

GHG Current California Emission Inventory Data

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2019 GHG Inventory

The *California Greenhouse Gas Emissions for 2000 to 2017, Trends of Emissions and Other Indicators*, summarizes and highlights the major annual changes and notable longer-term trends of each year's GHG inventory. It provides easy-to-read graphs and explanations to illuminate California's progress in its commitment to reduce climate-changing emissions.

California Greenhouse Gas 2000-2017 Emissions Trends and Indicators Report

2000–2017 GHG Emissions Trends Report Data used for figures in the report is available for download. Links to additional data and documentation can be found below.

Note: Carbon dioxide equivalent values are calculated using the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report 100-year Global Warming Potential values.

[Graphs & Plots of Current GHG Data](#)

[GHG Inventory Query Tool](#)

Background

California's annual statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory is an important tool for establishing historical emission trends and tracking California's progress in reducing GHGs. In concert with data collected through

various California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) programs, the GHG inventory is a critical piece in demonstrating the state's progress in achieving the statewide GHG target. The inventory provides estimates of anthropogenic GHG emissions within California, as well as emissions associated with imported electricity; natural sources are not included in the inventory. CARB is responsible for maintaining and updating California's GHG Inventory per H&SC section 39607.4.

The inventory includes estimates for carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), and fluorinated gases with high global warming potentials (High-GWP) which includes hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃). It uses an inventory scope and framework consistent with international and national GHG inventory practices. An updated emission inventory is published annually to include additional years and improved estimation methods. Archives of all previous inventory data and documentation are available on the archive page.

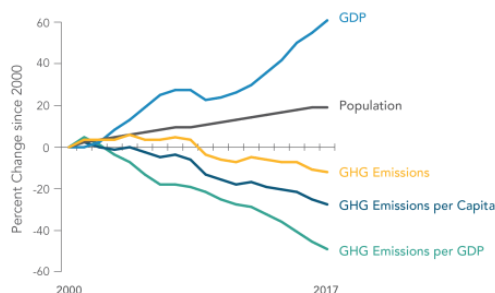
What are Greenhouse Gases?

Global Warming Potentials (GWPs) for GHG Emissions

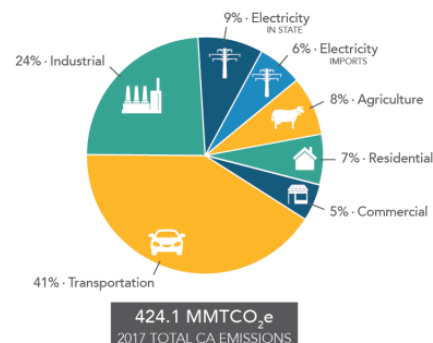
Glossary of GHG Inventory Terms

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2000–2017 GHG and GDP Trends



Emissions by Economic Sector



Data Overview

Statewide emission estimates rely on state, regional or federal data sources, and on aggregated facility-specific emission reports from CARB's Mandatory GHG Reporting Program (MRR). Calculation methodologies are consistent with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. The current inventory uses 100-year global warming potential (GWP) values from the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, consistent with current international and national GHG inventory practices.

In preparation for each new edition of the inventory, recalculations are made to correct errors, incorporate new methodologies or, most commonly, to reflect changes in statistical data supplied by other agencies. Emission estimates are recalculated for all years to maintain a consistent time-series following IPCC recommendations for developing GHG inventories. Thus the new inventory may report a different emission level for an earlier year than previous inventory editions.

The California GHG inventory is categorized in three ways:

1. Scoping Plan; follows the categories identified in the AB 32 Scoping Plan.
2. Economic sectors; allows for comparison with other CARB emission inventories, which are similarly categorized.
3. IPCC process-oriented categories; follows the IPCC categorization to ensure comparability with international inventories.

The table below provides a crosswalk among the three categorization schemes.

Inventory Categorization Crosswalk

Current Inventory Documentation

[2000–2017 Emissions Trends Report](#)

[2000–2017 Trends Figure Data](#)

[2000–2017 Inventory Updates Documentation](#)

Data

Summaries of GHG Emissions by Categorization Group

Scoping Plan Categorization

Economic Sector Categorization

IPCC Categorization

Totals by Gas

GHG Emission Summaries Segregated by Gas

Categorization	CO₂ Only	CH₄ Only	N₂O Only	High-GWP Only
Scoping Plan	CO ₂ - Scoping	CH ₄ - Scoping	N ₂ O - Scoping	High-GWP - Scoping
Economic Sector	CO ₂ - Economic	CH ₄ - Economic	N ₂ O - Economic	High-GWP - Economic
IPCC Category	CO ₂ - IPCC	CH ₄ - IPCC	N ₂ O - IPCC	High-GWP - IPCC

Full Inventory

Scoping Plan Categorization *[Updated 11/6/2019]*

Economic Sector Categorization *[Updated 11/6/2019]*

IPCC Categorization *[Updated 11/6/2019]*

Fuel Combustion Data *[Updated 11/6/2019]*

Download a detailed list of all fuel combustion data used to calculate the GHG emissions by sector and activity. The categorization in this workbook matches the "Economic Sector Categorization" inventory spreadsheet above.

Guidance & Resources for Working with GHG Inventory Data

Cogeneration Emissions

The CARB Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of GHG Emissions (MRR) is a primary data source for the statewide inventory but emissions are categorized differently in the two programs. Industrial cogeneration (also known as Combined Heat and Power, or CHP) represents the major categorization difference. The guidance document below provides instruction for working with and crosswalking between the two datasets. A spreadsheet provides GHG inventory industrial cogeneration emissions disaggregation to facilitate comparison with MRR data.

[Guidance for Working with the GHG Inventory & MRR Data Using Disaggregated Industrial Cogeneration Data](#)

[2011–2017 Industrial Cogeneration Breakout](#)

Other Resource Links

[Current GHG Data Graphs & Plots](#)

[Archive Data & Documentation for Past GHG Inventories](#)

[2020 Business as Usual \(BAU\) GHG Emissions Projection](#)

[Short Lived Climate Pollutant \(SLCP\) Inventory](#)

[Forest & Other Lands Inventory](#)

Original (1990-2004) Inventory

GHG emissions estimates for years prior to 2000 are included in the 1990–2004 GHG Emission Inventory published in November 2007, and are included in the 1990 Inventory Query Tool. This inventory, and associated 1990–2004 Inventory Data and Documentation, provided the basis for developing the 1990 Statewide Emission Level & 2020 Emission Limit required by the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).

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