

Tech Zero Report

Cambridge Intelligence 2025–2026 financial year

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Introduction

Cambridge Intelligence is a software company selling data visualization toolkits.

Our business was founded in 2011, and we had an average of 86 employees during 2025–26, with our main office in Cambridge, UK.

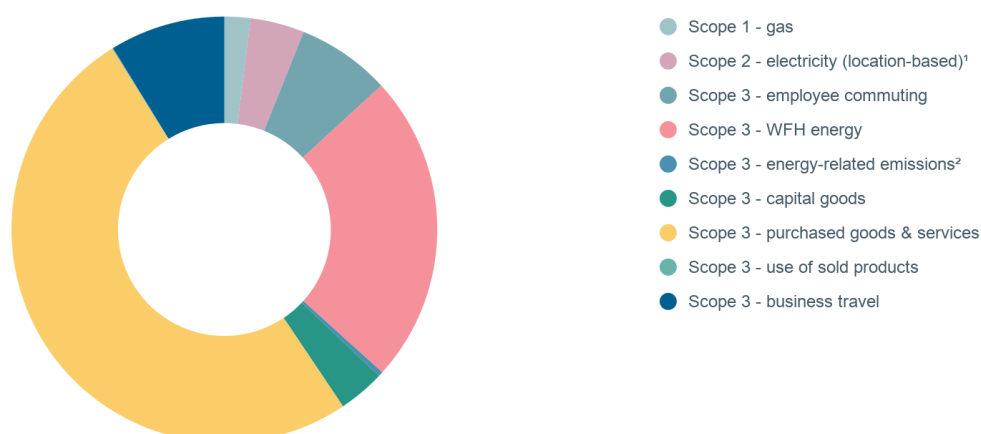
We committed to achieving net zero by 2030 in our first report in 2020/21 when COVID caused emissions to do all sorts of wild things and when 2030 felt very far off. We are making progress, as this report will outline, but given the current trajectory of decarbonisation in the technology sector and in the UK more generally, we will be reviewing this target over the coming year and hope to have some ambitious but more realistic targets to publish with our next report.

Carbon footprint

We started measuring our carbon footprint in the 2019/20 financial year. Since then, we have continuously improved the accuracy and completeness of our reporting, particularly for our scope 3 emissions. Below is a summary of our carbon footprint for 2025/26 and a comparison with previous years.

Total emissions by scope and source 2025/26 (tCO₂e)

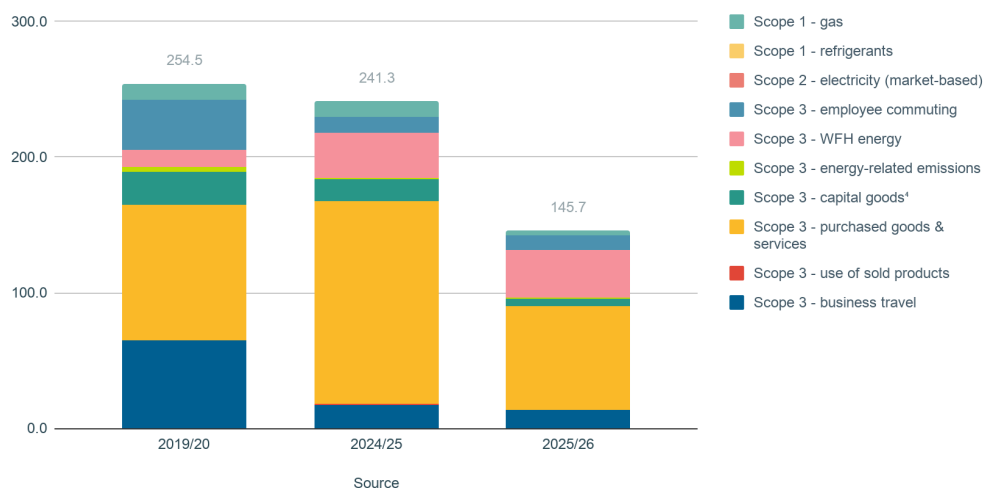
Total emissions by scope and source 2025/26 (tCO₂e)



Total emissions (tCO₂e) by source (scopes 1-3)

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Market-based emissions by source and year since our 2019/20 baseline

Greenhouse gas emissions relating to our operations by source and year (tCO₂e)

Source	tCO ₂ e		
	2019/20 (base year)	2024/25	2025/26
Scope 1 – gas	12.4	11.7	3.0
Scope 1 – refrigerants	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scope 2 – electricity (location-based) ¹	7.5	6.1	6.2
Scope 2 – electricity (market-based)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scope 3 – employee commuting	36.7	11.3	10.8
Scope 3 – WFH energy	12.5	33.9	35.7
Scope 3 – energy-related emissions ²	3.4	0.5	0.6
Scope 3 – capital goods	24.7	16.7	5.4
Scope 3 – purchased goods & services	99.5	149.6	76.9
Scope 3 – use of sold products	0.1	0.1	0.1
Scope 3 – business travel	65.2	17.5	13.3
Total Emissions (market-based)	254.5	241.3	145.7
Cumulative reduction in emissions since 2019		5%	43%
Emissions per employee (tCO ₂ e)	5.5	2.94	1.70
Emissions per £1m consolidated revenue (tCO ₂ e/£1m)	40	17.14	10.24

1- We use 100% renewable energy for our office, so this row isn't included in our total.

2- Includes transmission & distribution (electricity), well-to-tank electricity and well-to-tank gas.

Scope 1 & 2: Boilers

We have seen a significant decrease in Scope 1 emissions this year. The boilers in our building stopped working halfway through the winter and have now been replaced with significantly more efficient ones. From our usage data from February to May it looks like we should be able to achieve an approximately 45% reduction in gas usage.

We did look into replacing the boilers with a heat pump based solution, but as we lease the building and government grants for heat pumps are focused on the domestic market at present, we were not able to find a solution that was anywhere near cost-competitive.

You will note below that electricity emissions are higher this year. This is largely due to running the air conditioning system to heat the building during the six weeks or so between the old boilers ceasing to function and the new boilers coming online.

Scope 3: Purchased Goods and Services

We have made strides to improve the accuracy of our purchased goods and services metrics this year. For the first time we are incorporating supplier-specific emissions data for 11 of our most used suppliers and accounting for 32% of purchased goods and services spending. Some of these are actual usage emissions (where available) and some are supplier specific spend-based factors published in their sustainability reports.

For the other 68% of purchased goods and services spending, spend-based industry emissions figures have been taken from [Open CEDA by Watershed](#).

We did not have the capacity to re-run the 2024/25 purchases through the CEDA factors, so the values may not be directly comparable. Emissions factor sourcing has been a real pain point in the process for us for a number of years, and we are thrilled to have found this dataset. In future years we will have more consistency thanks to the CEDA numbers, and we will continue to try to source supplier and product specific factors wherever possible.

Scope 3: Home-working Emissions

We have begun to collect data on employee energy suppliers and home heating. By encouraging green energy usage by employees and tracking electrified heating take-up (e.g. heat pumps) we can reduce our home working emissions.

Scope 3: Capital Goods

With improvements to the maintenance and re-usability of existing computers we have extended their replacement frequency from 3 to 4 years which should reduce our capital goods emissions in future years. There was a significant number of computers replaced last year and you can see a much lower number purchased this year. We continue to use the lifecycle emissions reports provided by the manufacturer (e.g. Apple's Environmental Reports) for the laptops in this report.

Offsets

All 2025/26 emissions have been offset with 180 Verified Emission Reduction (VER) carbon credits from Gold Standard. The projects supported are:

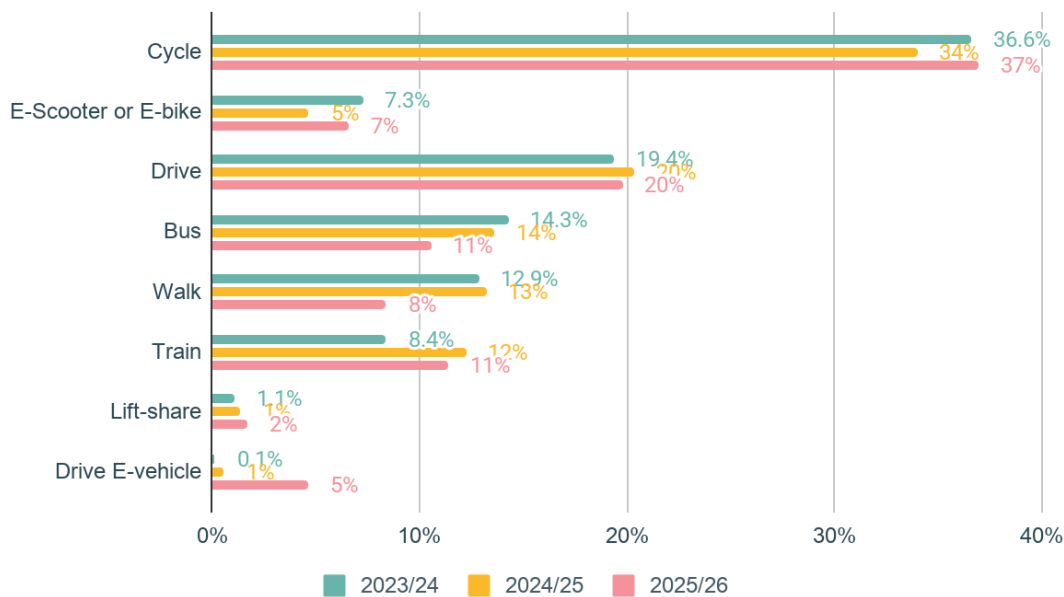
- HomeBiogas Programme in Kenya – (60x)
- Vichada Climate Reforestation, Colombia – (60x)
- Aluminum Recycling – A Solution for CO₂ Emissions Reduction, Romania – (60x)

More information about the projects can be found in [the GSF registry](#).

Supplementary Measures

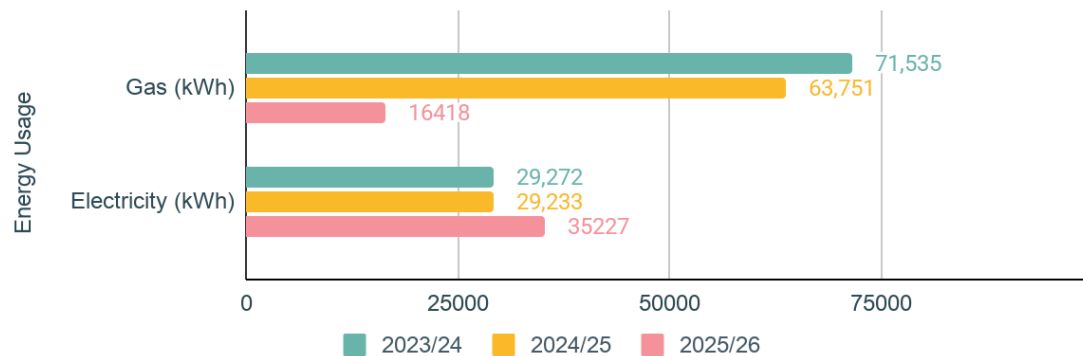
In addition to measuring our GHG emissions, we are tracking two other measures: commuting mode and actual energy usage. The way that employees get to the office is largely unchanged this year, although we do have more people living further away from the office. Some of the increase in car journeys this year has been offset by an increase in EV ownership. The Cambridge bus network is also rapidly electrifying, which should see a reduction in emissions for bus journeys.

Commuting Modes (% of journeys to the office)



Commuting modes for the over 4k journeys to the office in 2025/26.

Energy Usage (kWh)



Energy usage in kWh for our office in Cambridge. See [Scope 1 & 2: Boilers](#), above for more details on the energy usage for 2025/26.

Completed emissions-reducing actions

We continue to work on reducing carbon emissions from our operations and improving the detail of our footprint calculations, particularly for scope 3 elements. Residual emissions are offset annually using best-practice offset schemes.

The table below gives an update on our committed actions as set out in our Tech Zero report for 2024/25.

Action	Explanation	Scope	Progress/outcome notes
Employee Green Energy Switch initiative	Reduce WFH emissions by rewarding employees for using green energy suppliers at home.	3	We put together a fairly compelling switch offer using the Octopus Energy switch referral. Use Cambridge Intelligence's code and get £50, plus we'll donate the business' £50 bonus to charity. It has taken some time to get traction, but we are starting to see some takeup of the initiative and will keep it running.
Review spending in high-emissions purchased goods and services categories	Propose changes to spending policies to reduce spending on high-intensity activities or shift spending to lower intensity suppliers. Review the 'Computer services' emissions category as this was our biggest contributor in Scope 3.	3	Several projects happened this year. When renewing our insurance premiums we asked the broker for emissions data from all providers. We also received good data from our auditors. These are high spend providers. We are also in the middle of some significant changes to our software development deployments which will reduce the cloud resources that we consume. This will also have a major impact as cloud hosting is a high cost for a business like ours.
Replace Boiler System	The current boiler system needs replacing, and we are currently looking at an updated system which should reduce our emissions in the current premises.	1 & 2	Boilers were replaced. As mentioned above we weren't able to find a gas-free solution, but the efficiency improvements are still significant.
Improve Office Energy Efficiency	Review office energy usage and trial ways to improve our energy efficiency. This could include concentrating office occupancy on particular floors on quiet days to reduce energy usage.	1 & 2	Various changes were made to the heating and air conditioning systems. In particular timers were set up on all air con units to ensure that they are not used longer than required.
Review suppliers for Cambridge Intelligence Merchandise	Over the years, we have engaged with various suppliers for purchasing Cambridge Intelligence branded merchandise and we will review existing supplier lists to make sure we are using sustainable and green conscious providers where applicable.	3	Whenever purchasing branded items we try to purchase the 'greenest' option if possible, if there is a more sustainable option, we will go for that.
Octopus EV scheme	Reduce commuting emissions by helping employees to move to an EV when purchasing a new vehicle.	3	Several people have enrolled. You can now see 5% of the workforce commuting in EVs.

Planned actions

We want to keep reducing our environmental impact. To help us do that, we're committing to complete the actions below before the end of the 2026/27 reporting year. We will also continue to report on our footprint annually.

Action	Explanation	Scope
Theme: Targets		
Create credible science-based targets for decarbonisation of the business.	We need a clearer decarbonisation pathway that can provide areas of focus and allow us to actually lower emissions rather than just measuring them, and likely updated net zero dates.	1,2,3
Theme: Measurement		
Emission related to AI usage	Understand carbon emissions in relation to AI usage. Collate information from our suppliers and investigate on-premise AI solutions.	2 & 3
Engage with Stagecoach for accurate bus emissions factors	The local Cambridge bus network has undergone significant electrification in the last few years. We want this to be reflected in our commuting emissions.	3
Increase supplier-specific emissions percentage	This year we managed to go from 0% to 32% supplier specific emissions. We'd like to improve this to 50% for the 2026/27 report.	3
Theme: Employee engagement		
Promote Cycle to work, lift sharing	Our commuting modes percentages have been very static for several years. We would like to explore ways to increase active transport usage.	3
(Maybe) Education campaign around emissions of pensions and savings	Cambridge Intelligence pays a significant sum into employee pensions each month and investments are a significant source of emissions. We could significantly reduce these emissions by educating employees and reviewing pension defaults as well as the business' own savings and investments.	n/a

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