetti Associates
Dominek Architecture, LLC  McLennan Design
DS Architecture, LLC  MEPCE, Inc.
Duda Paine Architects  MJMA
Ellipsis Architecture  Native Son Design Studio
Encore Sustainable Design  Odile Compagnon Architect
EXP  Optima, Inc.
Felix DeVito Architect  Otak, Inc.
Fennick McCredie Architecture, Ltd.  Oudens Ello Architecture, LLC
Pappageorge Haymes Partners  PATH Architecture
PATH Architecture  Pieri Architects
Pieri Architects  Placetailor
Prellwitz Chilinski Associates  Pyatok Architecture + Urban Design
RDG Planning & Design  Ross Architecture, Inc.
Ross Architecture, Inc.  Semple Brown Design, PC
Sillman Wright Architects  Sté Yaba and Kumba Intl.
Stantec Architecture  Studio Dell Architects
Studio Gang Architects  Studio Twenty Seven Architecture
Studio Twenty Seven Architecture  STUDIO-E Architecture, PC
SWBR  THRIVE Collaborative
TLCD Architecture  Utile
Utile  Walker Architects
Walker Architects  Walter Street Architecture
Weston C. Burrer, Architect  Wheeler Kearns Architects
Wright Heerema Architects
2030 SIGNATORIES ARE LEADERS IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In the US alone, they reported 1.7 billion square feet—a total of 15,603 projects—touching every US state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. California leads the nation in total number of projects and reporting pEUI savings.

Number of projects

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The data shown on the map excludes interior only projects and shows only whole building projects (residential and non-residential).
Signatories also reported 2,396 projects outside of the US, totaling 1.1 billion square feet, or 35% of total GSF, across 92 countries.
From Boston and New York, to Pittsburgh and Chicago, to Seattle and San Francisco, 2030 signatories are working to mobilize collaboration on a regional and local scale. These groups—whether informal peer-to-peer support networks or more formal AIA committees—are building a culture that promotes energy and emissions savings in design. In 2018, these groups worked to push zoning incentives for energy-efficient buildings, advocate for code improvements, support renewable energy, and participate in pilot programs.

Utilities and state-based energy organizations also recognize the value of 2030. In 2018, Energy Trust of Oregon piloted an internship program to assist five Oregon-based firms in reporting projects and hitting energy targets. As a result of the program, for these five firms the weighted average EUI reduction improved from 41% in 2017 to 43% in 2018 and the number of reported projects more than tripled.

“My local 2030 ‘huddle’ is a form of authentic support from others at signatory firms striving to design to reach the 2030 Commitment targets. It reminds me that we are all committed together to respond to climate urgency.”

Gwen Fuertes, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
LMSA
2030 signatories are proving that high-level technical performance is compatible with award-winning design. In 2018, more than 70% of AIA award-winning projects were designed by one or more 2030 signatory firms. Since the inception of the COTE® Top Ten Awards in 1997, every firm to receive the award has also been a 2030 signatory. For the sixth consecutive year, the AIA Architecture Firm Award recipient was a 2030 signatory.

AIA ARCHITECTURE FIRM AWARD RECIPIENTS AND SIGNATORIES

Payette – 2019
Snow Kreilich Architects – 2018
Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects – 2017
LMN Architects – 2016
Ehrlich Architects – 2015
Eskew+Dumez+Ripple – 2014
PAYETTE

As AIA’s 2019 Architecture Firm Award recipient, Boston-based Payette has earned a reputation for its innovative, complex design work focused on academic science and health care facilities—building types known for high energy demands. The firm has long worked to integrate performance with design, which made joining the 2030 Commitment in 2011 an easy choice—and one that has helped the firm further embed sustainable design throughout its practice.

“It’s not just a few exemplar projects,” explains Andrea Love, AIA, principal and director of building science. “Everyone understands that we as a firm have made the commitment, and so in every project, they now have a responsibility to try to meet that target. It also helps us build energy literacy across the board and makes energy use a key part of how we talk about projects both internally and to clients.”

Payette has also shared the firm’s experience in operationalizing the 2030 Commitment with area peers via the Boston 2030 discussion group and mentoring. “We’ll all be better if we’re all participating in the 2030 Commitment,” says Love. “It’s a healthy sense of competition that pushes us to design high-performing, beautiful buildings and move toward the 2030 targets.”
SECTION 2.

PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS, TODAY
165 firms reported projects that were designed to meet the 70% pEUI reduction target.

131 zero net energy projects (achieving 100% or higher pEUI reduction) were reported by 57 firms.

712 projects were designed to meet the 70% pEUI reduction target.

4,526 projects by 130 firms were designed to meet the 25% lighting power density (LPD) reduction target.
Along with stunning design and exceptional performance, owners and clients demand return on investment. In this respect, the 2030 Commitment delivers. In 2018, 2030 projects represented energy savings of more than $3.3 billion over the baseline equivalent. See appendix for the method used to evaluate these savings.
COMMERICAL SAVINGS
A typical 100,000-square-foot commercial office building in New York City designed to perform 70% better than the 2030 baseline would yield the following annual savings:

~2,154 MWh less energy
~$199,600 in projected energy cost savings
~520 metric tons CO₂e reduction

RESIDENTIAL SAVINGS
Meanwhile, a typical 2,500-square-foot single-family home in Mobile, Alabama, designed to perform 70% better than the 2030 baseline would yield the following annual savings:

~22.6 MWh less energy
~$2,050 in projected energy cost savings
~9 metric tons CO₂e reduction
Recognizing the importance of improving our existing building stock, the 2030 Commitment began tracking major renovations of existing buildings in 2018. The results are compelling: At 45% pEUI, major renovations of nonresidential building perform similarly to new contributions in terms of energy efficiency.

Existing buildings represent a considerable opportunity to minimize the effects of the built environment on climate change by reducing carbon emissions for building material manufacture, transportation, and construction.
While every climate zone presents its own challenges to designers and architects, 2030 projects show that meeting and exceeding performance standards is possible.
The 2018 data shows that most use types will be able to meet the more challenging 2020 target: 80% pEUI reduction. Energy modeling will become even more important as the targets become more challenging in 2020, 2025, and 2030.
While large firms contributed 90% of total GSF included in this year’s analysis, the 2030 Commitment is relevant for firms of all sizes. In 2018, 80% of the firms meeting the 70% pEUI target have fewer than 50 people, and firms with fewer than 10 people have the highest average percent pEUI reduction, a whopping 60%!"
URGENCY IS INCREASING FASTER THAN THE MARKET IS RESPONDING
75% share of global greenhouse gas emissions attributable to the urban built environment

2.5 billion estimated increase in number of people living in urban areas by 2050

40% share of global greenhouse gas emissions that come from existing buildings

2.5 trillion estimated GSF of new construction by 2060

The United Nations has projected that urban areas will add 2.5 billion people by 2050, moving from 55% of the world’s population today to 68%. The fight against climate change will play out in our cities and their buildings as we double the current global building stock—making zero net carbon new construction an imperative, not an option.
Our progress is not keeping pace with the growing urgency and impacts of climate change.

In 2006, Architecture 2030 set an ambitious roadmap to achieve carbon neutrality in new buildings by 2030 with incremental targets increasing every five years.

Although the average pEUI increased to 46% this year (the highest ever) from 44 in the prior year, this rate of improvement is unlikely to achieve 100% zero net carbon design by 2030 without exponential change. Along with continued incorporation of proven energy-efficient design strategies, we will also need to increase our use of energy modeling and incorporate on- and off-site renewable energy to reach these targets.
Seventy-nine new firms joined the 2030 Commitment in 2018, bringing the total number of active signatories to 549. Of those, 252 submitted portfolios in 2018 compared to 212 in 2017, an 18% increase. On average, 45% of signatories that joined in a given year are reporting, regardless of when they joined the 2030 Commitment. Encouragingly, six firms that joined the commitment in early 2019 were able to report before the 2018 reporting deadline.
For the first time, reported GSF shrunk compared to the previous year, dipping 4% to just under 3 billion GSF. At the same time, the total number of projects increased to 17,999—7% higher than 2017.
In 2018, on average, modeled projects have an approximately 25% higher pEUI reduction than non-modeled projects. Yet, the percentage of projects being modeled has not significantly changed since 2017, hovering around 50% for both the number of projects and the percentage of total GSF. This represents a significant missed opportunity.
SECTION 4.

DRIVING EXPONENTIAL CHANGE
FOUR STRATEGIES FOR ACCELERATING PROGRESS

Clearly, more aggressive measures are needed to reach both our intermediate and ultimate goals in facing the demands of climate change, meeting the needs of clients, and maintaining the relevancy of practice—all while evolving and innovating through design. Moving forward, four areas of focus can help drive exponential change: universal incorporation of energy modeling tools for optimizing design efficiency, greater use of renewable energy, stronger building codes, and increased data sharing by signatories and partners.

Harnessing the potential of energy modeling

Energy modeling tools “improve both the quality and performance of architectural design” as “an essential mechanism to achieve the holistic design architects are expected to deliver,” according to the Architect’s Guide to Building Performance. Based on 2030 data, significantly increasing the share of modeled projects must occur in order to meet established carbon targets. Not only does modeling allow firms to advise clients about annual expected energy use, it is the only way to quantify the impact of design decisions on energy use and costs.

Integrating renewable energy

Bridging the gap to zero net carbon will require architects to become well-versed in both on-site and off-site renewable energy options—enabling them to incorporate on-site renewables into projects and advise clients on off-site renewable procurement options. Currently, signatories have the option to track the use of on-site photovoltaic and other renewable energy sources in the DDx.

Understanding the power of codes

The potential of an energy code to influence building performance and combat climate change is immense. As part of the 2030 Commitment reporting process, all projects must enter a design code. Modeled projects then default to the pEUI calculated by energy models, while unmodeled projects default to the “code-equivalent” percent pEUI reductions established by the New Buildings Institute and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. The good news is that many codes are continuing to evolve to yield better building performance.

For example, the calculated pEUI reduction for ASHRAE 90.1-2007 is 31%, whereas the calculated pEUI reduction for ASHRAE 90.1-2016 is 50%. If all 381 unmodeled projects designed to ASHRAE 90.1 2007 in 2018 were instead designed to ASHRAE 90.1 2016, the average pEUI reduction for all 2018 projects would increase from 46 to 48% pEUI—a 4.3% increase in pEUI.

This clearly demonstrates the need for increasing stringency in adopted codes, such as the ZERO Code supported by Architecture 2030 and AIA. The ZERO Code not only raises the bar by requiring the energy efficiency requirements of the latest national model code, but also requires all new buildings to generate or procure renewable energy to reach zero net carbon goals. The AIA Code Network can guide efforts to advocate for improved codes.

Sharing data and knowledge

For firms that have not yet joined the 2030 Commitment—or those that have joined but are not yet reporting project data—there are a host of reasons to take the next step. Joining the commitment signals to employees, clients, collaborators, and peers that your firm understands the power of sustainable design in combatting climate change.

Reporting project data is the only way to show accountability and progress toward the 2030 goals. The robust, easy-to-use, online DDx integrates with Autodesk, Sefaira, and other energy simulation programs to make reporting streamlined, simple, and accessible for firms of all sizes, especially small firms.

By quantifying building energy performance for projects using common metrics, the DDx allows firms of all sizes to measure how their approach to building efficiency is resulting in higher-performing projects individually and collectively. As firm leaders better understand the performance and impact of their portfolios, the case is strengthened for design decisions that improve energy performance and carbon reduction. Encouraging engineers and consultants—and even owners—to track their own design portfolios in the DDx brings more valuable data into the fold and helps grow the 2030 movement.
RB+B Architects, a small firm in Fort Collins, Colorado, focused on K-12 projects, sustainability means designing well-detailed buildings that will endure for generations to come. Whether their clients are inherently interested in environmental impacts or are more motivated by long-term operating costs, RB+B makes the case that pushing toward zero net carbon achieves both goals.

“Our message is, we can give you a high-performing school that will save operating dollars,” says Matt Arabasz, AIA, principal. Tracking performance data through the 2030 Commitment can aid in that discussion. “We can compare to similar buildings from the same time frames, showing annual savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars—which can be translated into a teacher’s salary or some other need.”

“The 2030 Commitment holds us more accountable and gives us a certain baseline to operate from,” says Brianne Smith, AIA, senior associate. “It’s one thing to say you’re going to do something and another to be part of a larger community across the country working toward a bigger picture. It also gives us a pathway to talk to clients about energy, whether from the economic or environmental side.”
SECTION 5.

FORWARD, TOGETHER
The consequences of climate change are alarming, but they are by no means inevitable. As professionals continue to coalesce around shared values and common goals, the opportunities for meeting the challenge expand. To capitalize on such opportunities, members at the 2019 conference overwhelmingly passed a resolution for “urgent and sustained climate action.”

**THE TIME TO START IS NOW**

No matter where you are right now, the enormity of the challenge demands we all commit to taking the next steps forward—together.

**Not yet a signatory?**
- Join the 2030 Commitment.
- Prioritize working with firms that are signatories.
- Become involved with codes advocacy.

**Already a signatory?**
- Recommit or continue reporting your project data.
- Start adding on-site renewable energy to your projects, and advise your clients about off-site renewable energy procurement options to reach zero net carbon.
- Connect with other practitioners through local groups or the online 2030 Peer-to-Peer Network.
- Make use of resources such as AIAU’s **AIA+2030 Online Series** (the first course is free for 2030 signatories), energy modeling tools and guidance, and the DDx to better understand how to make progress toward 2030 goals.
**Projected CO₂e emissions reduction calculation**

1) The project use type was used to determine the percentage of electricity and natural gas for each project in the US and Canada.¹³

2) For US and Canadian projects, the eGrid subregion was determined based on the project ZIP code.¹⁴

3) The eGrid subregion was used to define the CO₂e emissions factors for electricity and natural gas, which were multiplied by the fuel source energy savings.¹⁵

4) For international projects, the country name was used to determine the CO₂e emissions factor, which was multiplied by the energy savings.

**Design energy projected cost savings calculation**

1) The project use type was used to determine the percentage of electricity and natural gas for each project in the US and Canada.¹⁶

2) For simplicity, all project energy savings for international projects were considered electricity savings.

3) For interior projects in all locations, all project energy savings were considered electricity savings.

4) Projected energy savings for whole building and interior-only projects were totaled.

5) The electricity and natural gas design energy savings for all projects were multiplied by the US average commercial rate for electricity¹⁷ and natural gas.¹⁸

CO₂e and carbon sequestration equivalencies (such as acres of trees sequestered) were calculated using the EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator.¹⁹
Resources

The 2030 Commitment
Healthier Materials Protocol
COTE® Top Ten Awards
Architect’s Guide to Building Performance
Modular and Off-Site Construction Guide
Renewable retrofit and reuse
Conducting Vulnerability Assessments
Passive Energy Retrofit: An Emerging Opportunity

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8. Code equivalency percentage has been determined by the New Building Institute (NBI) using national data sets to calculate a Zero Energy Performance Index (zEPI) score.
9. In cases where code-equivalent pEUI reductions are greater than a modeled project’s pEUI reduction, the DDx uses the code-equivalent reduction, with the assumption that the project is actually meeting its associated code.
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76% Predicted reduction from national average EUI for building type.

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40% Predicted reduction from national average EUI for building type.

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Project: Oregon Zoo Education Center
Architect: Opsis Architecture
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107% Predicted reduction from national average EUI for building type.

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Project: Lakeside Senior Apartments
Architect: David Baker Architects
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70.5% Predicted reduction from national average EUI for building type.

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Project: Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center
Architect: MSR Design
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71% Predicted reduction from national average EUI for building type.

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Project: North Transfer Station
Architect: Mahlum Architects
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68% Predicted reduction from national average EUI for building type.

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Project: Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center
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71% Predicted reduction from national average EUI for building type.

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