

The University of Arizona Sustainability Solutions

**FY22 GHG Presentation** 

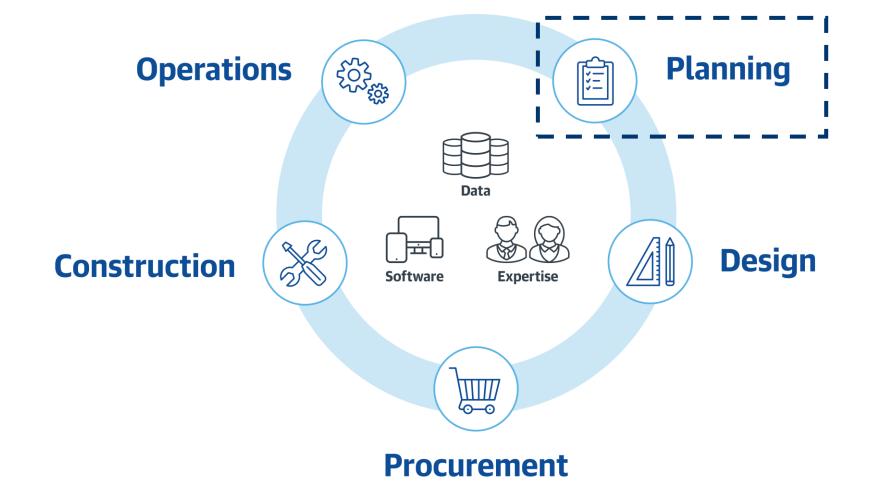
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#### What We Do





**Data**Drive Meaningful Action



**Software**Improve Workflows



**Expertise**Deliver Results



#### **Sightlines Solutions**





# FACILITIES BENCHMARKING & ANALYSIS

Take control of your facilities and make the case for change without the guesswork



# FACILITIES ASSESSMENT & PLANNING

Plan and execute capital investment plans that are inclusive, credible, flexible, affordable and sustainable



## SPACE UTILIZATION

Ensure your space is working up to its full potential



### SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS

Measure, compare and improve environmental stewardship



#### **Sustainability Solutions**





For decades, America's colleges and universities have been at the forefront of environmental sustainability.

We are providing insight and proven strategies that allow your institution to thrive while enhancing the sustainability of the environment we share. This opens up more time for pursuits of your true mission: advocating and implementing campus policies that minimize impact on our planet.



### **Sustainability Solutions Agenda**



Overview of Gordian Data Analysis

Summary of Emissions Profile

**Scope 1 Emissions Overview** 

**Scope 2 Emissions Overview** 

Scope 3 Emissions Overview



#### **SIMAP Partnership**



At the end of 2017, Gordian entered into a partnership with the Sustainability Institute at the University of New Hampshire, ensuring our Sustainability Solutions are always based on the most up-to-date science and methods.

They host Sustainability Indicator
Management & Analysis Platform (SIMAP).
This is a carbon and nitrogen-accounting platform that tracks and analyzes campuswide sustainability based on nearly two decades of work supporting campus inventories.







#### **Components of Emissions Profile**



## Scope 1: Direct GHGs



- On-Campus Stationary Fuel
- Vehicle Fleet Fuel
- Fertilizer
- Refrigerants

## Scope 2: Upstream GHGs



Purchased Electricity

## Scope 3: Indirect GHGs



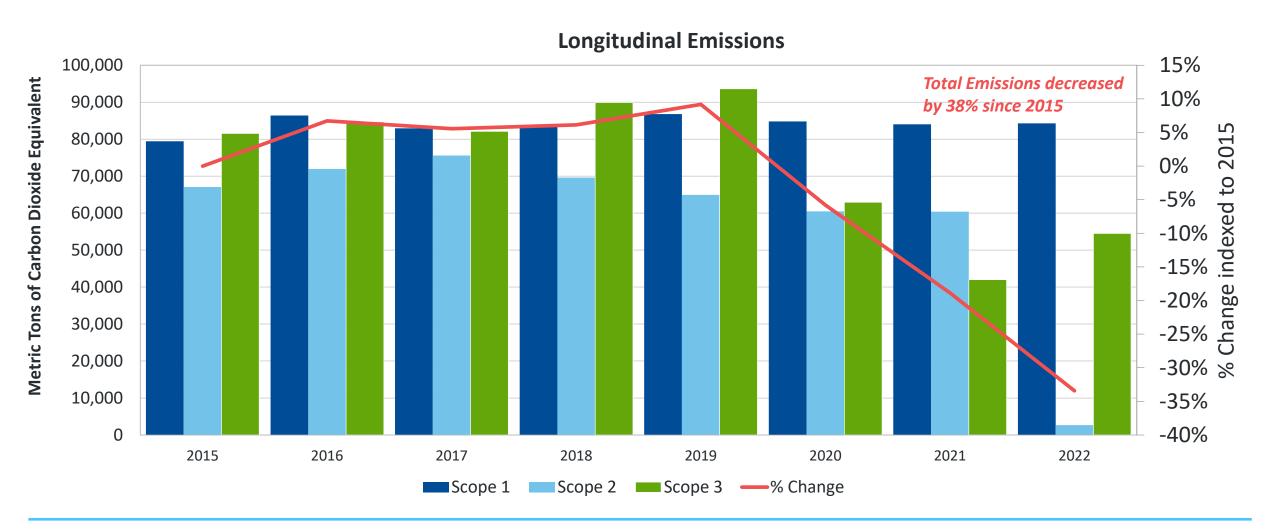
- Commuting
- Directly Financed Travel
- Solid Waste
- Paper Purchasing
- Transmission & Distribution Losses



#### **Longitudinal Emissions by Scope**



By entering an agreement with TEP, UArizona is approaching scope 2 neutrality





## **Sustainability Peers**



Peers determined using location, campus size, and population



| Peer Institution                           | Location            |
|--|---------------------|
| Clemson University                         | Clemson, SC         |
| Michigan State University                  | East Lansing, MI    |
| Texas A&M University                       | College Station, TX |
| Towson University                          | Towson, NJ          |
| University of Alabama                      | Tuscaloosa, AL      |
| University of Arkansas                     | Fayetteville, AR    |
| University of Texas – Rio Grande<br>Valley | Edinburg, TX        |
| Virginia Commonwealth<br>University        | Richmond, VA        |



### Two Ways to Normalize Emissions for Comparison



#### GHG Emissions per 1,000 GSF EUI Adjusted



Stresses intensity of operations.

Gross GHG Emissions
EUI Adjusted GSF

X 1,000

#### **GHG Emissions per Weighted Campus User**



Stresses efficient use of space.

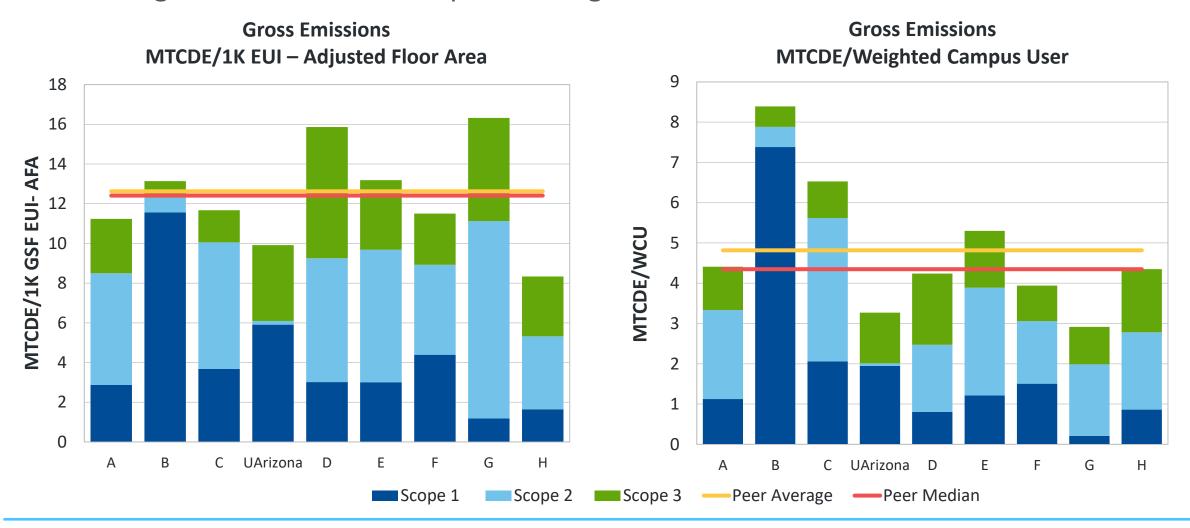
Gross GHG Emissions
Weighted Campus User



#### **Total Gross Emissions per Space and Campus User**



UArizona gross emissions below peer average and median

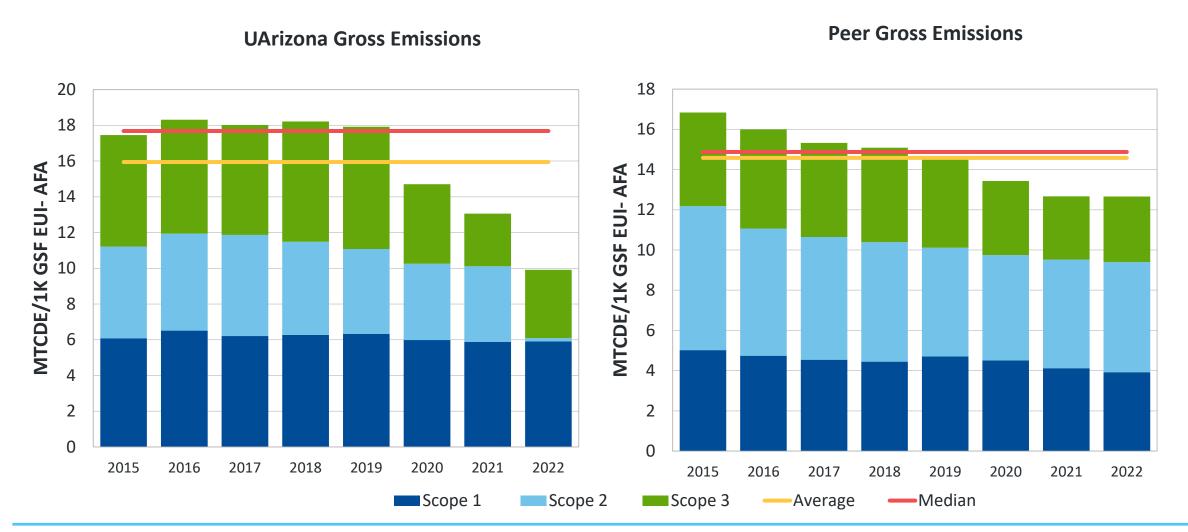




#### **Trending Gross Emissions Normalized by Space**



UArizona has seen consistent decreases in emissions since FY19

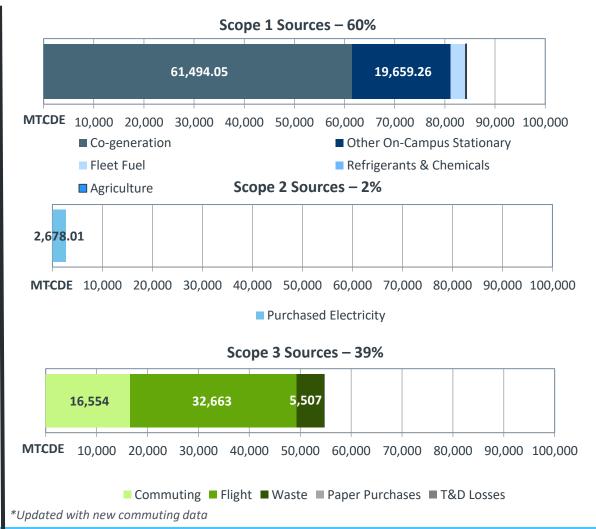




### FY21 vs FY22 Distribution of Emissions by Level of Control

Total FY21 emissions: 186,226 MTCDE Total FY22 emissions: 141,596 MTCDE



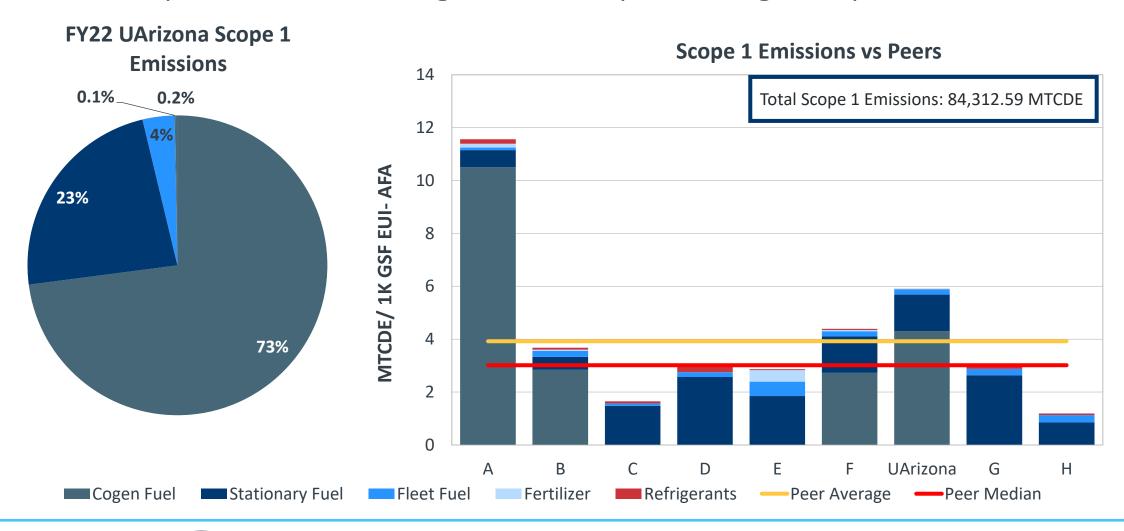




#### **Scope 1: Direct Emissions**



Uarizona's scope 1 emissions are higher than the peer average and peer median

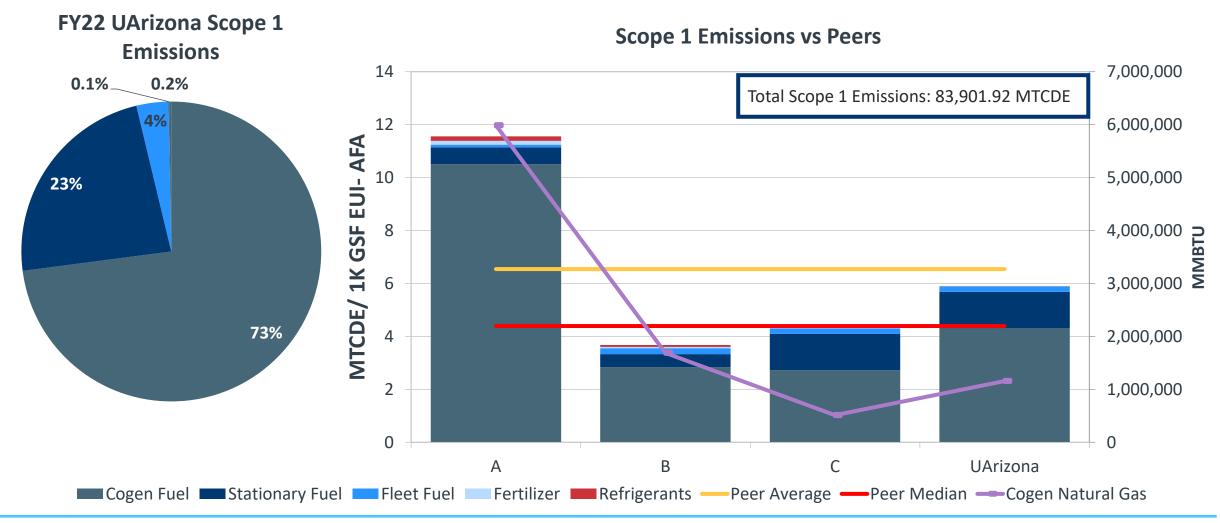




#### **Scope 1: Direct Emissions- Cogen Comparison**



UArizona's scope 1 emissions below peer average, but higher than Cogen median



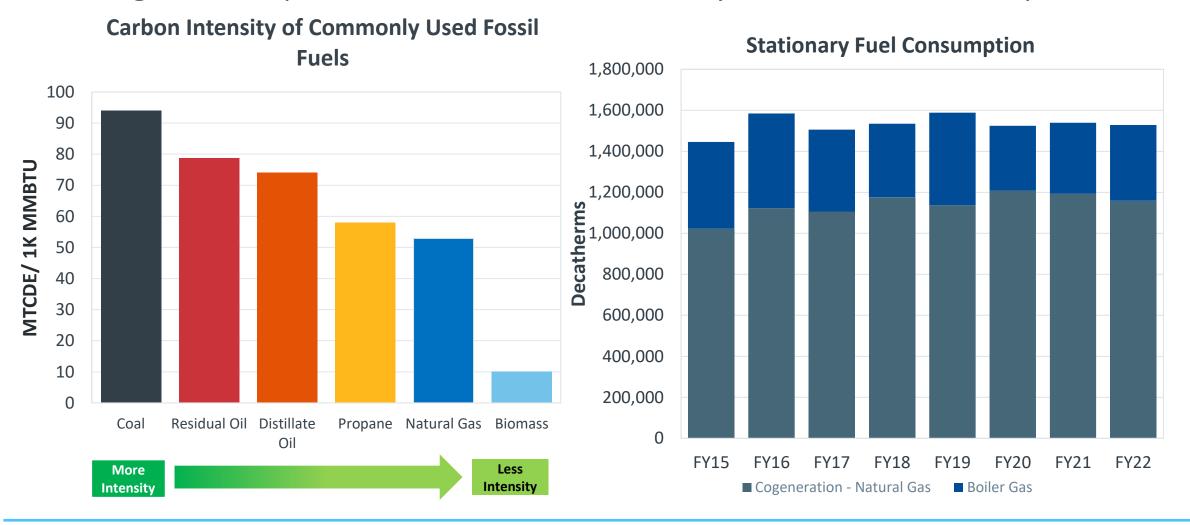




#### **Scope 1: Stationary Fuel Consumption**



Natural gas consumption decreased in FY22, driven by less fuel consumed at plant

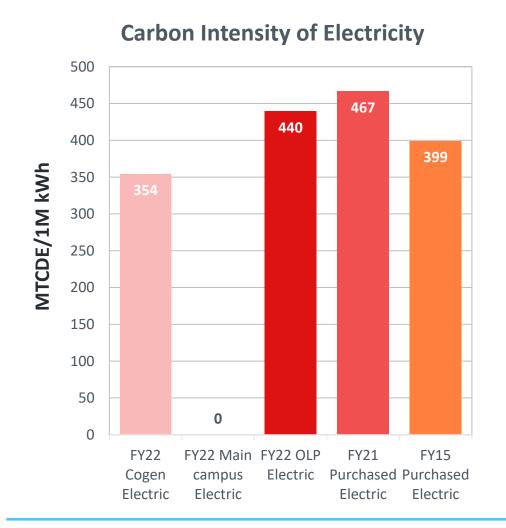


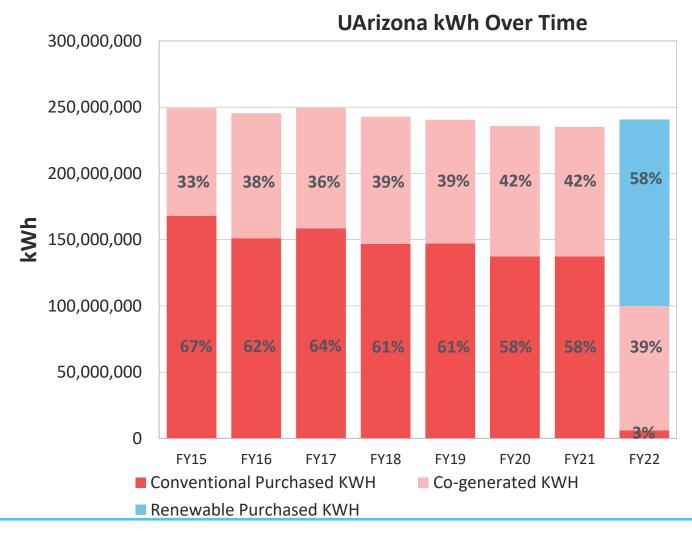


#### **Scope 1&2: Campus Electric Consumption**

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Outlying Property (OLP) and Syncharpha electricity is only source of scope 2 emissions





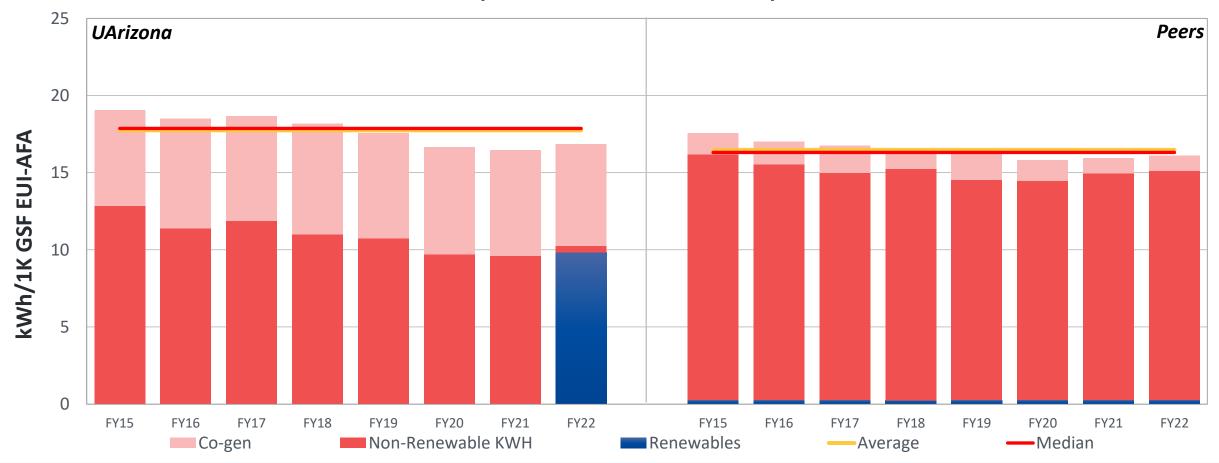


#### Scope1&2: Total Electric Consumption vs. Peers



UArizona continues to consume more KWH's than peers when normalized

**Scope 1&2 Total Electric Consumption** 

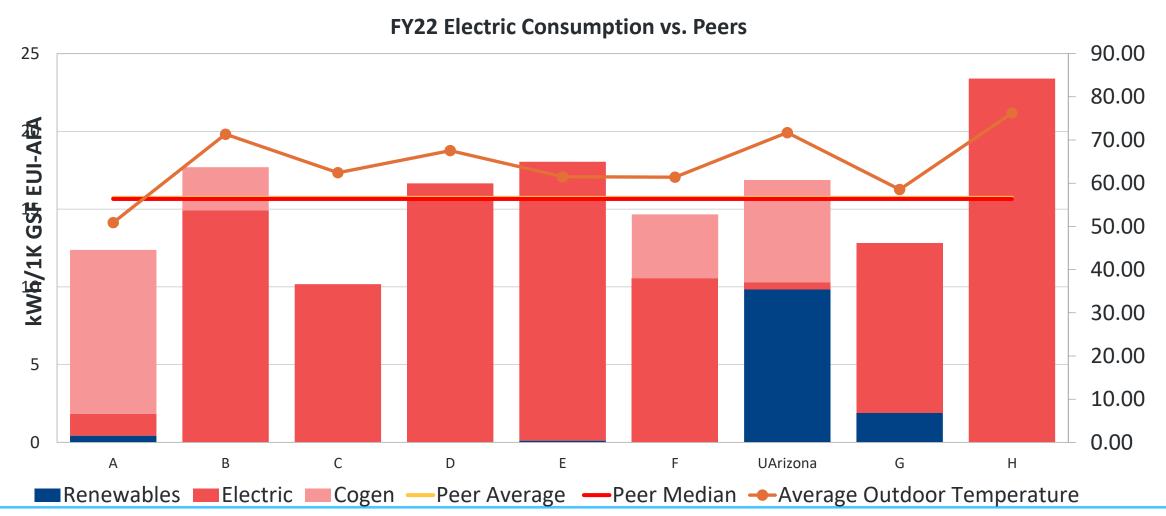




#### Scope1&2: Total Electric Consumption vs. Peers



Uarizona has the second highest outdoor temp among peers, but 4th highest KWH's consumed







#### **Energy Emissions vs. Peers**

Total energy emissions: 64,172 MTCDE (Scope 2: 2,678 MTCDE, Scope 1: 61,494 MTCDE)

#### **Energy Emissions**

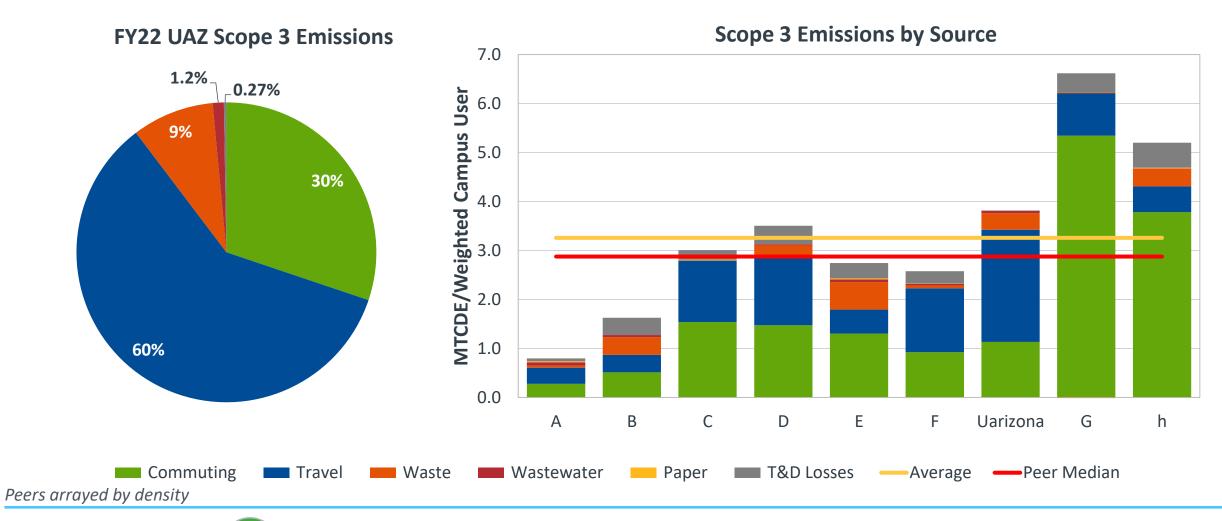




#### **Scope 3: Indirect Emissions Overview**



Total Scope 3 emissions: 54,873 MTCDE



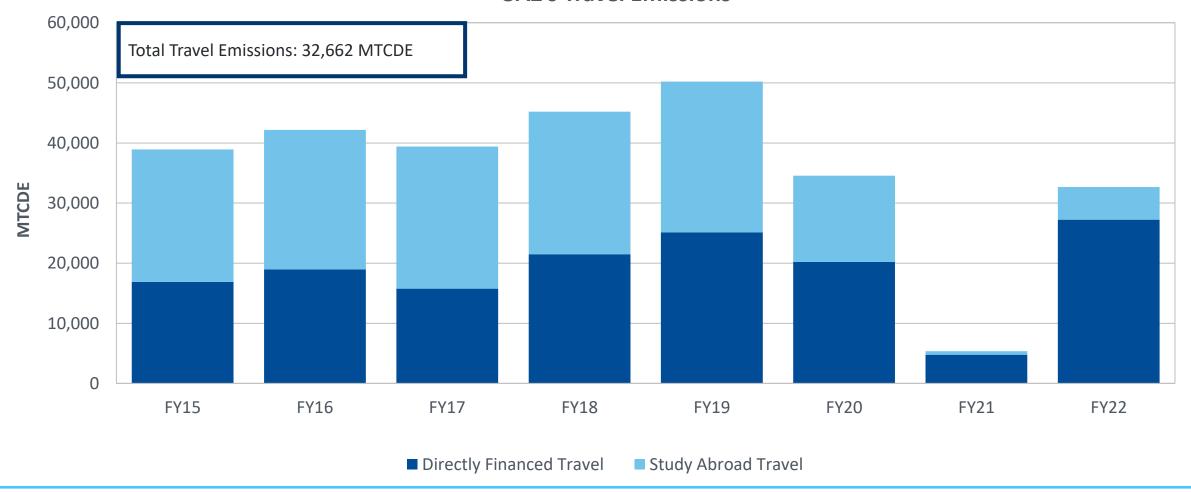


#### **Travel Profile (Air Miles Flown)**



Travel emissions have begun to normalize to pre-Covid levels

#### **UAZ's Travel Emissions**

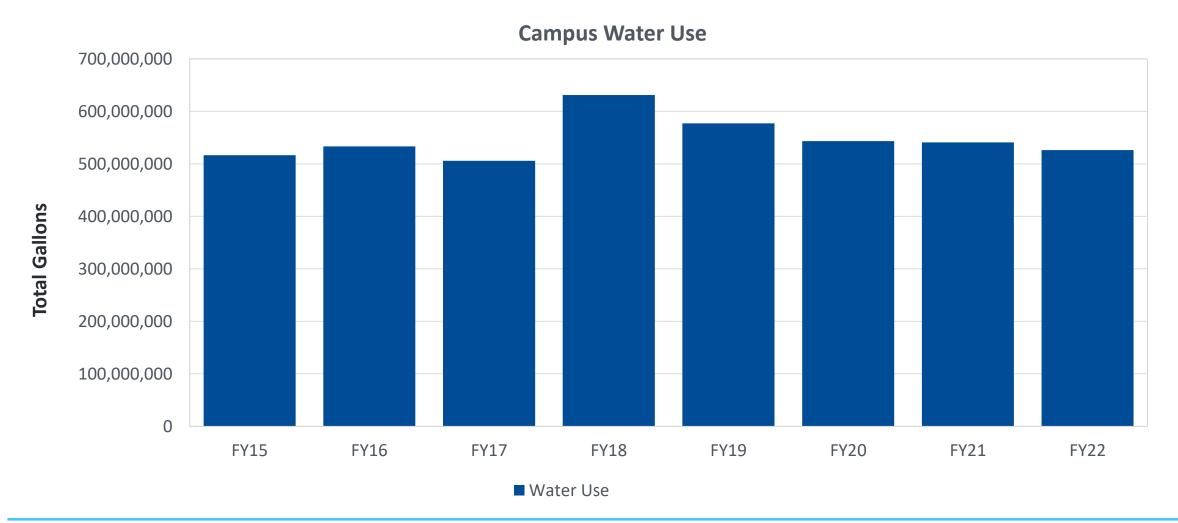




#### **UArizona Water Use**



Water continues to steadily decline since FY18

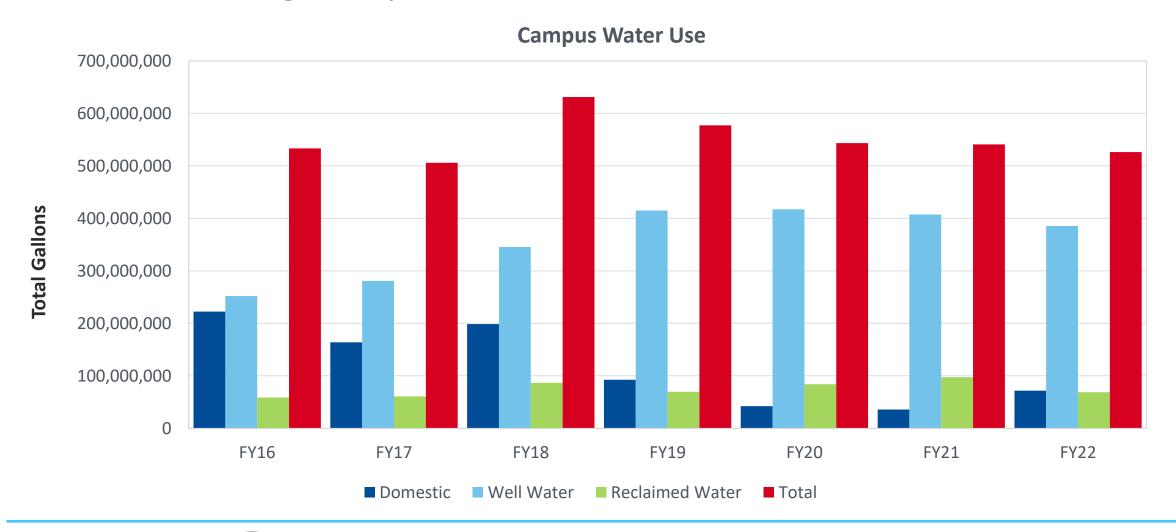




#### **UArizona Water Use by Source**



Domestic water usage nearly doubled from FY21 to FY22

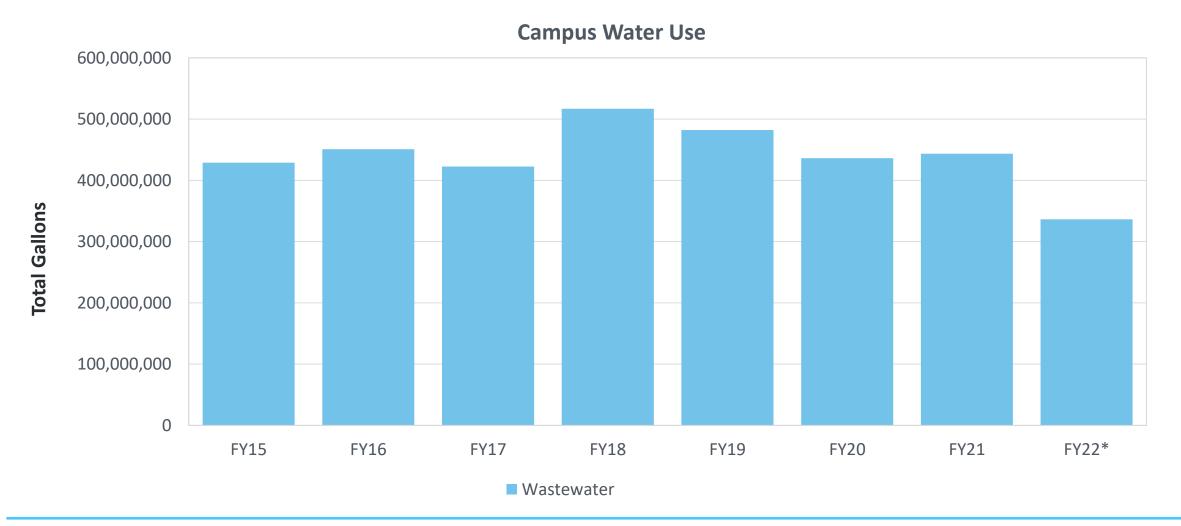




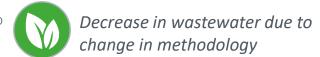
#### **UArizona Wastewater Over Time**



Update in methodology for FY22 shows substantial decrease in wastewater



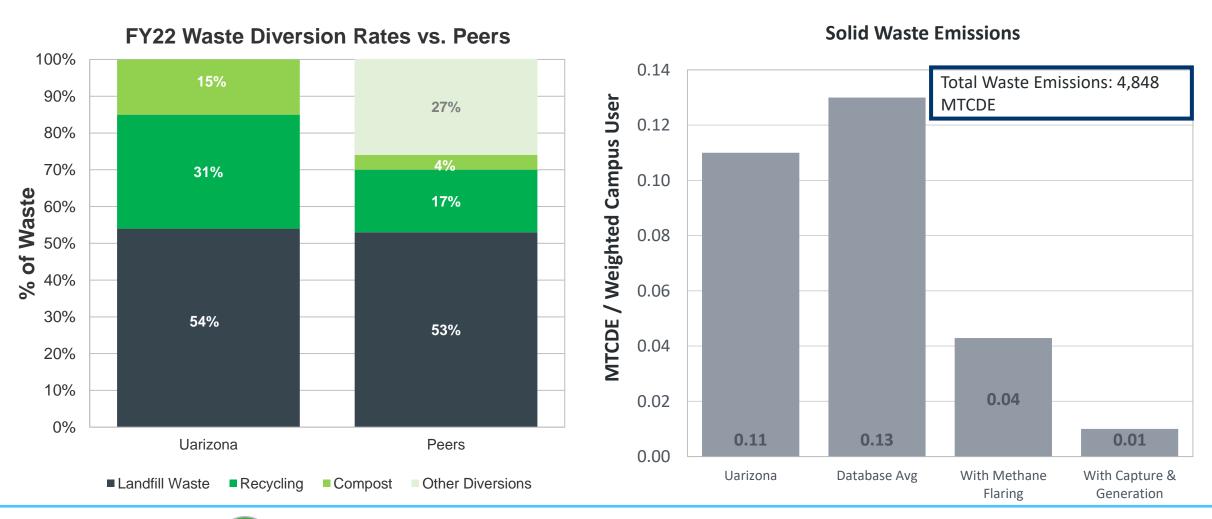




#### **Scope 3: A Closer Look at Waste**



UArizona recycles and composts at higher rate than peers



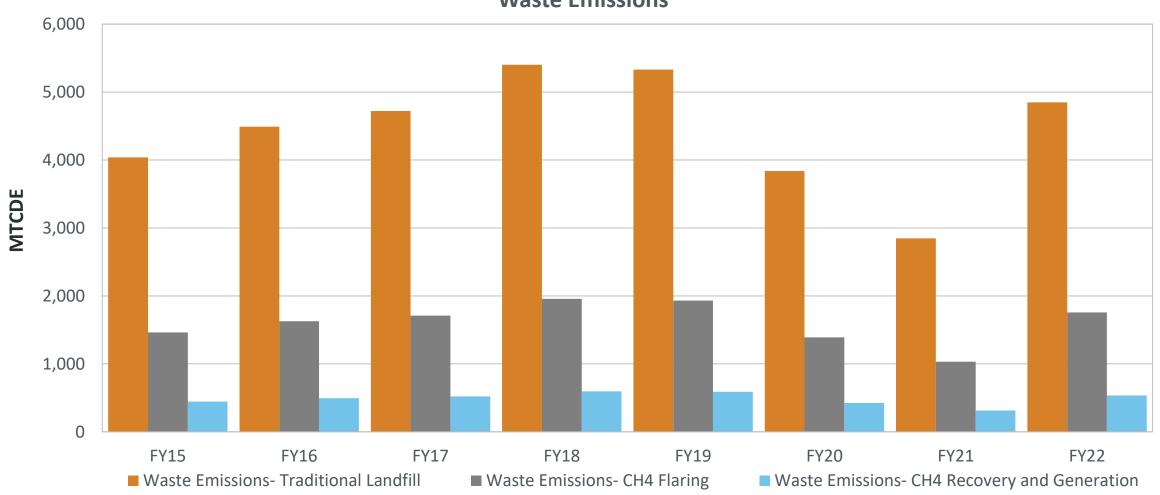


#### **Scope 3: Impact of New Waste Contract**



By switching landfill providers, UArizona could reduce waste emissions by 89%

Waste Emissions



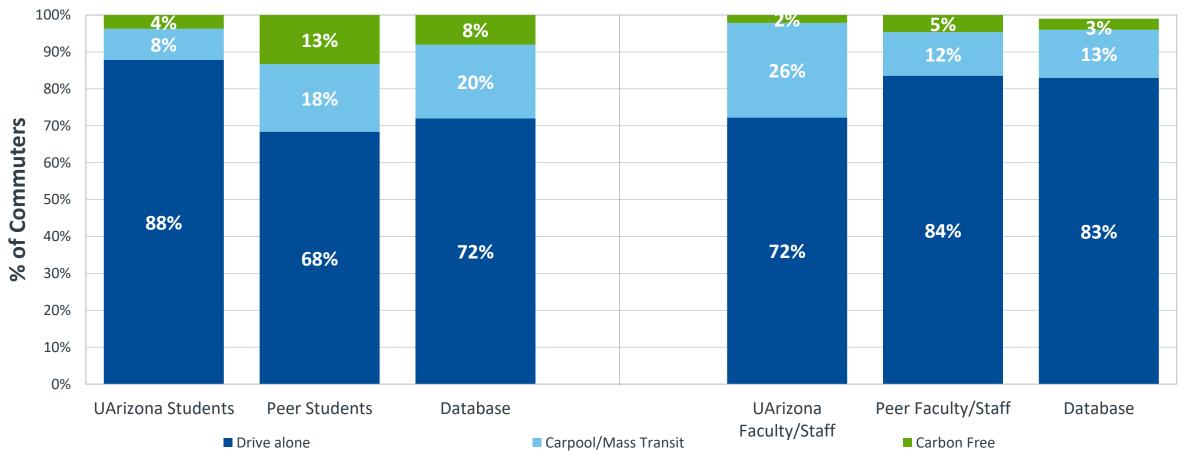


#### **Scope 3: Commuting Profile**



Comparing UArizona commuting modes to peers and database

#### **Commuting Mode by Demographic as a Percent of Passenger miles**





#### **Scope 3: Total Commuting Emissions**



Improved data collection methodology reduces student commuting emissions

