

# New Zealand's Greenhouse Gas Inventory 1990–2023

## Data fact sheet



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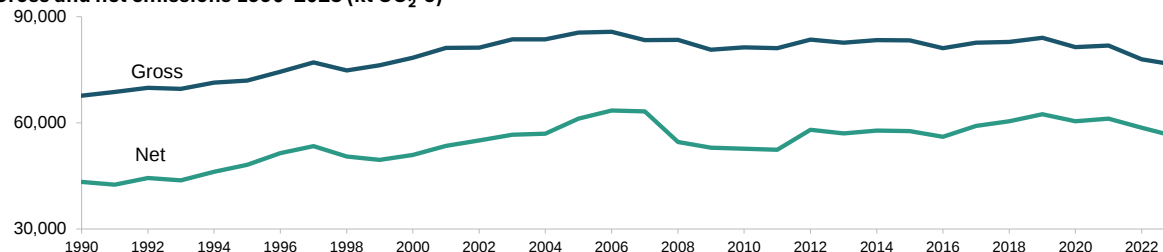


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### Emissions by sector

| Sector       | 1990                  | 2023                  | Change (1990–2023)    |             |   | Per cent of gross |               | Change (2022–2023)    |              |   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|---|
|              | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | %           |   | 1990              | 2023          | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | %            |   |
| Energy       | 23,999.7              | <b>28,851.0</b>       | 4,851.2               | 20.2        | ↑ | 35.5              | <b>37.8</b>   | - 225.0               | - 0.8        | ↓ |
| IPPU         | 3,483.1               | <b>4,031.5</b>        | 548.4                 | 15.7        | ↑ | 5.1               | <b>5.3</b>    | - 412.4               | - 9.3        | ↓ |
| Agriculture  | 36,915.1              | <b>40,613.0</b>       | 3,697.9               | 10.0        | ↓ | 54.5              | <b>53.1</b>   | - 908.4               | - 2.2        | ↓ |
| Waste        | 3,277.6               | <b>2,916.6</b>        | - 361.0               | - 11.0      | ↓ | 4.8               | <b>3.8</b>    | - 20.5                | - 0.7        | ↓ |
| Tokelau      | 3.37                  | <b>4.20</b>           | 0.83                  | 24.7        | ↑ | 0.005             | <b>0.006</b>  | - 0.49                | - 10.4       | ↓ |
| <b>Gross</b> | <b>67,678.9</b>       | <b>76,416.3</b>       | <b>8,737.4</b>        | <b>12.9</b> | ↑ | <b>100.0</b>      | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>- 1,566.8</b>      | <b>- 2.0</b> | ↓ |
| LULUCF       | - 24,334.1            | - <b>20,197.1</b>     | 4,136.9               | 17.0        | ↑ | - 36.0            | - <b>26.4</b> | - 824.4               | - 4.3        | ↓ |
| <b>Net</b>   | <b>43,344.8</b>       | <b>56,219.2</b>       | <b>12,874.3</b>       | <b>29.7</b> | ↑ | N/A               | N/A           | <b>- 2,391.2</b>      | <b>- 4.1</b> | ↓ |

### Gross and net emissions 1990–2023 (kt CO<sub>2</sub>-e)



### Other stats

|                                                         | 1990  | 2023  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Enteric fermentation as a proportion of gross emissions | 45.9% | 41.4% |
| Road transportation as a proportion of gross emissions  | 10.1% | 16.5% |

### Did you know...

All sectors reduced emissions between 2022 and 2023.

### Largest increases and decreases for gross emissions 1990–2023 (Δ>1000 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-e)

| Category                                             | Gas              | 1990                  | 2023                  | Change (1990–2023)    |        |   |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|---|
|                                                      |                  | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | %      |   |
| Enteric fermentation from dairy cattle               | CH <sub>4</sub>  | 6,960.4               | 15,590.4              | 8,630.0               | 124.0  | ↑ |
| Road transportation                                  | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 6,659.3               | 12,510.8              | 5,851.5               | 87.9   | ↑ |
| Agricultural Soils                                   | N <sub>2</sub> O | 4,655.1               | 6,372.4               | 1,717.3               | 36.9   | ↑ |
| Manufacturing Industries and Construction            | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 4,676.9               | 6,044.4               | 1,367.5               | 29.2   | ↑ |
| Product Uses as Substitutes for ODS                  | HFCs             | Not occurring         | 1,087.1               | 1,087.1               | N/A    | ↑ |
| Manure management from dairy cattle                  | CH <sub>4</sub>  | 472.9                 | 1,519.0               | 1,046.1               | 221.2  | ↑ |
| Manufacture of Solid Fuels & Other Energy Industries | CO <sub>2</sub>  | 1,702.8               | 202.1                 | - 1,500.6             | - 88.1 | ↓ |
| Enteric fermentation from sheep                      | CH <sub>4</sub>  | 15,949.8              | 8,493.7               | - 7,456.1             | - 46.7 | ↓ |

### Largest increases and decreases for gross emissions 2022–2023 (Δ>150 kt CO<sub>2</sub>-e)

| Category                               | Gas             | 2022                  | 2023                  | Change (2022–2023)    |         |   |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|---|
|                                        |                 | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | %       |   |
| Domestic aviation                      | CO <sub>2</sub> | 1,015.8               | 1,259.1               | 243.3                 | 24.0    | ↑ |
| Road transportation                    | CO <sub>2</sub> | 12,277.0              | 12,510.8              | 233.9                 | 1.9     | ↑ |
| Public electricity and heat production | CO <sub>2</sub> | 2,885.6               | 2,732.8               | - 152.7               | - 5.3   | ↓ |
| Petroleum refining                     | CO <sub>2</sub> | 165.9                 | Not occurring         | - 165.9               | - 100.0 | ↓ |
| Agriculture - Liming                   | CO <sub>2</sub> | 439.9                 | 273.8                 | - 166.2               | - 37.8  | ↓ |
| Enteric fermentation from dairy cattle | CH <sub>4</sub> | 15,851.4              | 15,590.4              | - 261.0               | - 1.6   | ↓ |
| Enteric fermentation from Sheep        | CH <sub>4</sub> | 8,764.8               | 8,493.7               | - 271.1               | - 3.1   | ↓ |
| Product uses as substitutes for ODS    | HFCs            | 1,439.8               | 1,087.1               | - 352.6               | - 24.5  | ↓ |

### Gross emissions by gas

| Gas              | 1990                  | 2023                  | Change (1990–2023)    |      |   | Per cent of gross |             | Change (2022–2023)    |        |   |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|---|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------|---|
|                  | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | %    |   | 1990              | 2023        | kt CO <sub>2</sub> -e | %      |   |
| CO <sub>2</sub>  | 25,490.1              | <b>31,559.8</b>       | 6,069.7               | 23.8 | ↑ | 37.7              | <b>41.3</b> | - 406.1               | - 1.3  | ↓ |
| CH <sub>4</sub>  | 36,271.1              | <b>36,751.6</b>       | 480.5                 | 1.3  | ↑ | 53.6              | <b>48.1</b> | - 749.5               | - 2.0  | ↓ |
| N <sub>2</sub> O | 5,079.1               | <b>6,940.0</b>        | 1,860.9               | 36.6 | ↑ | 7.5               | <b>9.1</b>  | - 65.8                | - 0.9  | ↓ |
| F-gases          | 838.6                 | <b>1,164.9</b>        | 326.3                 | 38.9 | ↑ | 1.2               | <b>1.5</b>  | - 345.4               | - 22.9 | ↓ |