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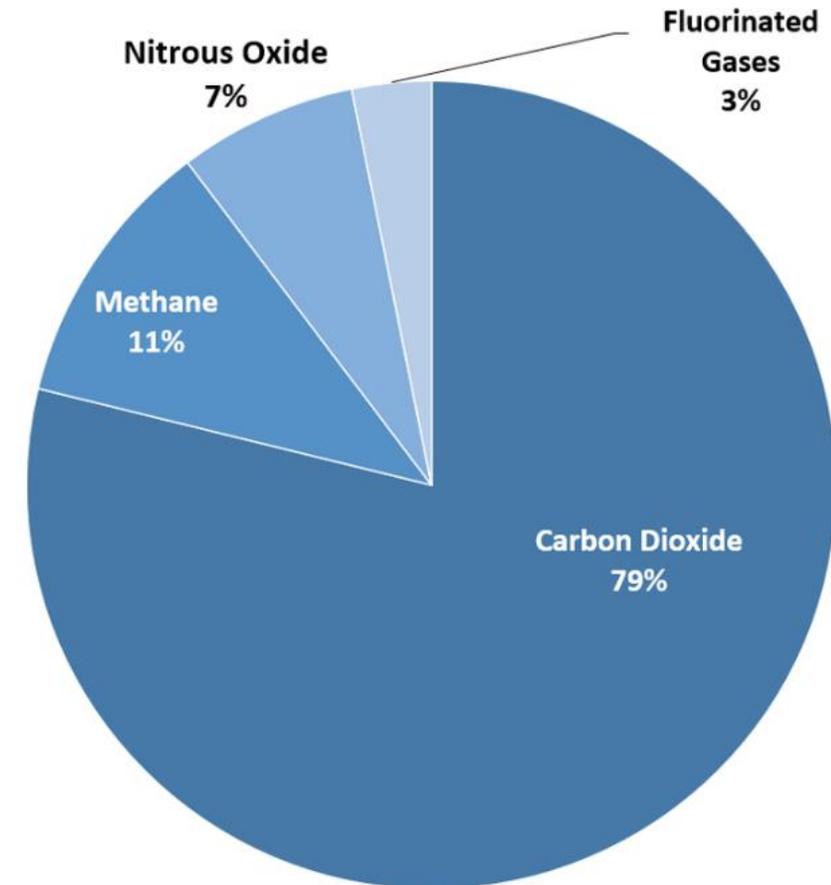


Carbon 101

Greenhouse Gas emissions (GHGs) are gases that trap heat in the atmosphere.

- The term “Carbon Emission” is often used in the place of GHGs as carbon dioxide is the primary greenhouse gas emitted through human activities.

Overview of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2020



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2022). Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2020

Carbon Management

Firms are being driven to operationalize carbon management for:

- Environmental reasons to identify emission hotspots and potential reduction strategies and
- Business and social reasons including transparency, identify areas of inefficiency, identify and mitigate risks, participate in environmental markets and voluntary programs, tax prep., and marketing

Carbon Management differs from a business's ongoing energy management efforts as managing energy use typically results in reduced energy usage and savings on an electricity bill while carbon management does not result in this direct savings to the bottom line.

If you participate in the global market however, elements of your value chain may be subject to carbon taxes or an emissions trading scheme.

Carbon Accounting

Management of carbon typically begins with a GHG inventory. This inventory is a list of emission sources from corporate activities quantified using standardized methods.

Emission sources can be broken down into Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.

- Scope 1 - direct GHG emissions that occur from sources that are controlled or owned by an organization (e.g., emissions associated with fuel combustion in boilers, furnaces, vehicles).
- Scope 2 - indirect GHG emissions associated with the purchase of electricity, steam, heat, or cooling.
- Scope 3 - the result of activities from assets not owned or controlled by the reporting organization, but that the organization indirectly impacts in its value chain.

Accounting protocols are growing in number but major ones currently in use include:

- GHG Protocol from WRI and the WBCSD
- ICLEI Protocol
- B Lab Assessment

Carbon Equivalencies



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Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator

Convert emissions or energy data into concrete terms you can understand — such as the annual CO₂ emissions of cars, households, and power plants.

The Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies calculator allows you to **convert emissions or energy data to the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from using that amount**. The calculator helps you translate abstract measurements into concrete terms you can understand, such as the annual emissions from cars, households, or power plants. This calculator may be useful in communicating your greenhouse gas reduction strategy, reduction targets, or other initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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CALCULATOR

i These estimates are approximate and should not be used for emission inventories or formal carbon emissions analysis. See [Calculations & References](#) for equations and sources used.

Step 1 - Enter and convert data

Select data to convert: ⓘ

- Energy data ⓘ
 Emissions data

Enter data for one or more gases: ⓘ

Carbon Dioxide or CO₂ Equivalent* ⓘ

Metric Tons ▾

Carbon ⓘ

Metric Tons ▾

CH₄ - Methane ⓘ

Metric Tons ▾

N₂O - Nitrous Oxide ⓘ

Metric Tons ▾

Hydrofluorocarbon gases ⓘ

Metric Tons ▾

HCFC-22 ▾

Perfluorocarbon gases ⓘ

Metric Tons ▾

CF₄ ▾

SF₆ - Sulfur Hexafluoride ⓘ

Metric Tons ▾

Convert data Clear Fields

No GHG values have been entered

Emission Factors (cont'd)



Emission Factors for Greenhouse Gas Inventories

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Red text indicates an update from the 2021 version of this document.

Typically, greenhouse gas emissions are reported in units of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e). Gases are converted to CO₂e by multiplying by their global warming potential (GWP). The emission factors listed in this document have not been converted to CO₂e. To do so, multiply the emissions by the corresponding GWP listed in the table below.

Gas	100-Year GWP
CH ₄	25
N ₂ O	298

Source: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Fourth Assessment Report (AR4), 2007. See the source note to Table 11 for further explanation.

Table 1 Stationary Combustion

Fuel Type	Heat Content (HHV)	CO ₂ Factor	CH ₄ Factor	N ₂ O Factor	CO ₂ Factor	CH ₄ Factor	N ₂ O Factor
	mmBtu per short ton	kg CO ₂ per mmBtu	g CH ₄ per mmBtu	g N ₂ O per mmBtu	kg CO ₂ per short ton	g CH ₄ per short ton	g N ₂ O per short ton
Coal and Coke							
Anthracite Coal	25.09	103.69	11	1.6	2,602	276	40
Bituminous Coal	24.93	93.28	11	1.6	2,325	274	40
Sub-bituminous Coal	17.25	97.17	11	1.6	1,676	190	28
Lignite Coal	14.21	97.72	11	1.6	1,389	156	23
Mixed (Commercial Sector)	21.39	94.27	11	1.6	2,016	235	34
Mixed (Electric Power Sector)	19.73	95.52	11	1.6	1,885	217	32
Mixed (Industrial Coking)	26.28	93.90	11	1.6	2,468	289	42
Mixed (Industrial Sector)	22.35	94.67	11	1.6	2,116	246	36
Coal Coke	24.80	113.67	11	1.6	2,819	273	40
Other Fuels - Solid							
Municipal Solid Waste	9.95	90.70	32	4.2	902	318	42
Petroleum Coke (Solid)	30.00	102.41	32	4.2	3,072	960	126
Plastics	38.00	75.00	32	4.2	2,850	1,216	160
Tires	28.00	85.97	32	4.2	2,407	896	118
Biomass Fuels - Solid							

The Carbon Legal Environment

- 1990 – Electric power firms begin reporting under CAA rules
- 2007 – GHGRP Passed by Congress with reporting beginning to EPA in 2010/2011
- 2020 - Omnibus package includes clean energy tax incentives and directs EPA to phase down HFC consumption over 15 years
- 2022 – SEC Proposal on Climate Related Disclosures as well as new Climate and ESG Taskforce for enforcement
- 2022 – SCOTUS embraces “major questions doctrine” and finds EPA exceeded congressional authority by pushing utilities to make system-wide moves away from coal power generation under the CAA

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Learn About the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP)

The GHGRP (codified at 40 CFR Part 98) requires reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) data and other relevant information from large GHG emission sources, fuel and industrial gas suppliers, and CO₂ injection sites in the United States. This data can be used by businesses and others to track and compare facilities' greenhouse gas emissions, identify opportunities to cut pollution, minimize wasted energy, and save money. States, cities, and other communities can use EPA's greenhouse gas data to find high-emitting facilities in their area, compare emissions between similar facilities, and develop common-sense climate policies.

A total of 41 categories of reporters are covered by the GHGRP. Facilities determine whether they are required to report based on the types of industrial operations located at the facility, their emission levels, or other factors. Facilities are generally required to submit annual reports under Part 98 if:

- GHG emissions from covered sources exceed 25,000 metric tons CO₂e per year.
- Supply of certain products would result in over 25,000 metric tons CO₂e of GHG emissions if those products were released, combusted, or oxidized.
- The facility receives 25,000 metric tons or more of CO₂ for underground injection.

[Review a list of covered types of industrial operations and informational resources.](#)

Duke and Your ESG/Carbon Strategy!

- Duke is seeking firms to participate in sustainable business strategy classes.
- Courses provide master's level students to firms in developing and/or enhancing strategy efforts related to ESG including carbon mgt.
- Students have a global perspective, experience in the field, and work as a small team to provide valuable strategy recommendations.
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