

UBC Vancouver Campus – 2024 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory

Scope	Component	Usage	Data	GHG Emissions (tCO₂e)
	Core Buildings [a]			
Scope 1 – Direct	Natural gas for district energy	300,319	GJ	15,016
	Natural gas direct use	149,349	GJ	7,468
	Light fuel oil (heating oil) for district energy	570	GJ	39
	Biomass for district energy [b]	196,914	GJ	467
	Renewable natural gas (RNG) [c]	63,796	GJ	17
	Ancillary buildings [d]			
	Natural gas for district energy	87,801	GJ	4,393
	Natural gas direct use	68,921	GJ	3,448
	Light fuel oil (heating oil) for district energy	188	GJ	13
	Biomass for district energy [b]	63,976	GJ	152
	Tenant buildings [e]			
	Natural gas for district energy	1,907	GJ	95
	Natural gas direct use	478	GJ	24
	Light fuel oil (heating oil) for district energy	19	GJ	1
	TRIUMF – Natural gas direct use (UBC share) [f]	642	GJ	32
	Fleet			
	Gasoline (Standard)	108,744	L	241
	Gasoline (E10)	168,496	L	353
	Diesel (Standard)	8,390	L	22
	Diesel (B5)	44,134	L	115
	Natural gas	2,459	GJ	138
	Propane	56	L	0
	Fugitive [g]			
	HFC R-134a	128	kg	167
	HCF R-404a	48	kg	352
	HFC R-407c	45	kg	73
	HFC R-410a	394	kg	758
Scope 2 – Indirect	Core Buildings – Electricity	124,034,498	kWh	1,228
	Ancillary Buildings – Electricity	68,294,220	kWh	676
	Tenant Buildings - Electricity	1,014,699	kWh	10
	TRIUMF – Electricity (UBC share) [f]	2,608,349	kWh	26
Scope 3 – In Scope	Paper	27,797	Packages	156
Total Campus emissions	offset under CCAA (Scope 1, 2, and Paper) [h]			35,480
Scope 3 – Not required to be offset	Business flights (Staff and faculty) [i]			32,429
	Solid waste [j]			926
	Commuting [j]			35,944
	Building lifecycle [j]			13,852
	Food emissions [k]			7,348

- [a] Core buildings comprise of academic and administrative buildings.
- [b] UBC is required to offset the non-biogenic (CH₄ and N₂O) portions of biomass combustion. In addition, the Bioenergy Research and Demonstration Facility (BRDF) consumes a small amount of natural gas upon start-up/shutdown.
- [c] UBC is required to offset the non-biogenic (CH₄ and N₂O) portions of renewable natural gas.
- [d] Ancillary buildings include student housing, conference, athletic and parking facilities.
- [e] Tenants in UBC-Owned Buildings.
- [f] TRIUMF Inc. is a federal not for profit corporation. It has historically been included in the UBC Vancouver campus inventory since it is located on campus. UBC accounts for 1/21st of the TRIUMF emissions.
- [g] Starting from 2024, all public sector organizations (PSOs) are required to report fugitive emissions in a more comprehensive methodology to cover all refrigeration equipment.
- [h] Values may not sum precisely due to rounding. This table shows only the Vancouver campus emissions that need to be offset for 2024. An additional 6,730 tCO₂e associated with UBC Properties Trust and off-campus properties also need to be offset for 2023.
- [i] An updated methodology has been implemented since 2023 reporting year to better track business air travel GHG emissions. Radiative forcing factors (RFFs) are applied in the estimation.
- [j] These emissions have been estimated from published conversion factors. Improvements to methodologies may allow for other Scope 3 components to be included in future inventories.
- [k] Food emissions only include emissions from UBC Food Services and Franchises emissions.