



2019 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT for VERMONT

# **Energy Action Network Members**

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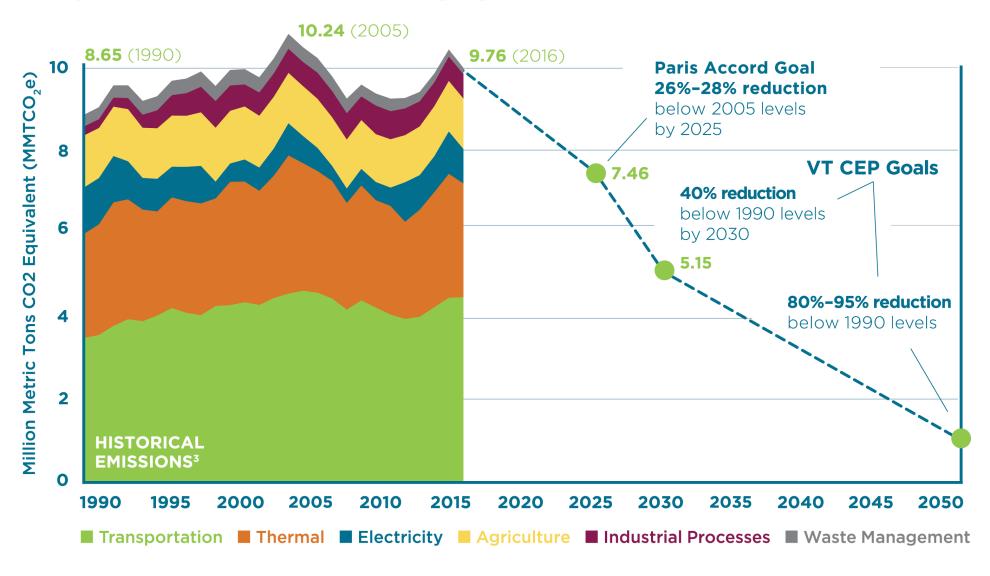




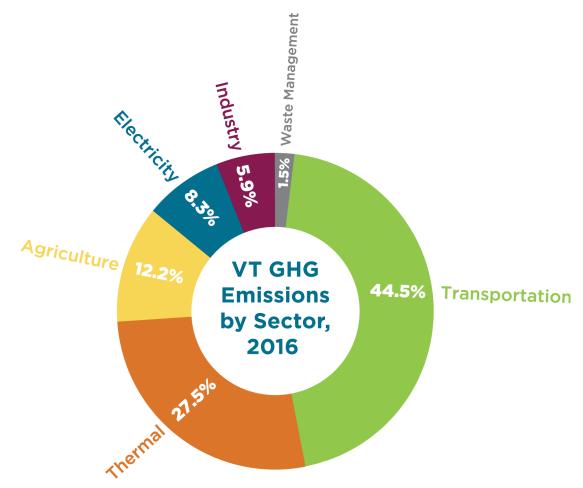


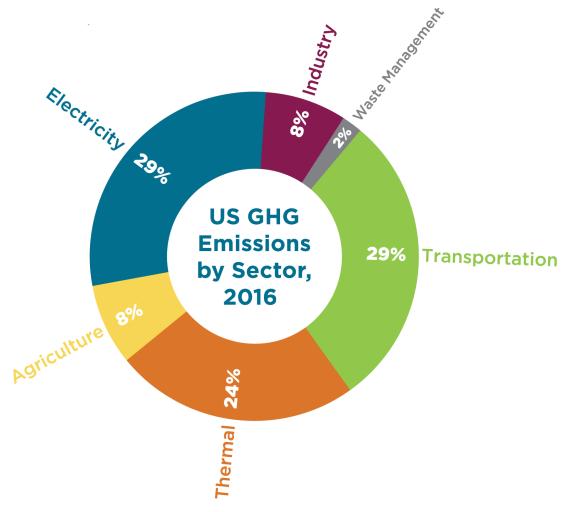


# Now is the time for rapid emissions reductions beyond the electricity generation sector



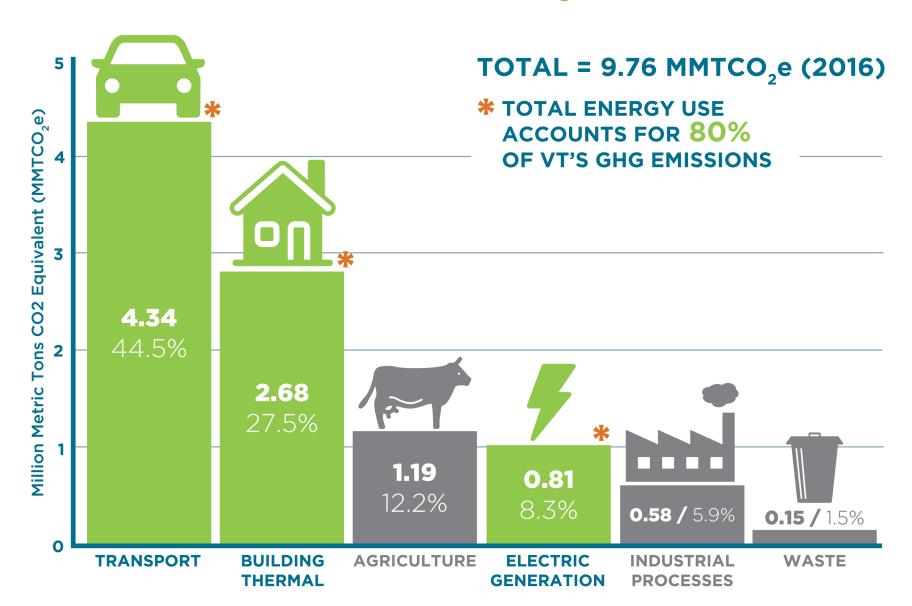








### Vermont's GHG emissions by sector



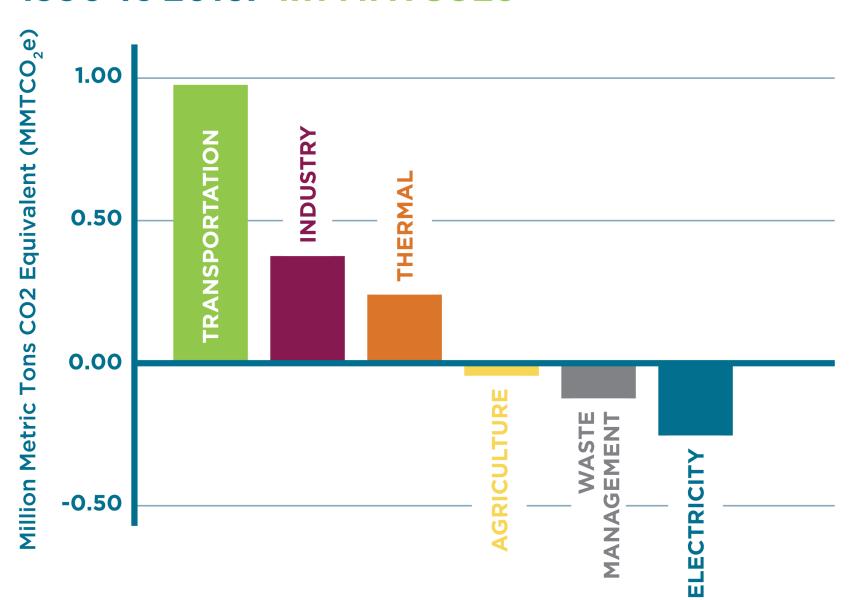


### GHG emissions from the electricity sector, consumption based



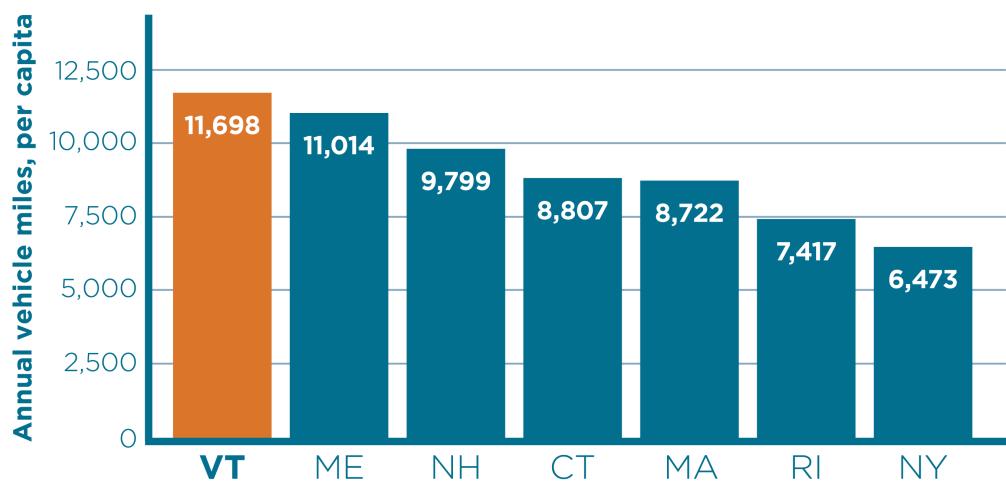


# Total net change in VT GHG emissions, 1990 vs 2016: 1.11 MMTCO2e



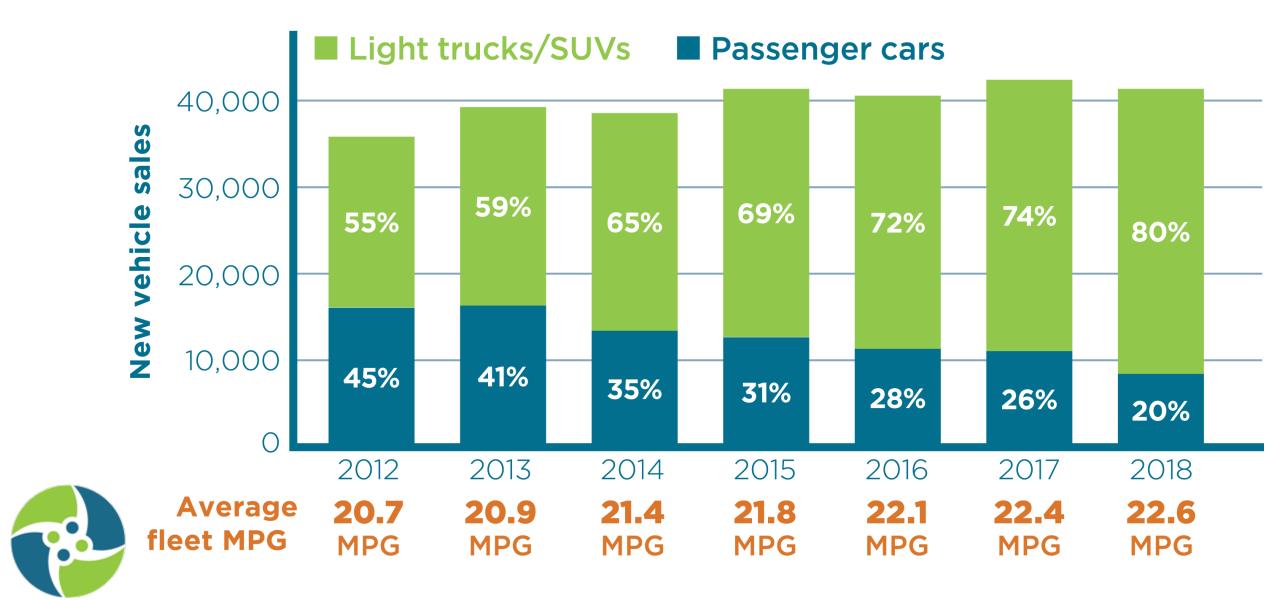


# Vehicle miles traveled per capita, 2015

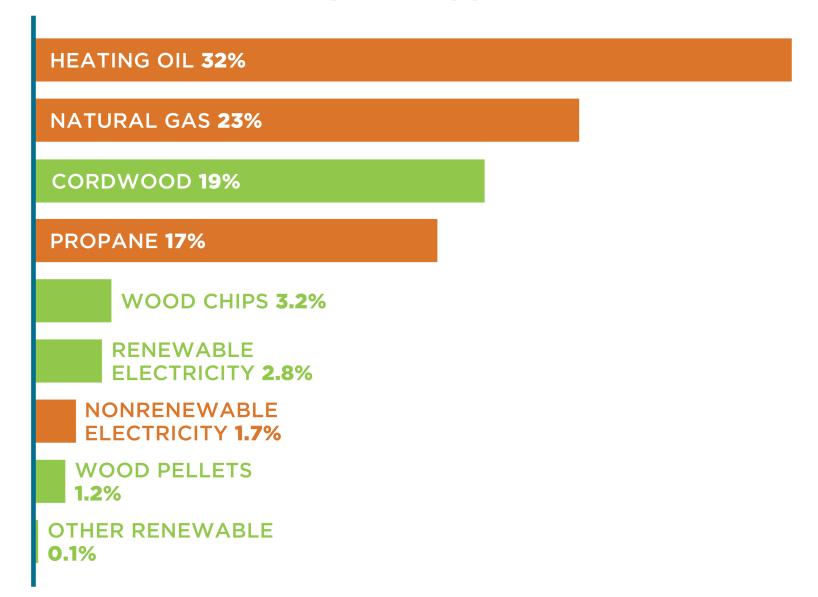




### As cars get more efficient, we're buying bigger cars



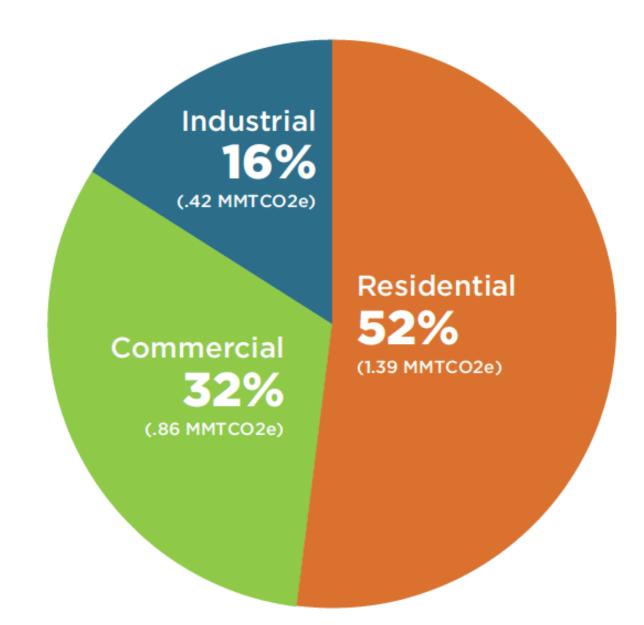
### **Vermont heating energy sources**





# GHG Emissions from Thermal Fuel Use In VT

RCI Total: 2.68 MMTCO2e

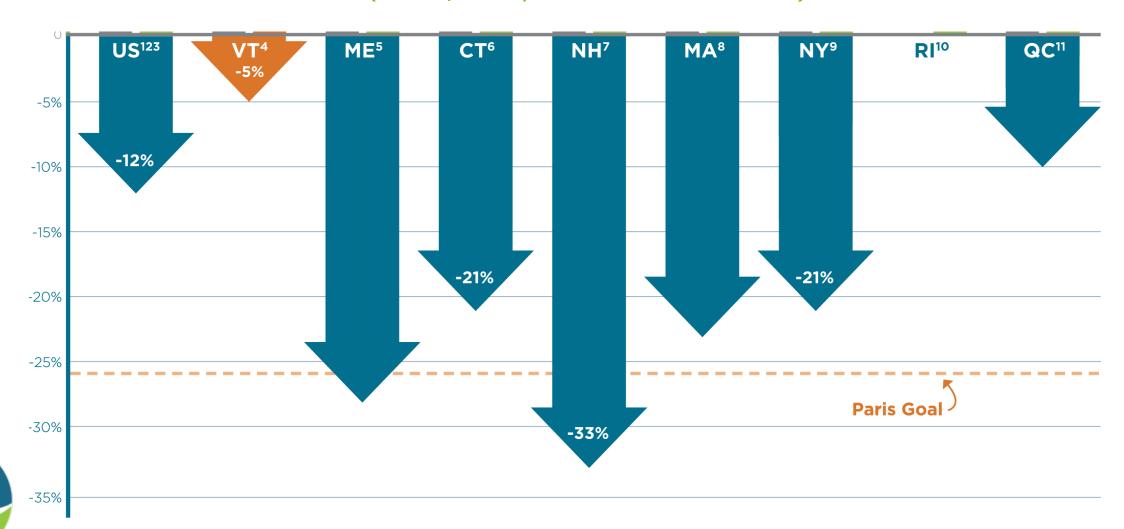


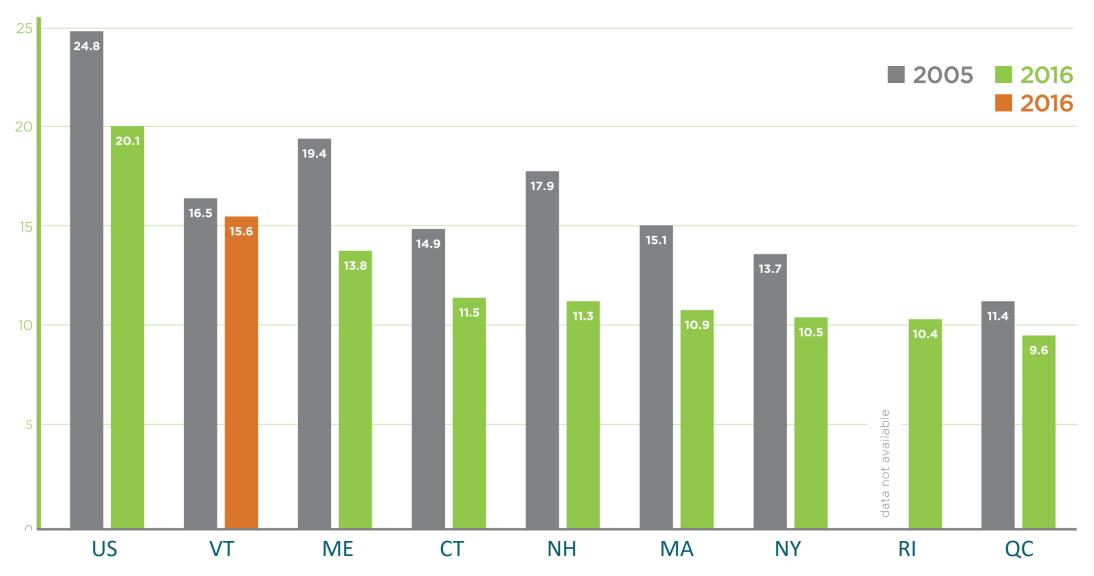
Source: Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, 2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Brief (1990-2016)

### **Progress to Paris**

#### Percent decrease in overall GHG emissions

(2016, compared to 2005 levels)

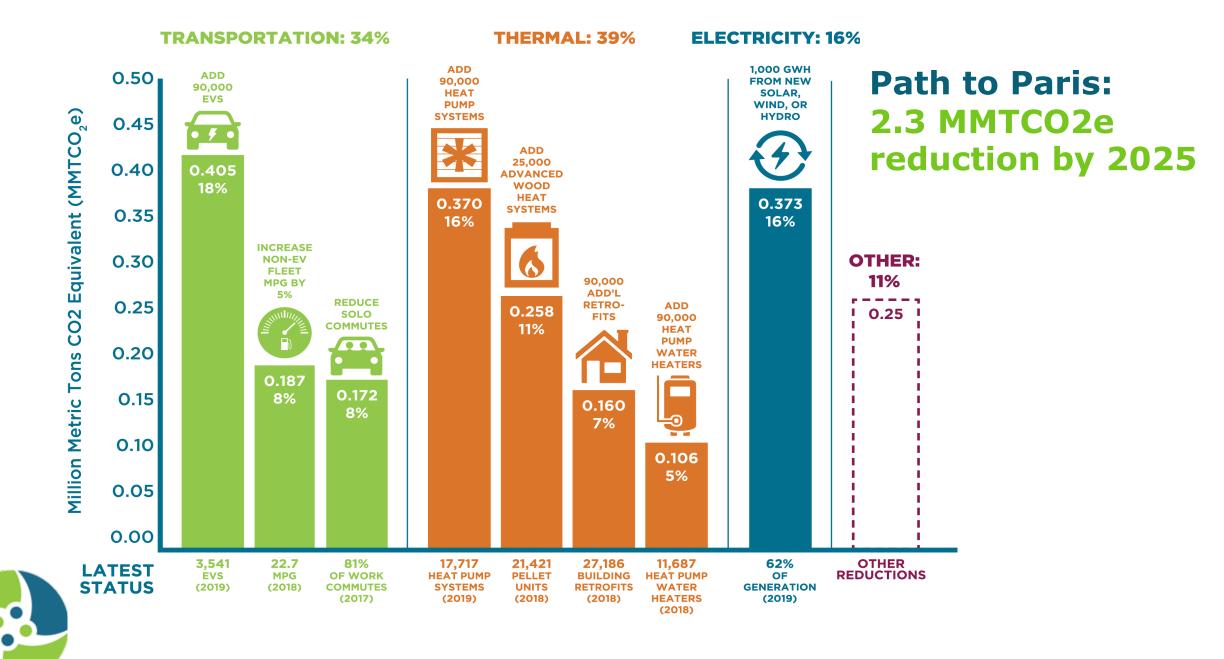






# Per capita emissions

(metric tons CO2e per person)



# Economic impacts of EAN's Path to Paris: 2020 - 2035



**DECREASE** in out-of-state spending:

\$1.115 billion





**Net consumer savings:** 

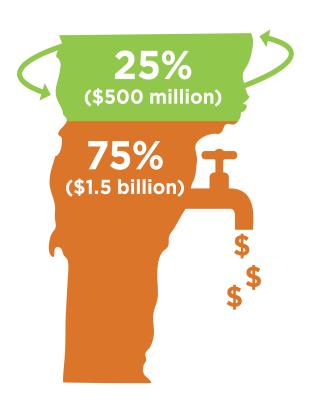
\$792 million

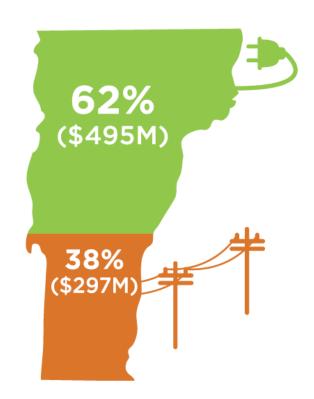


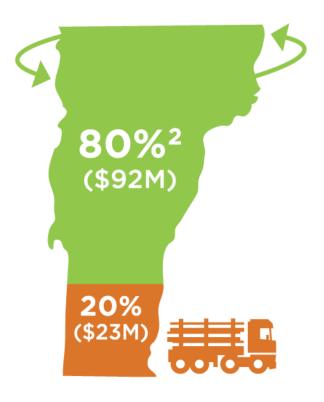
### **FOSSIL FUELS**

# **ELECTRICITY**

### WOOD



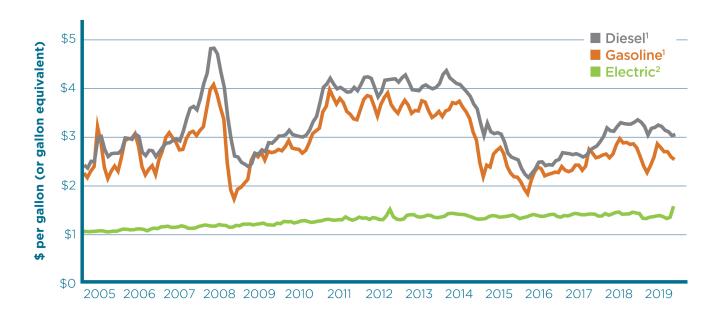








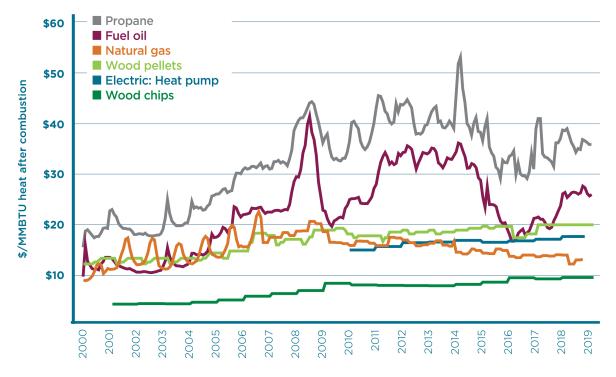
Recirculates in the VT economy Leaves the VT economy



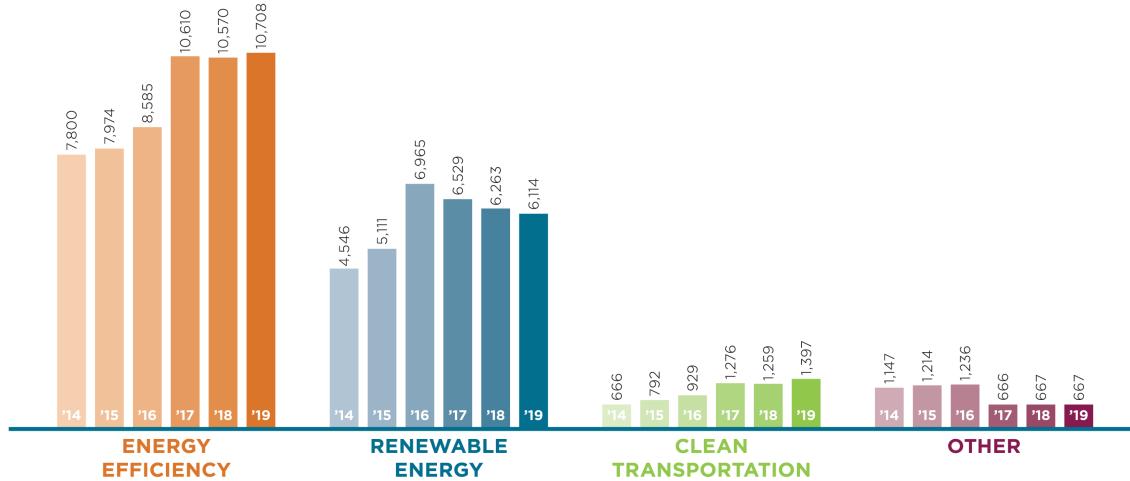
# Electric vehicles are less expensive to drive than gas vehicles

Renewable heating options are lower cost and more stable than fossil fuel options





### Vermont clean employment growth by technology, 2014-2019





### Vermont median hourly wages for clean energy jobs

	RENEWABLE ENERGY			ENERGY EFFICIENCY		
	Entry	Mid	High	Entry	Mid	High
Electricians	\$13.57	\$19.43	\$28.89	\$18.91	\$25.47	\$32.95
HVAC workers	\$13.10	\$20.77	\$32.66	\$18.43	\$25.15	\$35.05
Installation, maintenance, and repair technicians	\$13.10	\$20.77	\$32.66	\$14.84	\$20.72	\$30.23
Sales representatives	\$17.60	\$28.71	\$56.74	\$30.55	\$39.57	\$68.70
Engineers	\$24.99	\$37.21	\$56.61	\$23.78	\$39.38	\$57.98





# **Energy Equity: A Working Definition**

Energy equity is based on the principle that all people should have access to reliable, safe, and affordable sources of energy; protection from a disproportionate share of negative impacts or externalities associated with building and operating our energy supply and distribution systems; and equitable distribution of and access to benefits from these systems.



# What is Energy Burden?

Quantity of energy consumed x price of energy

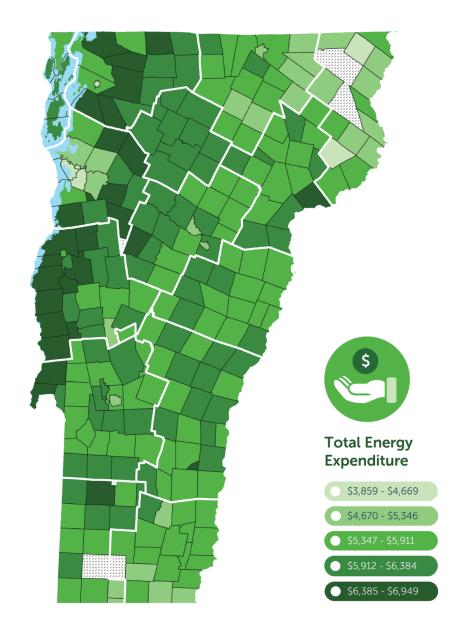
Spending on energy

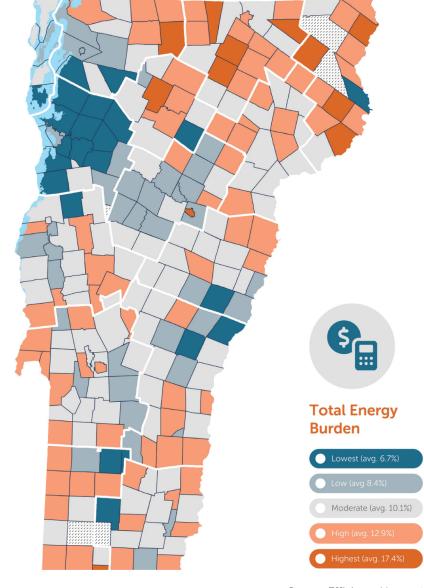
Spending on energy Income

Energy burden

Energy burden measures the percent of income used for energy spending. This measurement allows us to acknowledge that energy spending does not affect everyone equally.

Energy Security and Justice Program of Vermont Law School's Institute for Energy and the Environment. Energy costs and burdens in Vermont: Burdensome for whom? 2014.



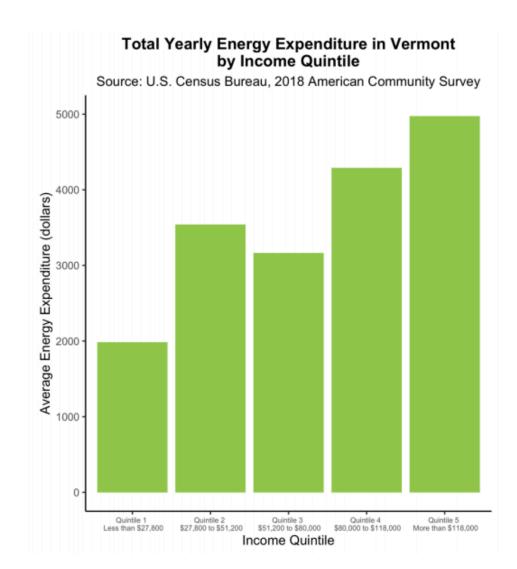




Source: Efficiency Vermont



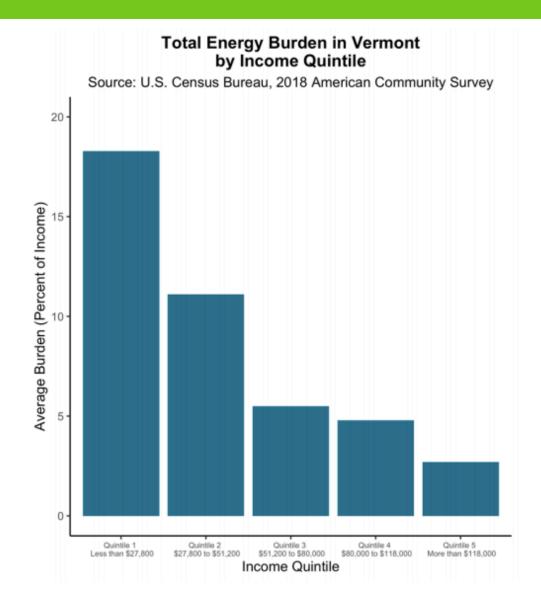
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Lower-income Vermonters purchase much less energy than upper income Vermonters...

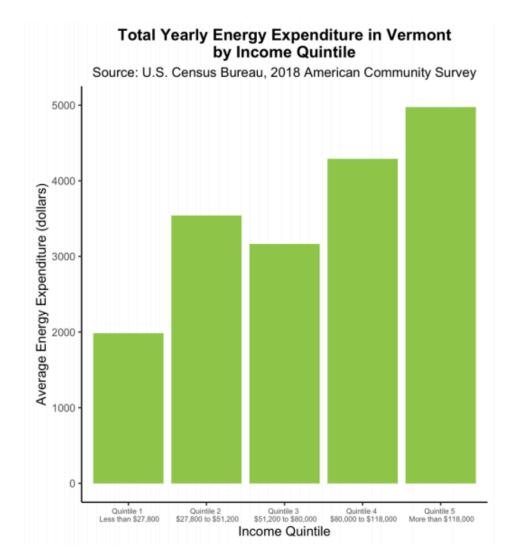


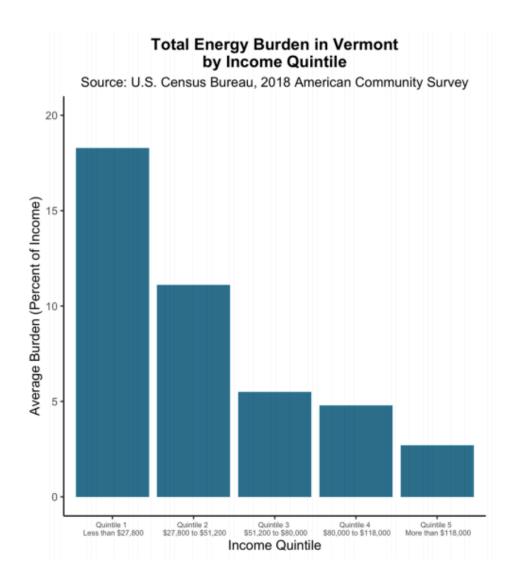
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in but spend a far greater proportion of their income on energy than do upper income Vermonters



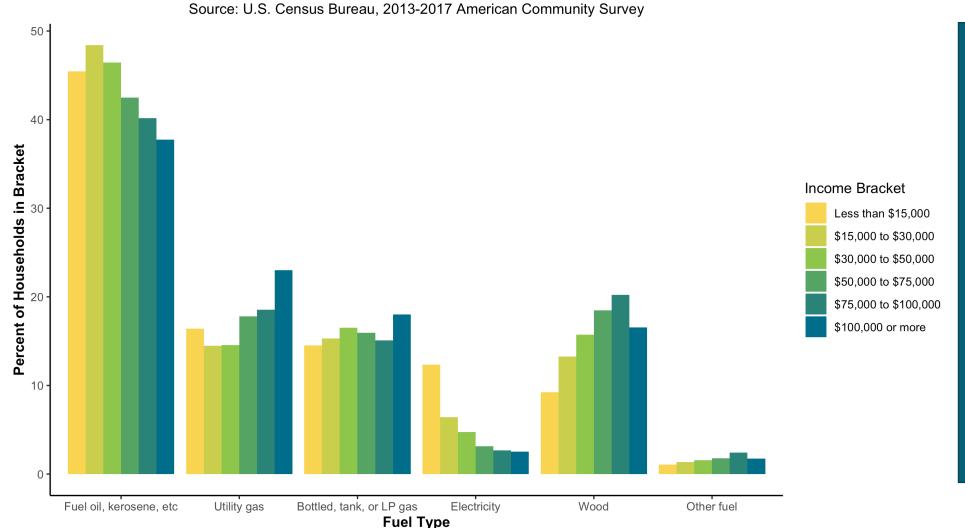






### **Income-Based Thermal Fuel Use Inequities**

#### **Vermont Thermal Fuel Use by Income**



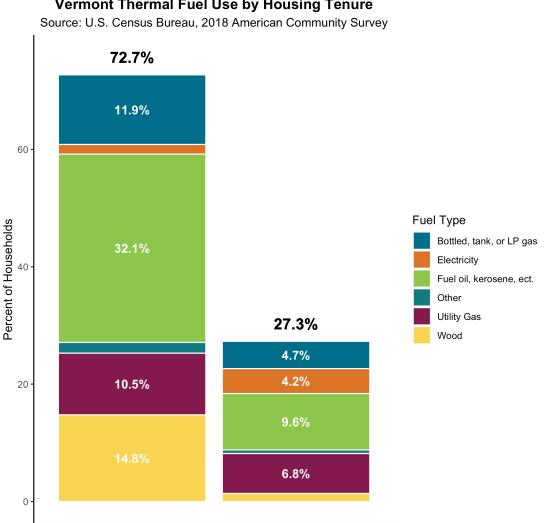
Lower-income households use fuel oil and electricity disproportiona tely more frequently and utility gas and wood disproportiona tely less frequently than higherincome households.



# Renting as a Barrier to Affordable Fuel

#### **Vermont Thermal Fuel Use by Housing Tenure**

Owned



Rented

- Split incentives discourage energy upgrades in low-income households
- Renters use wood disproportionately less than homeowners
- Renters use electricity (resistance) disproportionately more than homeowners



# Renting as a Barrier to Affordable Fuel

### Vermont Thermal Fuel Use by Housing Tenure and Income Tertile Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey

Tertile 1: Less than

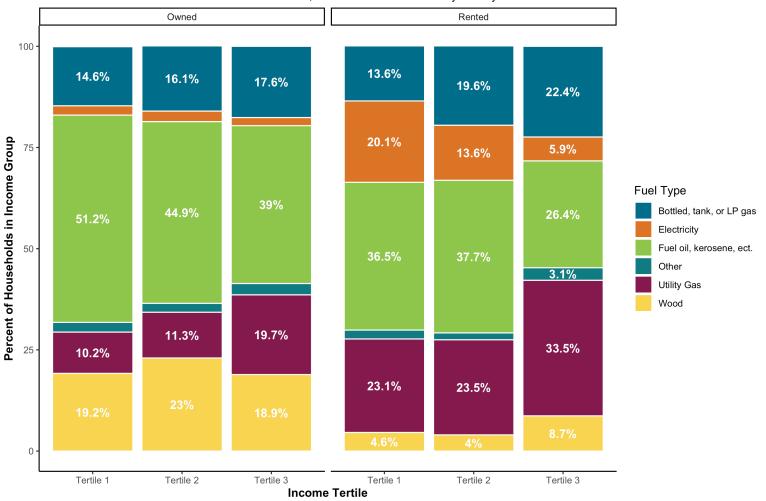
\$39,560

Tertile 2: \$39,560 to

\$85,000

**Tertile 3: More than** 

\$85,000





Low-income households purchase the least amount of energy, have the highest energy burden, and suffer the most intensely from energy burden.



### **Key Takeaways**

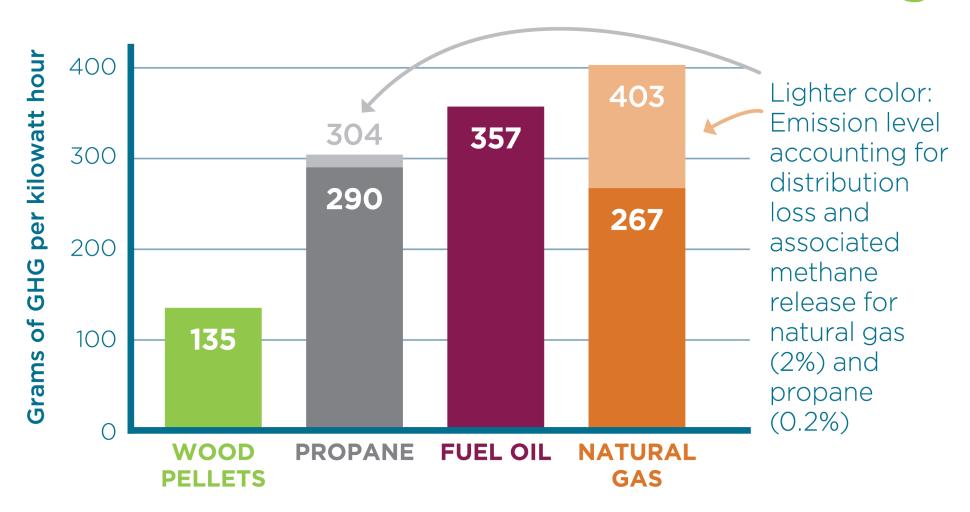
- Vermont has a moral obligation and is legally required to meet our emissions reduction commitments.
- To succeed, we need to focus on moving beyond fossil fueled transportation and heating – with personal action and government action
- Doing so is a generational opportunity to strengthen the Vermont economy, create good-paying jobs, save Vermonters money, and improve equity.



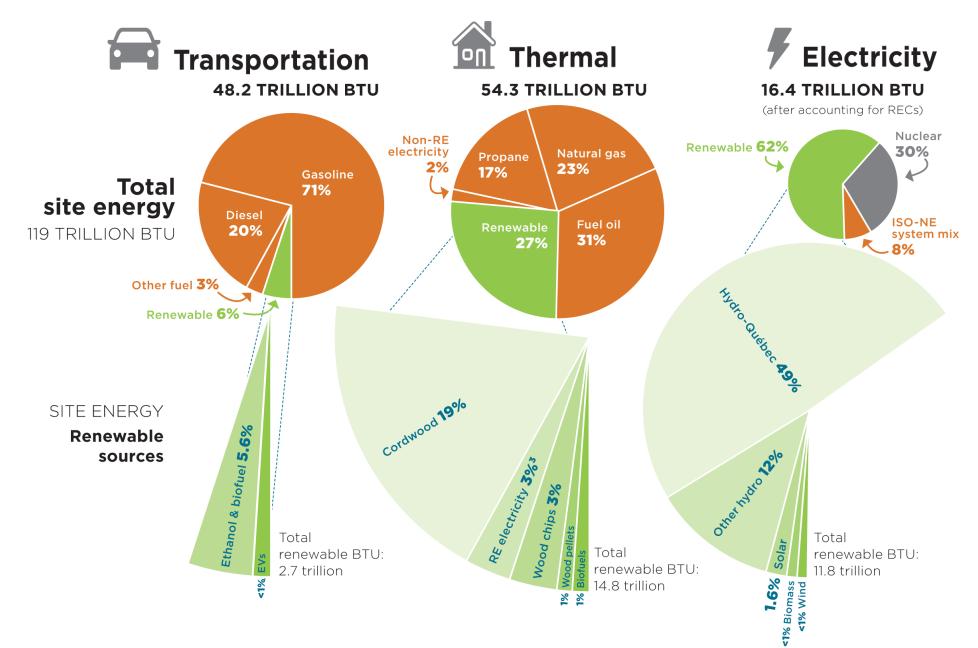
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# Wood pellets from Northeast cut GHG emissions vs. fossil fuel heating









### What do we mean by 'total energy'?

