



The Evolution of Campus Sustainability Data Collection and Evaluations

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Timeline

- Jan. '07 – College Sustainability Report Card
- Nov. '07 – Sierra Magazine “Cool Schools” issue
- Jul. '08 – Princeton Review Green Rating
- Jan. '10 – AASHE STARS 1.0
- Dec. '10 – UI Green Metric Ranking
- Feb. '12 – Campus Sustainability Data Collector

College Sustainability Report Card 2011

- 322 colleges across the U.S. & Canada
- Four surveys: Campus (87%), Dining (89%), Endowment (80%), Student (81%)
- Overall grades range from A to F
- Assessed in nine main categories
- 52 indicators used in evaluation process

College Sustainability Report Card 2011

- Administration
- Climate Change & Energy
- Food & Recycling
- Green Building
- Student Involvement
- Transportation
- Endowment Transparency
- Investment Priorities
- Shareholder Engagement

Source: <http://greenreportcard.org/report-card-2011/methodology>

College Sustainability Report Card: Selected Media

Bloomberg

The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

The Boston Globe

The New York Times

BusinessWeek

The New York Times Magazine

CNN Money.com

Pensions & Investments PIonline.com

Forbes
com

THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

 **PBS**

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Fruitful year: Dickinson earns an A

Dickinson spends 50 percent of its food budget on local products and composts all organic waste across campus.

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GreenReportCard.org is the first website to provide in-depth sustainability profiles for more than 300 colleges in all 50 U.S. states and eight Canadian provinces. [See the results](#)

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Oberlin College

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School details:

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Endowment: \$633 million as of March 31, 2010

Location: Oberlin, Ohio

Campus Survey: **Yes (see response)**

Dining Survey: **Yes (see response)**

Endowment Survey: **Yes (see response)**

Student Survey: **Yes (see response)**

Data compiled from survey responses, when available, and from independent research, when needed. For more information on data collection and evaluation, please see the [Methodology](#) section.

Other Ohio schools

• [Ohio State University-Columbus](#)

Overall grade

A

Administration

A

Oberlin College's master plan identifies sustainability as a key strategic direction, and the Committee on Environmental Sustainability has drafted a climate action plan. The college employs a full-time sustainability fellow. Additionally, the Green EDGE revolving loan and sustainability grant funds, and EnviroAlums alumni fund, help finance on-campus sustainability projects.

[See complete survey data](#)

Climate Change & Energy

A

Oberlin aims to be carbon neutral by 2025. Numerous energy efficiency technologies have been installed, including energy management systems and lighting upgrades. The college has installed two solar arrays and heats three buildings with geothermal pump systems. Forty percent of electricity purchased for the campus comes from renewable energy sources.

[See complete survey data](#)

Food & Recycling

A

Dining services spends approximately 22 percent of its food budget on local products. Fair trade, confinement-free, vegetarian-fed, and hormone- and antibiotic-free food

Progress

- **64% - Commitment to carbon emissions reduction (23% in '06)**
- **70% - Campus farm or garden (9% in '06)**
- **75% - Trayless dining (0% in '06)**
- **79% - Green building policy (22% in '06)**
- **95% - Sustainability committee (40% in '06)**

Campus Sustainability Data Collector

- Collaboration initiated in March 2011
- Designed to reduce survey fatigue through streamlining response process into a single format.
- Partners: AASHE, Princeton Review, Sierra Magazine and Sustainable Endowments Institute
- Launched Campus Sustainability Data Collector in February 2012 based on STARS framework.



“The best way to predict the future is to create it”

- Peter Drucker

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