# Loyola's Carbon Footprint

FY 2022

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)





## What is a Carbon Footprint?

A **carbon footprint** is a measurement of an organization's impact on the environment.

The footprint measures the amount of greenhouse gases emitted annually by the activities of the organization.

**Greenhouse gases** are the cause of global climate change, one of the most important issues of our times.

Loyola University Chicago is a signatory of the Climate Leadership's Carbon Commitment (formerly the ACUPCC) committing us to address global climate change by tracking our carbon footprint and taking actions towards climate neutrality.





## Loyola's Carbon Footprint

Loyola's primary contributors to greenhouse gas emissions are:

- Purchased electricity,
- Natural gas burned on site,
- Research, study abroad, and business air travel, and
- Student and employee commuting.



## Loyola's FY22 Net Carbon Footprint

Total emissions = 37,385 MTCO2e

0

5

10

15

20

**Thousand Metric Tons** 

Purchased Electricity



8.53%

3,234 MTCO2e

Commuting



51.0%

19,071 MTCO2e

**Natural Gas** 



24.16%

9,032 MTCO2e

Air Travel (business and study abroad)



**11.54%** 4,315 MTCO2e

Other (T&D losses, water, fleet fuel, fertilizer)



**4.64%** 1,733 MTCO2e



All Loyola



Staff/Faculty



Students

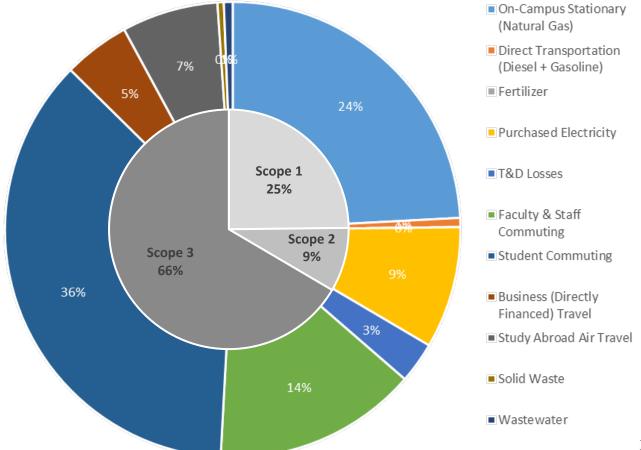
NOTE: This year's footprint includes Lakeside Campuses: Lake Shore and Water Tower Icons are an estimate. See full emissions inventory for precise amounts and percentages.



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NOTE: Data in this chart is from the LUC custom GHG emissions calculator and may include minimal variations from SIMAP inventory calculations due to slight emissions factor differences





## Offsets & Net Carbon Footprint

Carbon offsets that directly decrease Loyola's carbon footprint include

 Clean Energy in the form of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) that Loyola purchases

LUC'S FY2022 Lakeside Campuses Carbon Footprint

53,593

metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents

**RECs** 

47,518

MWh Green E Certified

Equal to

16,040

Metric tons of carbon dioside equivalents

LUC'S FY2022 Net Carbon Footprint

37,385

metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents



#### Loyola University Chicago's FY2022 Net Carbon Footprint of

**37,385** metric tons of net carbon dioxide equivalents

is equal to...

## Did you know?



86,469 barrels of oil consumed OR



**4,206,706 gallons** of gasoline consumed OR



**206 railcars** of coal burned OR



**4,712 homes'** annual energy use

This could be replaced or "offset" by:



the carbon sequestered by 618,164 tree seedlings grown for 10 years OR

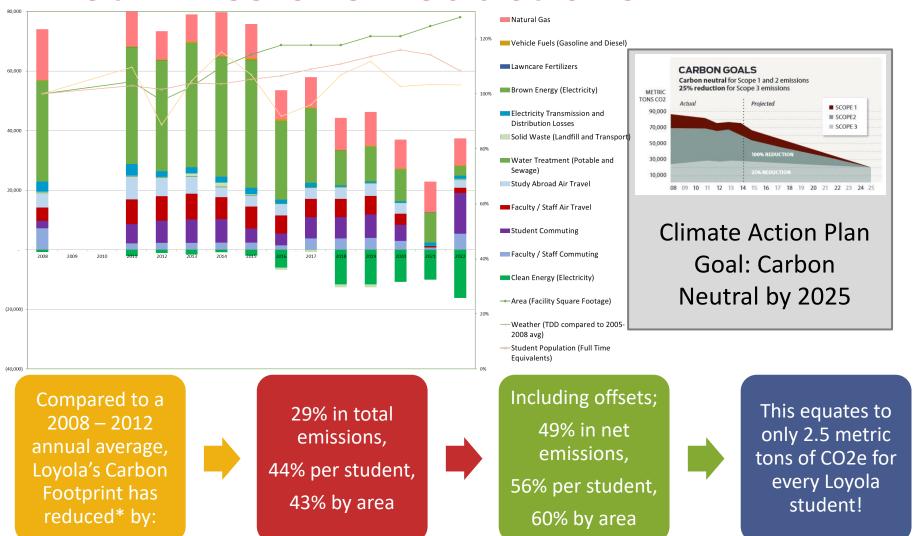


**10.4 wind turbines** running for one year



Source: US EPA, Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator

### **Net Emissions Reductions**



NOTE: In order to keep consistency, this only reflects the emissions of the Lakeside Campuses (Lake Shore and Water Tower).

\*Please note FY20 and FY21 were impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

## What you can do...

Five things you can do to reduce your personal carbon footprint:

- 1. Turn off lights and unplug electronics when not in use
- 2. Eat a low-carbon diet, **reduce or eliminate** red meat
- 3. Use **natural daylight** and **fresh air** when you can
- 4. Go local, especially where you work and what you eat
- 5. Choose **lower carbon modes** of transportation

Biking and Walking are better than Train,

Train is better than Bus,

Bus is better than Car,

Car is better than Plane

And talk about climate change with your friends, family, and colleagues.





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It is embodied in an educational experience for our students and activities that seek to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

We are committed to an inclusive process considering social, economic and environmental impacts, and exemplified in a transformative education for our students.

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