

Outline of who in the USA is covered by 'Kyoto type' targets
A rough and ready first pass calculation
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There are two ways in which USA citizens are currently covered by Kyoto type targets (ie subject to reduction trajectories that are in line with Kyoto but which may be timed differently):

1. Through state actions and
2. via city/mayors climate change actions.

The following outlines the rough workings undertaken to figure out how many USA citizens reside in places where some sort of carbon reduction process is in place. The base for this data is wikipedia and websites it links to (so the usual caveats apply to the data ... still it is the best we have to go on).

State actions

As of 18 January 2007, eight Northeastern U.S. states are involved in the [Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#) (RGGI), which is a state level emissions capping and trading program. Participating states are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Massachusetts and Maryland. In combination these states account for approximately 46 million people.

At the same time California (population 36.6 million) have the [Global Warming Solutions Act](#), establishing a timetable to reduce the state's greenhouse-gas emissions, which rank at 12th-largest in the world, by 25% by the year 2020. This law effectively puts California in line with the Kyoto limitations, but at a date later than the 2008-2012 Kyoto commitment period.

As a result of state action some 82.6 million people are covered.

City actions

As of 27 July 2008, 850 U.S. cities in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, representing over 80 million Americans support Kyoto after the Mayor of Seattle started a nationwide effort to get cities to agree to the protocol.

Large participating cities in this initiative include: [Albany, New York](#); [Albuquerque, New Mexico](#); [Alexandria, Virginia](#); [Ann Arbor, Michigan](#); [Arlington, Texas](#); [Atlanta, Georgia](#); [Austin, Texas](#); [Baltimore, Maryland](#); [Berkeley, California](#); [Bristol, Connecticut](#); [Boston, Massachusetts](#); [Charleston, South Carolina](#); [Chattanooga, Tennessee](#); [Chicago, Illinois](#); [Cincinnati, Ohio](#); [Columbus, Ohio](#); [Dallas, Texas](#); [Denver, Colorado](#); [Des Moines, Iowa](#); [Fairfield, Connecticut](#); [Fayetteville, Arkansas](#); [Hartford, Connecticut](#); [Honolulu, Hawaii](#); [Indianapolis, Indiana](#); [Jersey City, New Jersey](#); [Lansing, Michigan](#); [Las Vegas, Nevada](#); [Lawrence, Kansas](#); [Lexington, Kentucky](#); [Lincoln, Nebraska](#); [Little Rock, Arkansas](#); [Los Angeles, California](#); [Louisville, Kentucky](#); [Madison, Wisconsin](#); [Miami, Florida](#); [Milwaukee, Wisconsin](#); [Minneapolis, Minnesota](#); [Nashville, Tennessee](#); [New Orleans, Louisiana](#); [New York, New York](#);

[Oakland, California](#); [Omaha, Nebraska](#); [Pasadena, California](#); [Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#); [Phoenix, Arizona](#); [Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania](#); [Portland, Oregon](#); [Providence, Rhode Island](#); [Richmond, Virginia](#); [Sacramento, California](#); [Salt Lake City, Utah](#); [San Antonio, Texas](#); [San Francisco, California](#); [San Jose, California](#); [Santa Ana, California](#); [Santa Fe, New Mexico](#); [Seattle, Washington](#); [Sioux City, Iowa](#); [St. Louis, Missouri](#); [Tacoma, Washington](#); [Tallahassee, Florida](#); [Tampa, Florida](#); [Topeka, Kansas](#); [Tulsa, Oklahoma](#); [Vancouver, Washington](#); [Virginia Beach, Virginia](#); [Washington, D.C.](#); [West Palm Beach, Florida](#); [Wilmington, Delaware](#); [Wilmington, North Carolina](#).

See also <http://usmayors.org/climateprotection/list.asp> (for full list of cities and mayors) who have signed up to this initiative.

How many people are under these two initiatives?

The USA population in total is some 301,139,947 people (July 2007 estimate).

In combination the state and city initiatives (with cross-overs) cover some 162.6 (82.6 + 80) million people. There is double counting here as you can see that some of the cities are in states that have signed up to the state based initiatives. I have only looked at the large participating cities in the above list and have worked out that their combined population is 16.45 million giving a net number of USA citizens covered by these two initiatives of 146.15 ... corresponding to something like 48% of the USA population being in either a state or city scheme.