

# Bay Area Air Quality Management District Consumption-based Regional GHG Emissions Inventory

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# Agenda

1. Project Overview
2. Methods
3. Results
4. Maps Demonstration
5. Discussion

# 1. Project Overview

## Goals

- Develop a regional consumption-based GHG inventory to help inform development of Air District's Regional Climate Protection Strategy.
- Provide guidance to Bay Area cities and counties on the size, composition and driving factors of household carbon footprints at neighborhood scale.
- Use local data whenever possible
- Compare consumption-based to conventional approach
- Create results for every city and county

## Output

- Excel spreadsheet model
- Maps
- Excel lookup tool
- Technical paper
- Summary report

# Consumption-based GHG Inventories

- Allocate all global GHG emissions to end users, regardless of where emissions were produced
- End users includes households and government
- Include emissions from all forms of consumption: transportation, energy, home construction, water, waste, food, goods, and services.
- Follow money to show how households allocate their spending among the universe of goods & services



# Six factors account for 93% of variation in carbon footprints

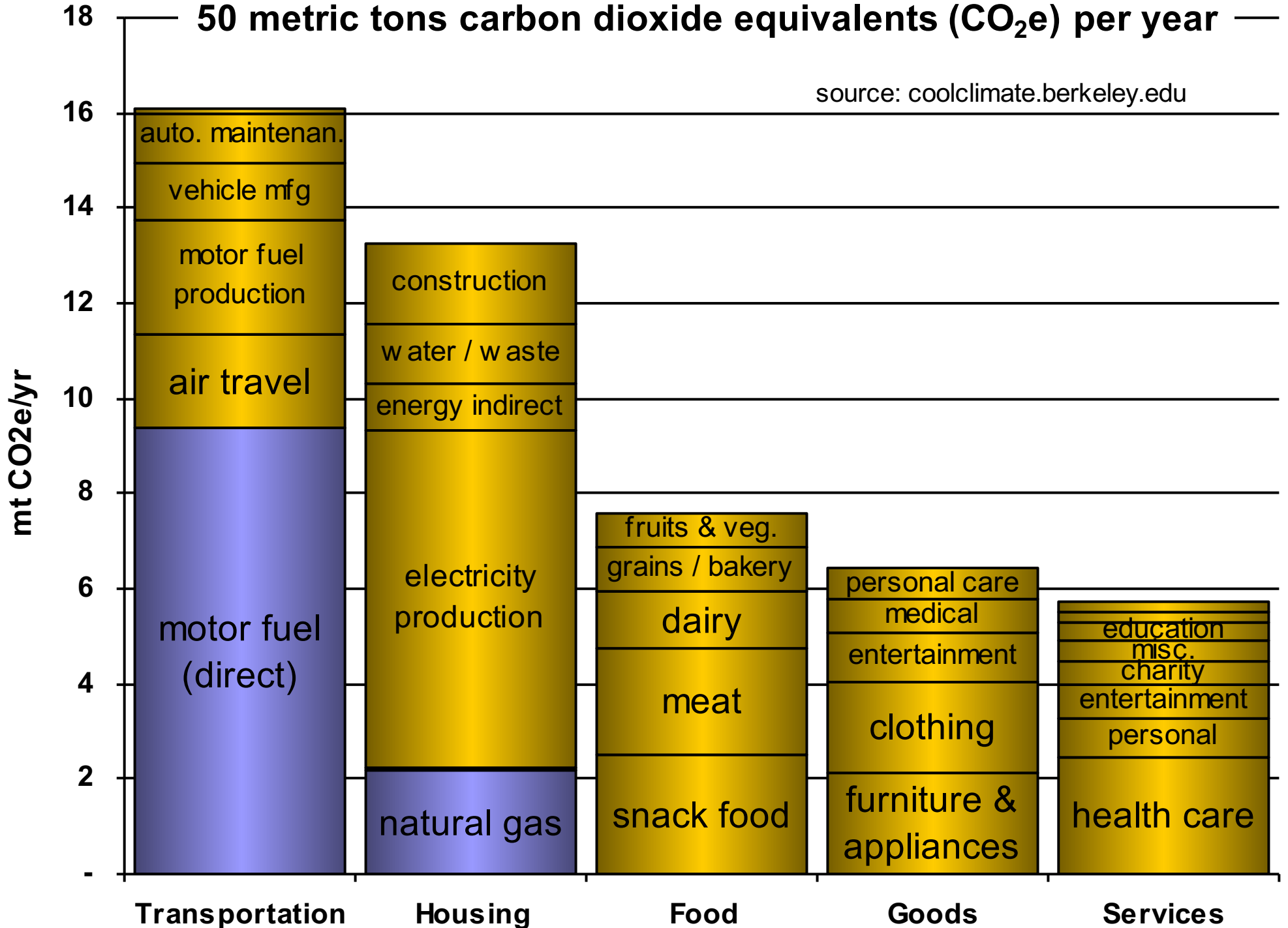
**Table 3.** Summary statistics of model results for all zip codes in the full dataset, principal cities (cores) and suburbs

|                   | all          | cores        | suburbs      |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 # vehicles      | 0.338        | 0.183        | 0.310        |
| annual hh income  | 0.499        | 0.476        | 0.500        |
| gCO2/kWh          | 0.271        | 0.255        | 0.288        |
| # rooms           | 0.202        | 0.242        | 0.221        |
| ln persons per hh | 0.179        | 0.255        | 0.154        |
| log pop. density  | -0.126       | -0.084       | -0.123       |
| <i>adj. R-sq</i>  | <i>0.925</i> | <i>0.962</i> | <i>0.946</i> |

# Carbon footprint of average U.S. household

50 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e) per year

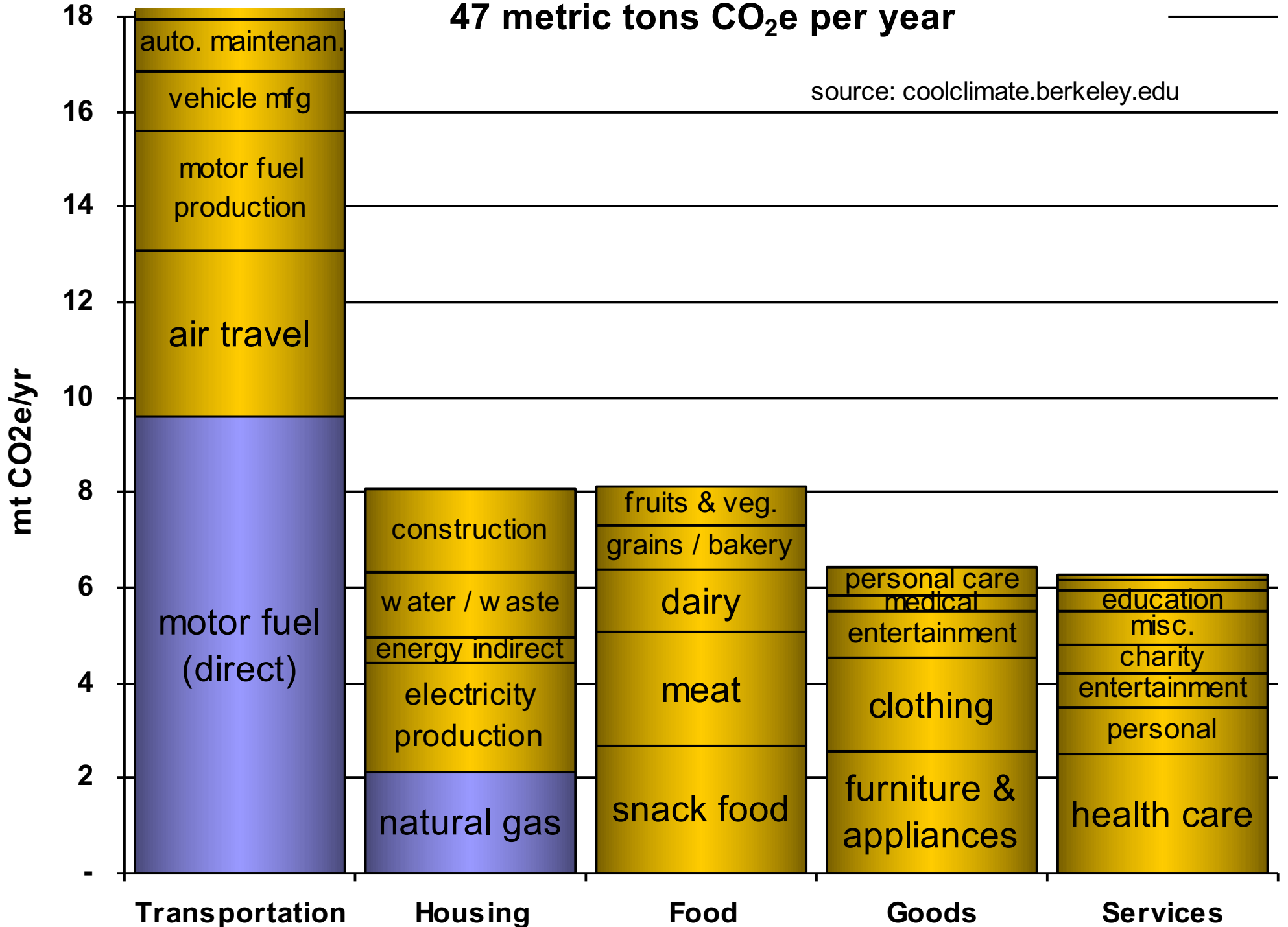
source: coolclimate.berkeley.edu



# Carbon footprint of average California household

## 47 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per year

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# Methods

## Transportation: motor vehicles

### Motor Vehicles

- SF Bay Area respondents in National Household Travel Survey
  - Key variables: Vehicle ownership, household size, income, commute time, commute mode...
- Fuel Economy by County
- Vehicle production: 56 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/mile
- Vehicle maintenance

### Air Travel

- Estimate miles based on household size and income
- GHG emission factors for fuel and atmospheric effects

### Public transit

- Allocate all emissions from transit systems evenly to household in counties served

# Methods

## Electricity, Natural Gas, Other Fuel

1. Utility data by zip code
2. Modified or each census block group by key factors: income, home size, home type, heating degree days, etc.
3. GHG emission factors from each electric utility

# Methods: Goods & Services

1. Estimate consumption of ~25 categories of goods and services based on income and household size

2. GHG emission factors (CEDA database)

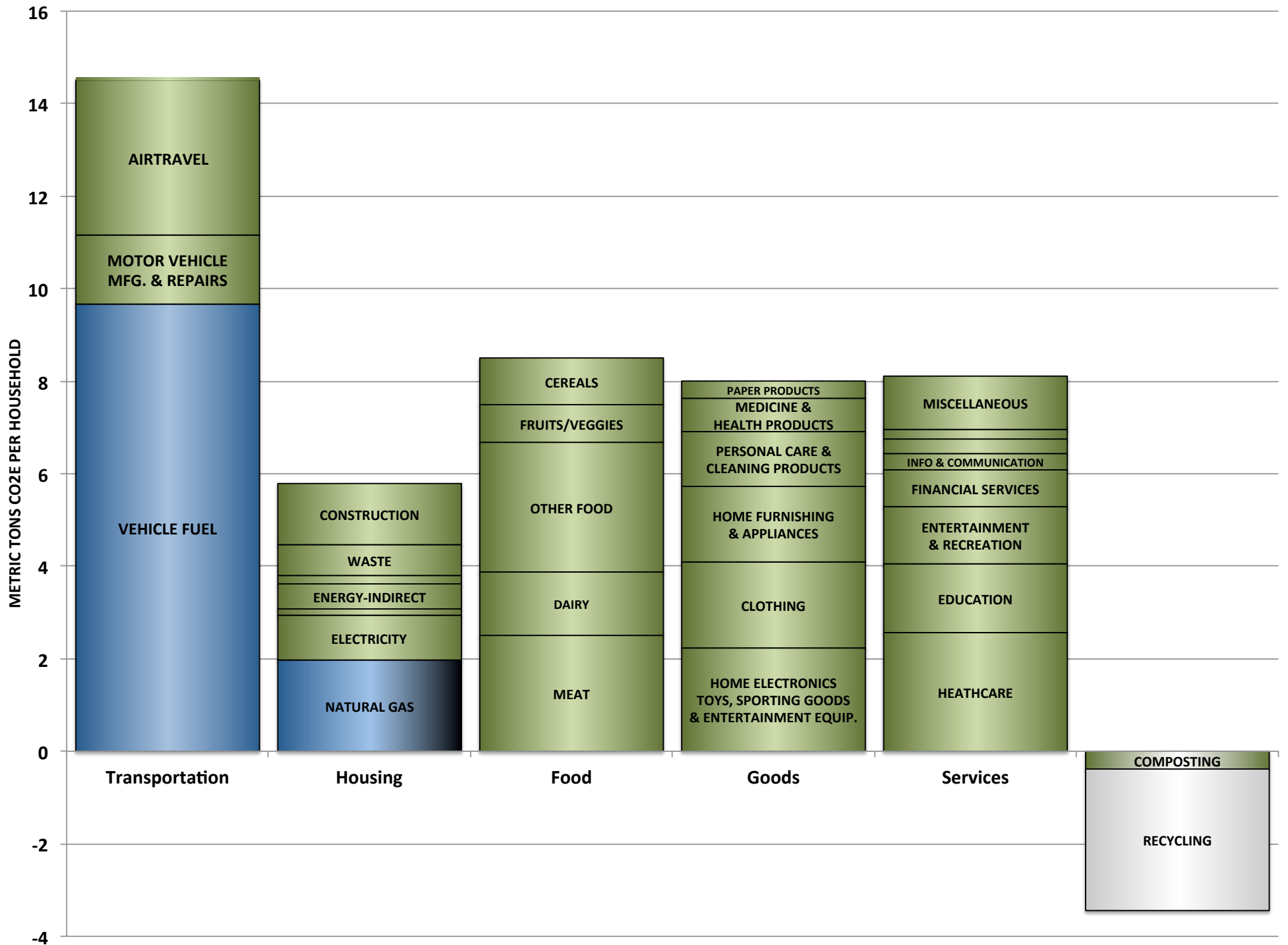
**Table 7. Goods and Services categories and weighted GHG-intensity from CEDA Version 4**

| Consumption Category                           | Value | Units                       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Clothing                                       | 750   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Furnishings, appliances, other household items | 614   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Other goods (sum of below)                     | 971   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Healthcare products                            | 696   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Electronics & entertainment equipment          | 1,279 | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Paper products                                 | 2,100 | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Personal care & cleaning                       | 954   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Auto parts                                     | 558   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Services (sum of below)                        | 507   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Vehicle repair                                 | 433   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Household maintenance and repair               | 134   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Education                                      | 1,065 | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Health care                                    | 1,151 | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Personal business and finances                 | 197   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Entertainment & recreation                     | 711   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Information and communication                  | 291   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Organizations and charity                      | 122   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |
| Miscellaneous services                         | 720   | gCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$(2005) |

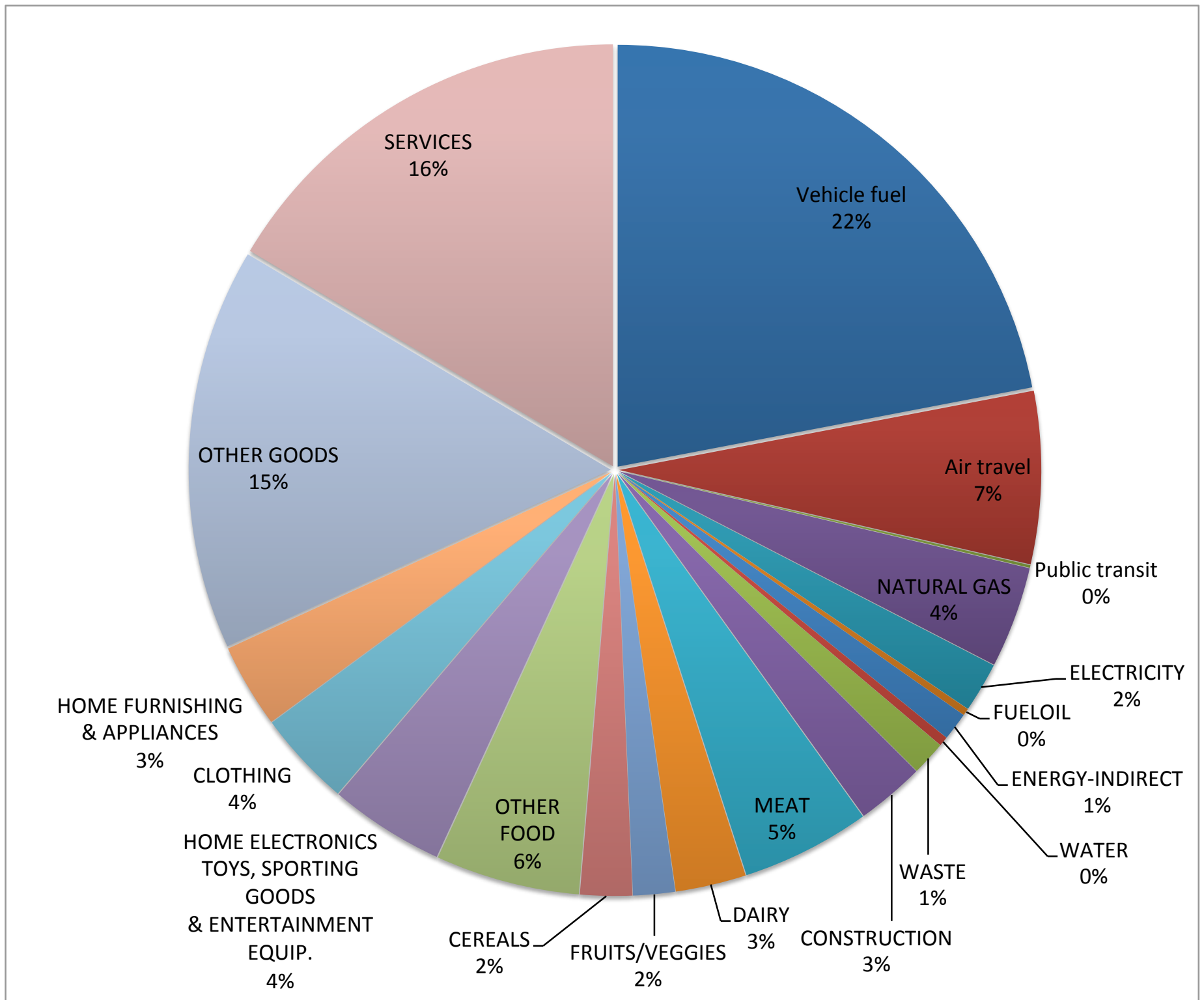
# 3. Results

# Carbon Footprint of S.F. Bay Area Households

44 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr







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85.2 tCO<sub>2</sub>e / household

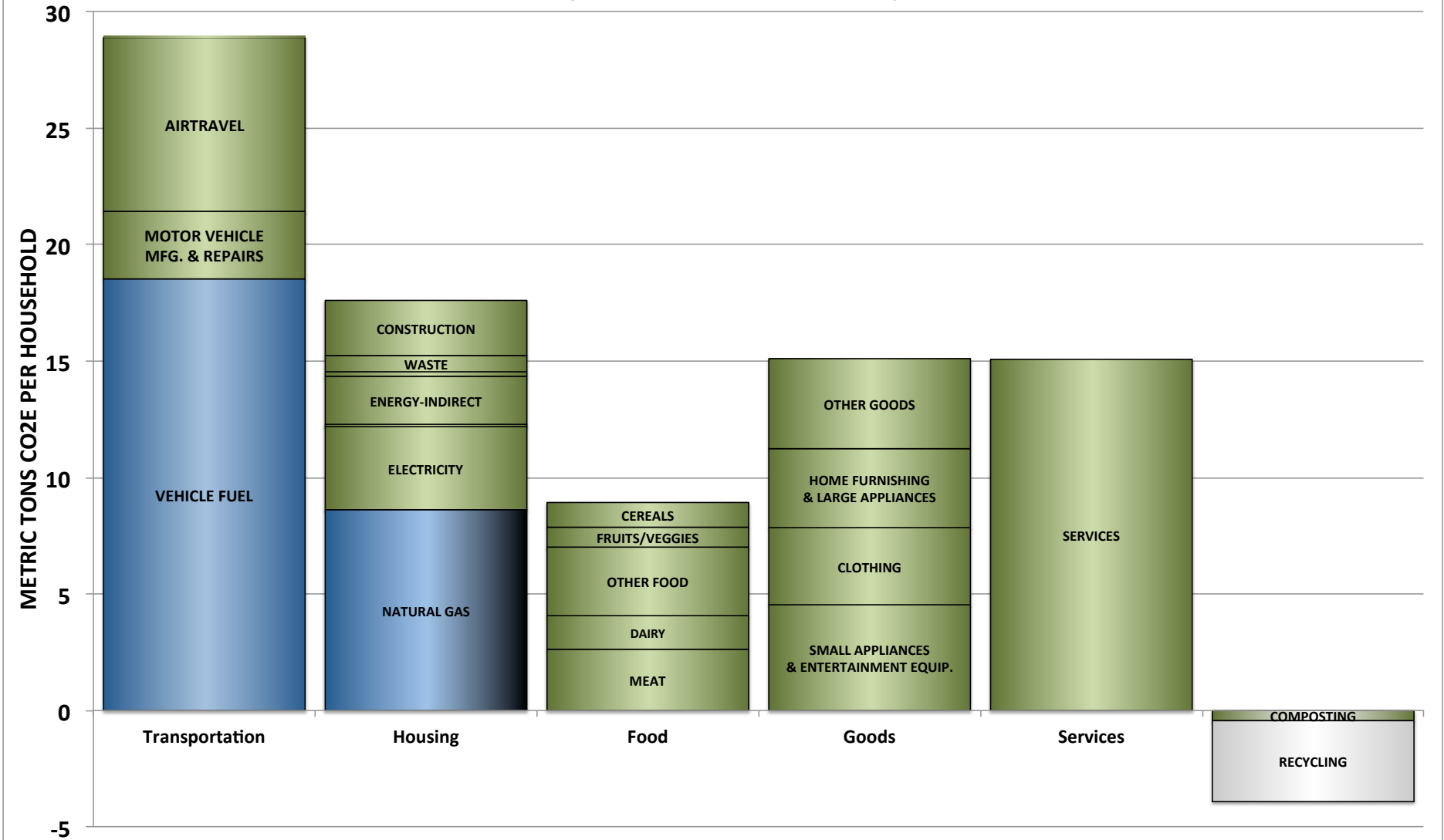
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2,281 Households

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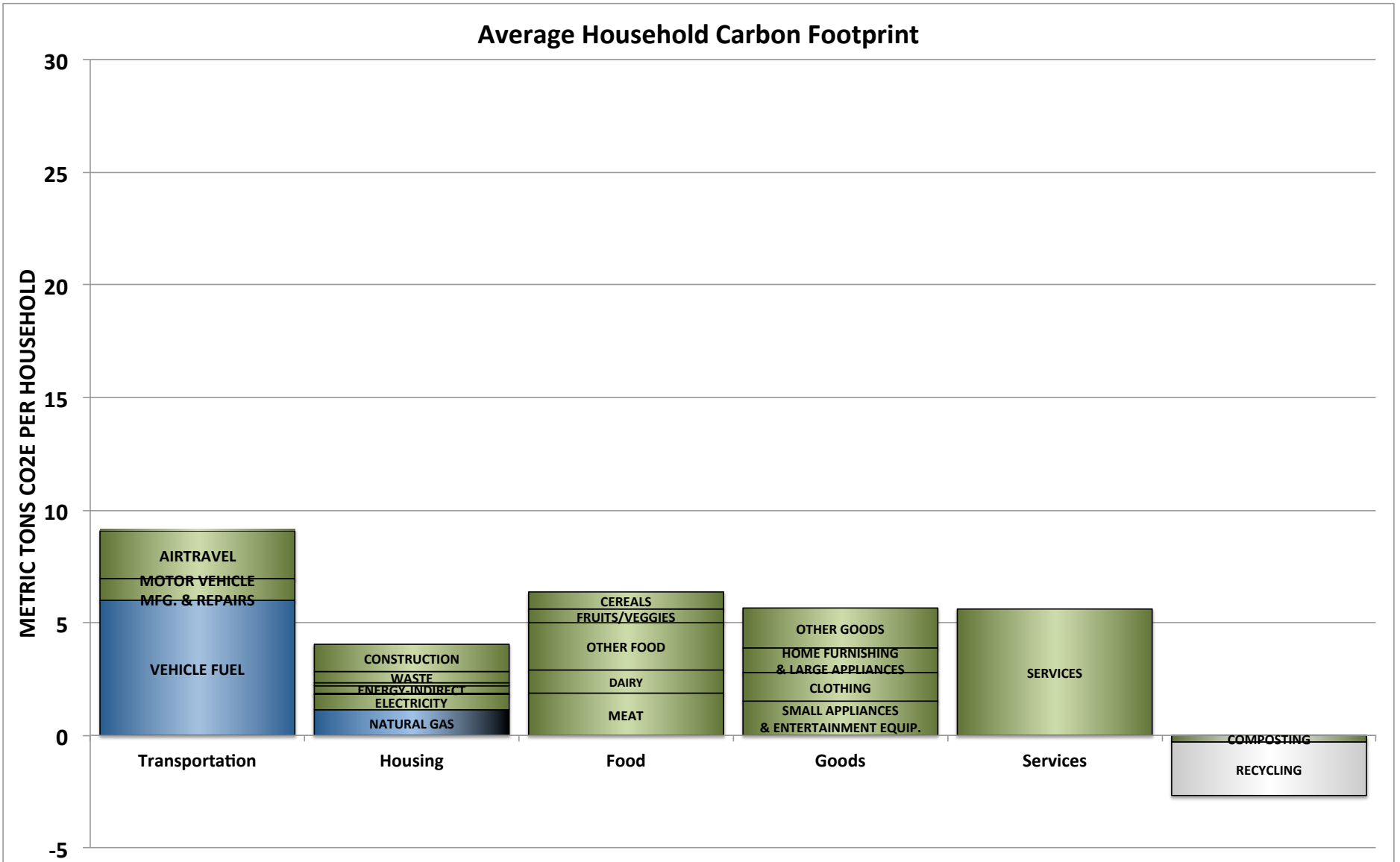
194,438 Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e

### Average Household Carbon Footprint

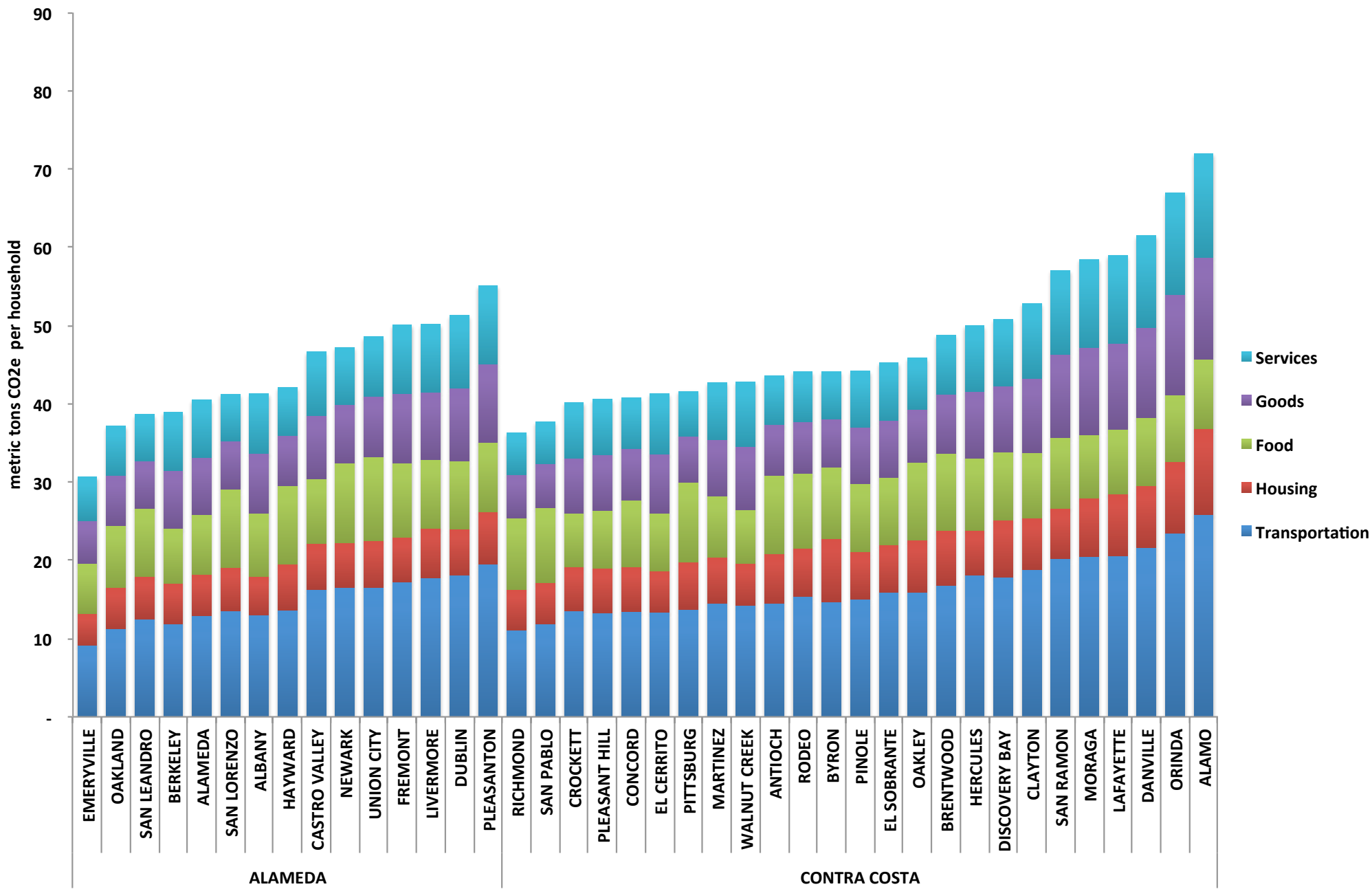


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30.5 tCO<sub>2</sub>e / household × 15,010 Households = 458,288 Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e



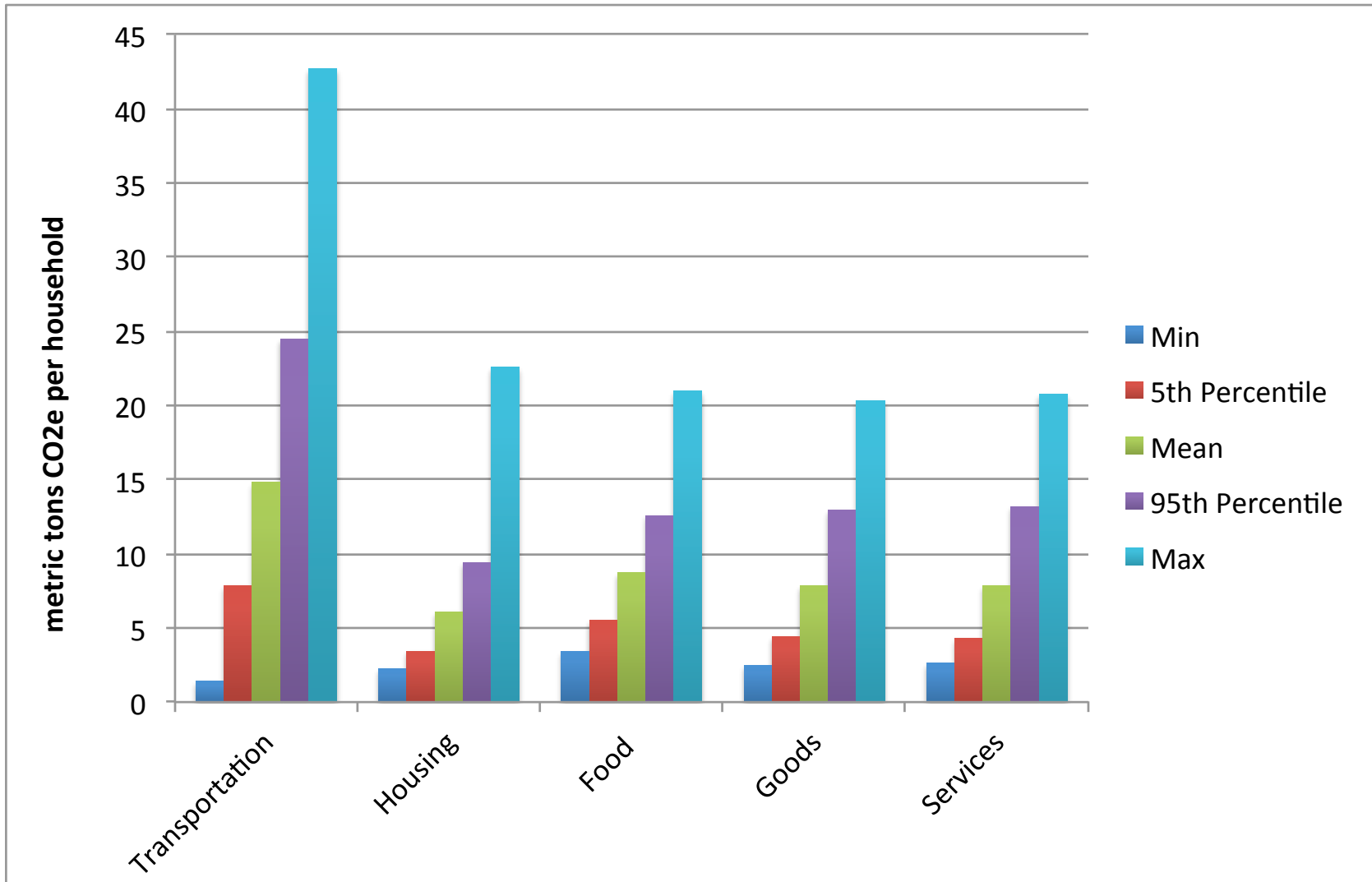
# East Bay Cities - Average Household Carbon Footprint



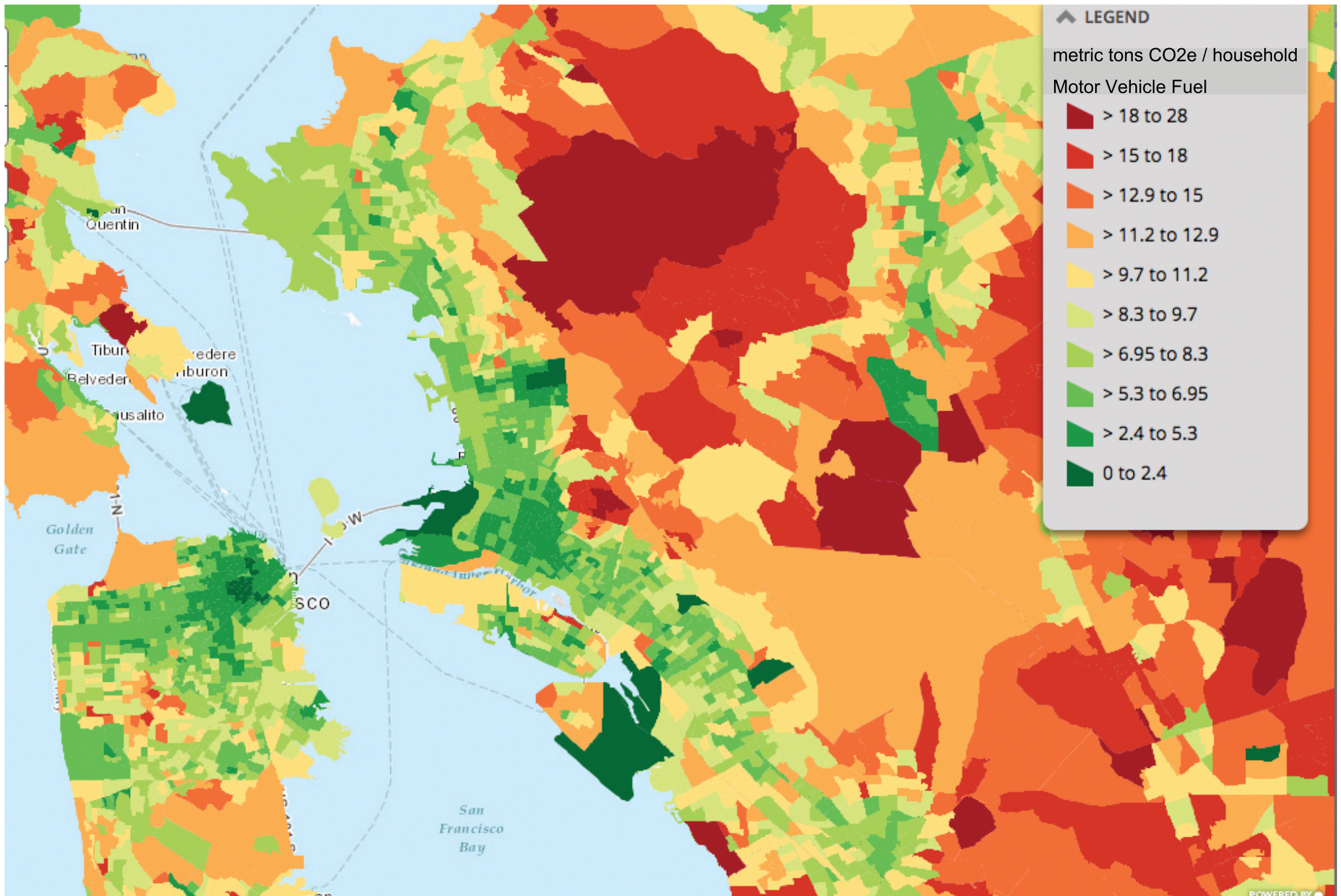
# Comparison of Territorial and Consumption-Based GHG Inventories

| A. Territorial                      |            |         | B. Consumption-Based                                  |            |         | B / A |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|-------|
| Sector                              | % of total | MMTCO2e | Sector                                                | % of total | MMTCO2e |       |
| Transportation & off-road equipment | 39%        | 34.8    | Transportation                                        | 33%        | 37.1    | 1.07  |
| Residential fuel usage              | 8%         | 6.7     | Natural Gas & other heating fuels                     | 5%         | 5.4     | 0.80  |
| Electricity / Co-generation         | 15%        | 13.0    | Electricity                                           | 2%         | 2.5     | 0.19  |
| Industrial / Commercial             | 35%        | 30.9    | Goods, Services, water, construction, indirect energy | 40%        | 45.2    | 1.46  |
| Agriculture                         | 1%         | 1.3     | Food                                                  | 19%        | 21.7    | 17.07 |
| Recycling & Waste                   | 2%         | 1.5     | Waste & Composting                                    | 1%         | 0.7     | 0.46  |
| Total                               | 100%       | 88.2    | TOTAL tCO2e/HH                                        | 100%       | 112.6   | 1.28  |

# Distribution of Carbon Footprints by Census Block Group



|                | Min  | 5th Percentile | Mean | 95th Percentile | Max   | 95/05 | Max/Min |
|----------------|------|----------------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Transportation | 1.4  | 7.9            | 14.8 | 24.5            | 42.7  | 3.1   | 30.4    |
| Housing        | 2.3  | 3.4            | 6.1  | 9.4             | 22.6  | 2.7   | 10.0    |
| Food           | 3.4  | 5.5            | 8.7  | 12.6            | 21.0  | 2.3   | 6.2     |
| Goods          | 2.5  | 4.4            | 7.8  | 13.0            | 20.3  | 2.9   | 8.1     |
| Services       | 2.6  | 4.3            | 7.9  | 13.2            | 20.7  | 3.1   | 7.9     |
| Total          | 14.3 | 28.1           | 44.9 | 67.8            | 103.7 | 2.4   | 7.3     |









# Potential policy implications

1. Focus more on vehicles, food and consumption, and less on electricity
2. Electrification: need local and state policies to support electrification of vehicles and heating (including phasing out gas heating)
3. Urban infill: Maps should help identify locations for priority infill development
4. Social marketing: community-based programs should target specific population segments within cities

# Future potential research

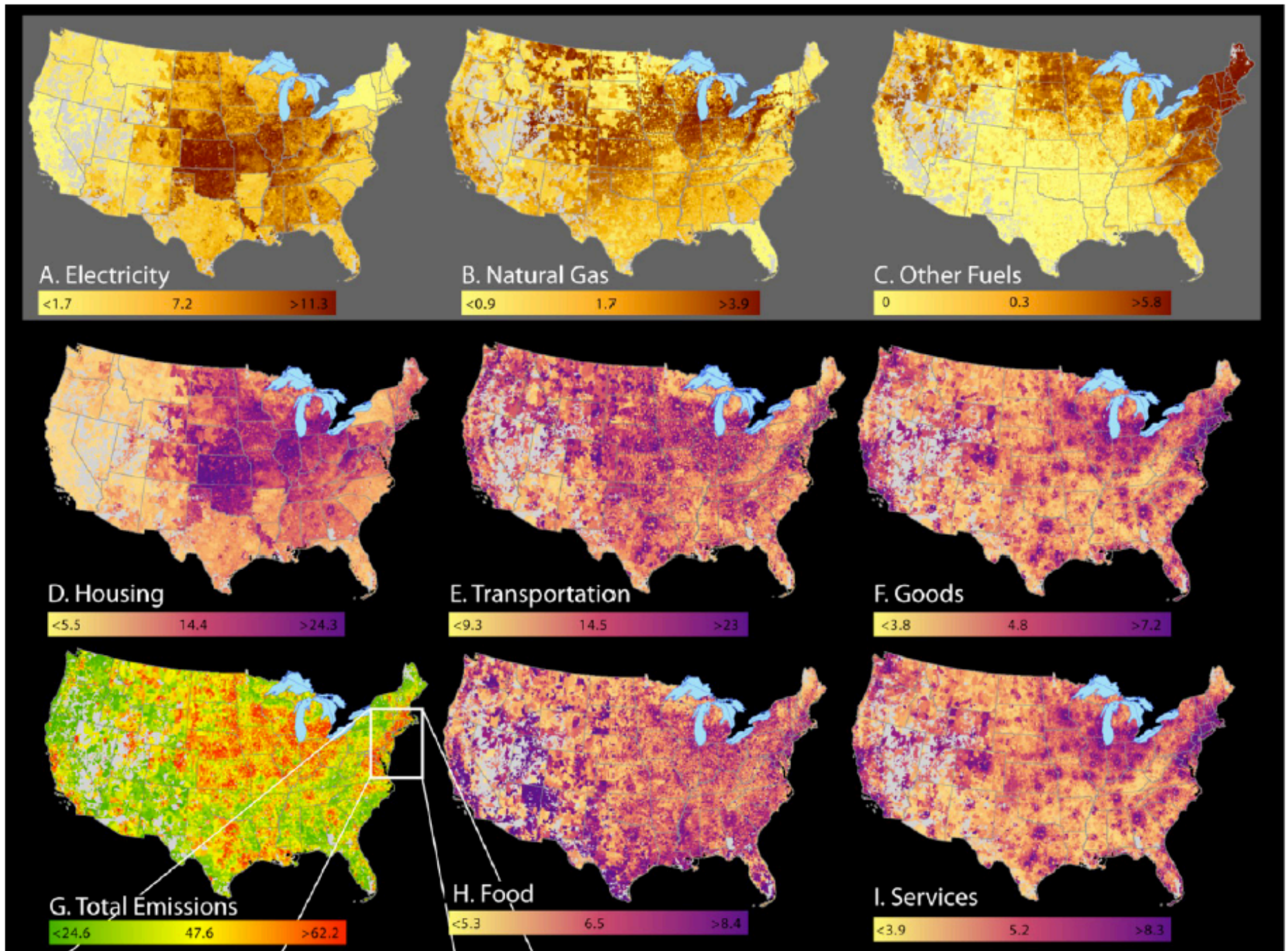
1. Estimates for baseline years: 1990, 2000, 2005, 2010
  2. Updates every five years
  3. Identify high priority locations for infill development
1. Online tools

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# Supporting Information



Source: Christopher M. Jones and Daniel M. Kammen, Spatial Distribution of U.S. Household Carbon Footprints Reveals Suburbanization Undermines Greenhouse Gas Benefits of Urban Population Density. *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 2014, 48 (2), pp 895–902.

# Methods

## Transportation: Public Transit

1. Collect fuel consumption from transit authorities
2. Allocate emissions evenly to residents of counties served by each system

# Methods: Water

## Water

- 10-region California GHG-intensity model
- 70 gallons per person per day for indoor purposes
- 130 gallons per person per day for outdoor purposes (20% less than CA avg.)
- 66 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per person per year

# Methods: Waste

1. CalRecycle waste characterization study for each county
2. GHG emission factors from ARB and EPA



# Methods: Food

1. Caloric consumption (by ~10 food groups) for average American adult and child
2. Reduce by 10% to account for SF diet
3. Apply GHG emission factors per calorie (CEDA database)
4. Apply to census block groups based on household size

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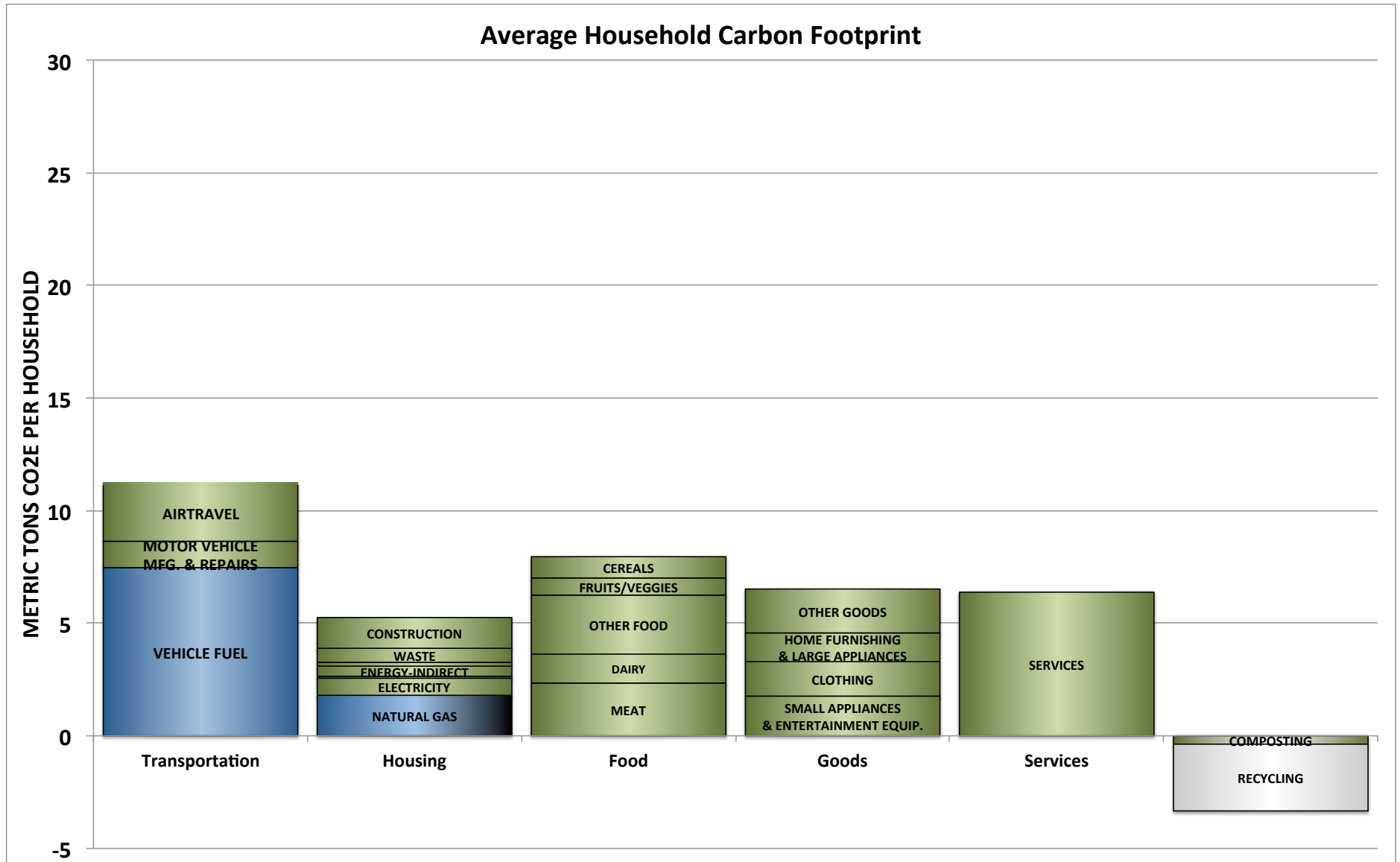
37.0 tCO<sub>2</sub>e / household

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147,986 Households

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5,473,084 Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e



CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

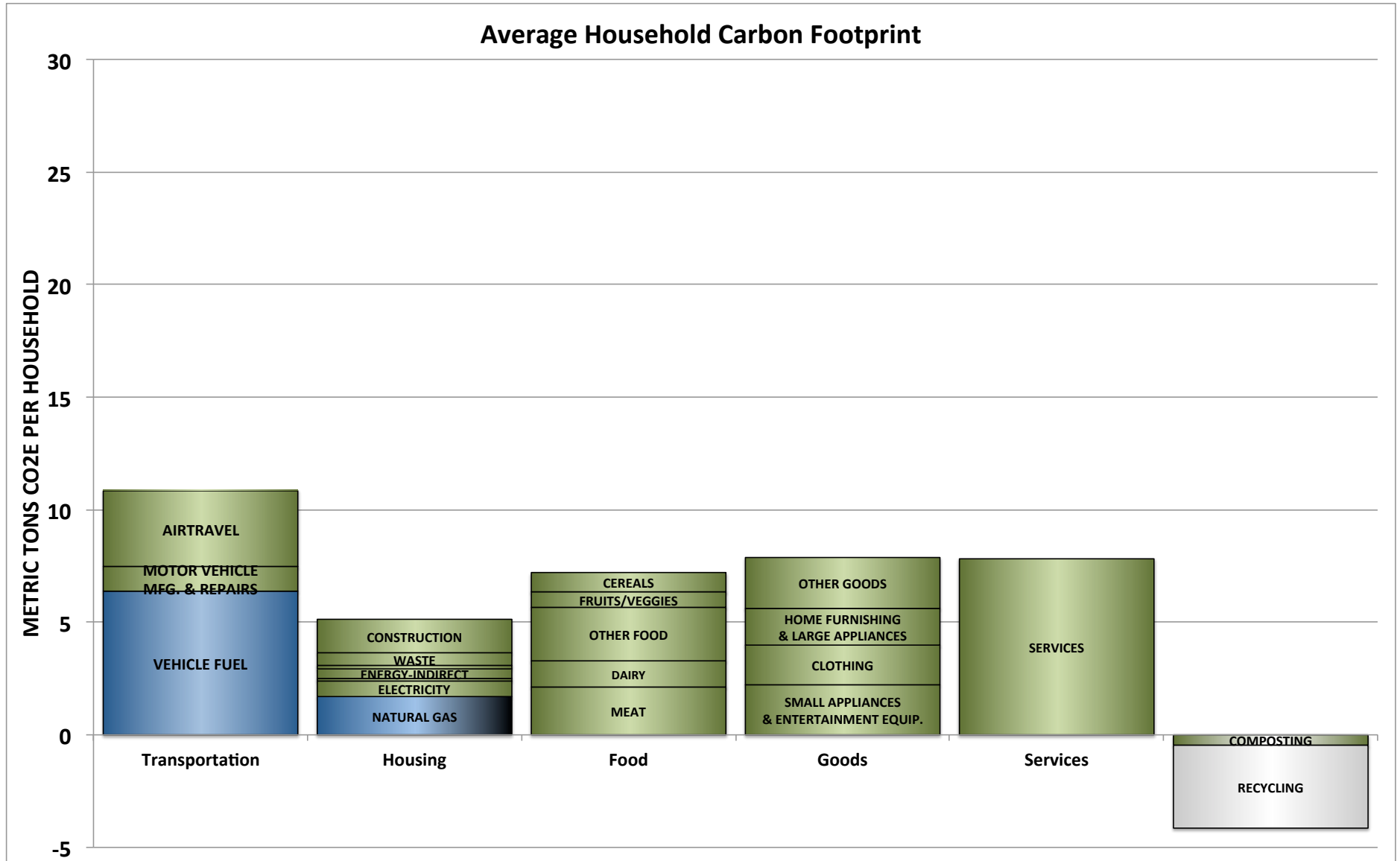
38.5 tCO<sub>2</sub>e / household

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345,344 Households

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13,282,997 Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e



CITY OF SAN JOSE

46.6 tCO<sub>2</sub>e / household

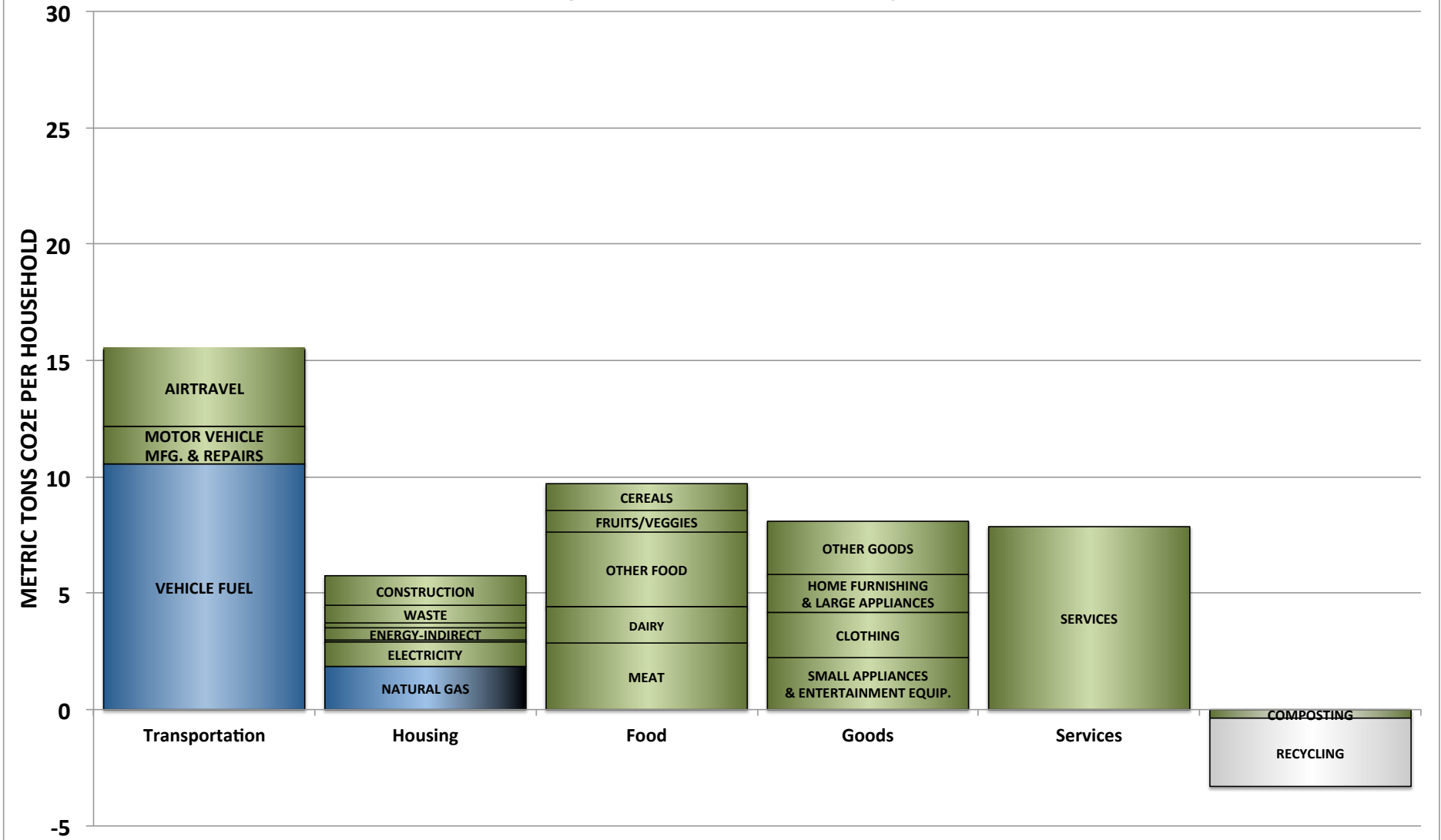
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314,615 Households

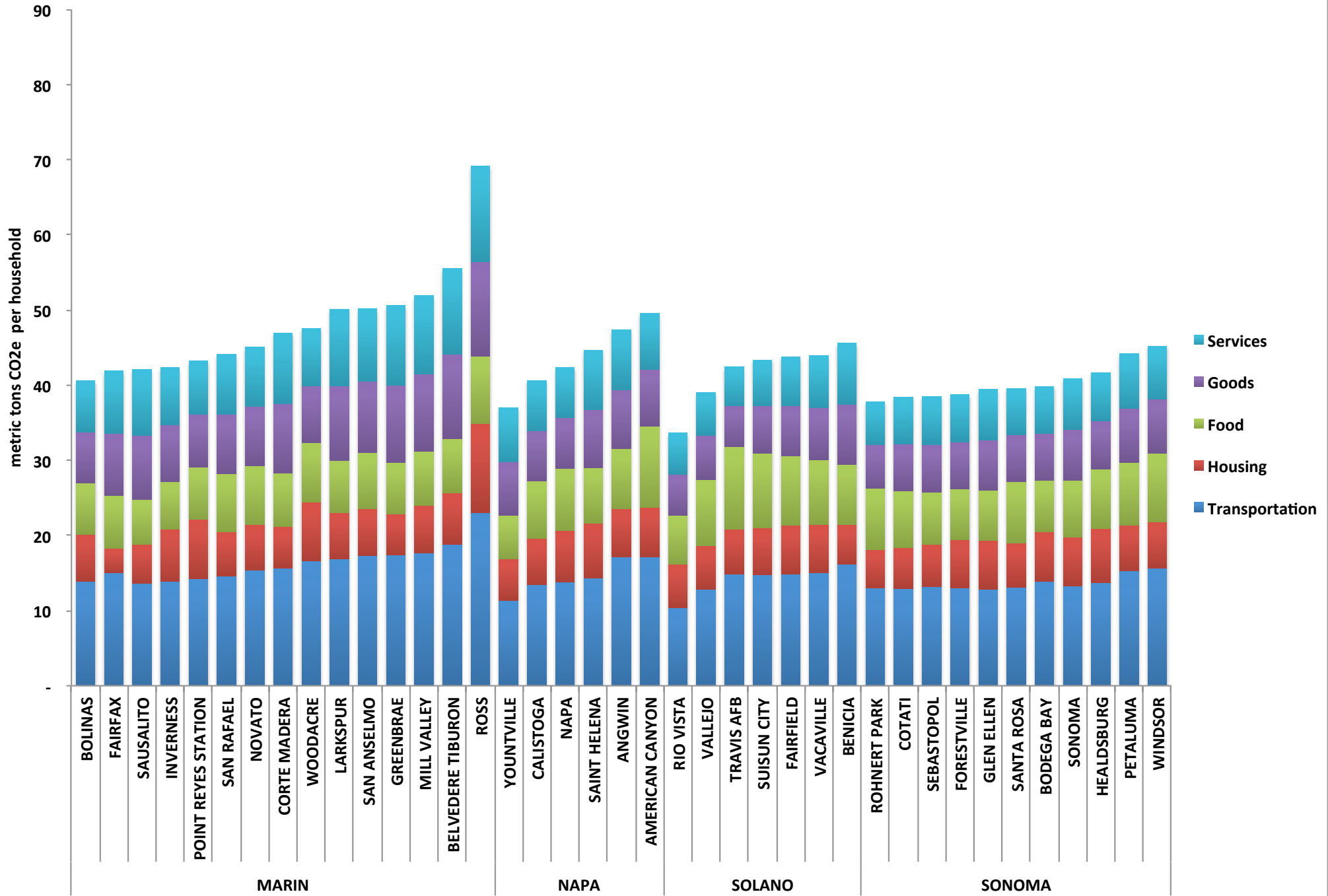
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14,662,199 Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e

### Average Household Carbon Footprint



# North Bay Cities - Average Household Carbon Footprint



# San Francisco & South Bay Cities - Average Household Carbon Footprint

