

Climate Dashboard

EC4 Advisory Board

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Act on Climate Mandates

On April 14, 2021, Governor Dan McKee signed into law the 2021 Act on Climate, which sets mandatory, enforceable climate emissions reduction goals leading the state to achieve net-zero emissions economy-wide by 2050. This legislation updates the previous 2014 Resilient Rhode Island Act, positioning the state to boldly address climate change and prepare for a global economy that will be shifting to adapt to clean technology.

Act on Climate as it pertains to a Climate Change Dashboard:

***“To support the council’s (EC4) work, state agencies shall:
Foster public transparency by developing public metrics and an online public dashboard that shall track both emissions reductions and sources of energy consumed by the state. The metrics and the dashboard shall be updated at least annually.”***

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-6.2-3.

www.climatechange.ri.gov/aoc



EC4 Memorandum

February 2022:

The 2021 Act on Climate requires the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) to “foster public transparency by developing public metrics and an online public dashboard that shall track both emissions reductions and sources of energy consumed by the state” (RIGL 42-6.2-3.13).

The EC4 is requesting advice and guidance from the Advisory Board to develop a draft outline of a climate dashboard by October 31, 2022.

Guiding Principles:

- Meet the letter of the law
- Maximize transparency
- Consider facets of climate change beyond emissions
- Build on best practices
- Balance information with administration
- Consider the dashboard a living document



Click here for the latest information about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) from the Rhode Island Department of Health.

HOME / RI IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE: A SNAPSHOT

- Transportation Emissions Dashboard
- Get Involved
- On-Going Initiatives
- Learn About Climate Change



SPOTLIGHT: CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

RIPTA Buses Equipped With Solar Panels

RIPTA buses are now receiving a little boost from sun! Most riders won't notice it from where they are standing, but RIPTA has installed solar panels on all 33 of its 2019 diesel fleet. While the solar panels are not designed to make the buses go, they help power many of the vehicles' auxiliary systems, such as ignition, GPS, automated stop announcements and lighting. This in turn reduces strain on the battery and can keep these systems live even when the engine is not running. Over the lifetime of the bus, the solar panels are expected to extend the life of the alternator, a vital engine component necessary for generating electricity. eNow Inc. supplied the 310-watt solar auxiliary panels and panel systems. The pilot project was funded in part by the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation which contributed a renewable energy grant of \$42,800 that covered about two thirds of the

RI in the Fight Against Climate Change: A Snapshot

Rhode Island is working to combat climate change on many fronts, and this dashboard is designed to highlight a handful of key metrics.



CLEAN ENERGY



100%

toward the goal of increasing RI's clean energy tenfold by 2020

WHY IT MATTERS

A 400MW offshore wind farm can produce approximately one-quarter of all the electricity used by Rhode Islanders annually – without contributing to climate change through greenhouse gas emissions.

Learn more



ENERGY EFFICIENCY



4.8

From 2007-2020, energy efficiency measures have saved electric power equal to that generated by 4.8 power plants. From 2008-2020, the greenhouse gas emissions prevented by RI's natural gas efficiency programs are equal to taking 346,789 passenger vehicles off the road for one year.

WHY IT MATTERS

There are lots of ways to become more energy efficient. You can install LED light bulbs, insulate your home, invest in energy star appliances and smart controls such as Wi-Fi thermostats. Schedule a free energy audit for your home or business to find out what programs may be available to help pay for your energy efficiency upgrades. Call 1-888-633-7947 for info.

Learn more



GREEN JOBS



16,348

WHY IT MATTERS

Fighting climate change is good for the economy. Energy efficiency jobs make up the largest sector of the clean energy economy, with efficient heating and cooling

EC4 Memorandum

Existing Efforts: RIDEM currently maintains a climate dashboard available online (left). A number of EC4 member agencies feed information and data into this existing dashboard. This dashboard highlights seven key metrics, alongside explanations of why each metric matters. The dashboard is updated quarterly (approximately) and requires about 40 staff hours each year.

“In lieu of revising the existing dashboard, we ask that the Advisory Board consider this request as a carte blanche. First, identify the key metrics to represent on an ideal dashboard, and then revise according to the guiding principles.”

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www.climatechange.ri.gov/climatesnapshot

Climate Dashboards across Different States

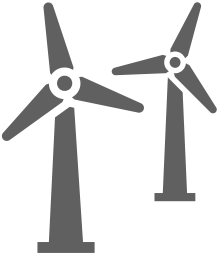
What do different states track on their dashboards?



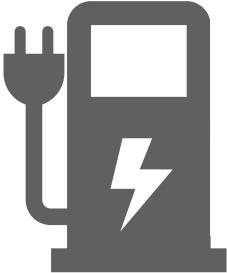
ZEV & State green-fleets



Fuel use



Renewable energy generation



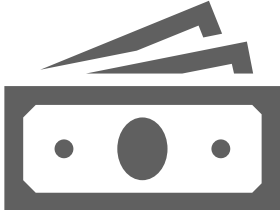
EV Charging Infrastructure



Sea level rise: potential and flooding



Total energy consumption/generation



Utility cost & savings



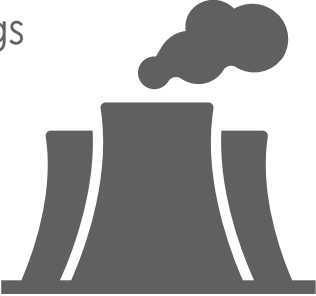
Drought



Resiliency

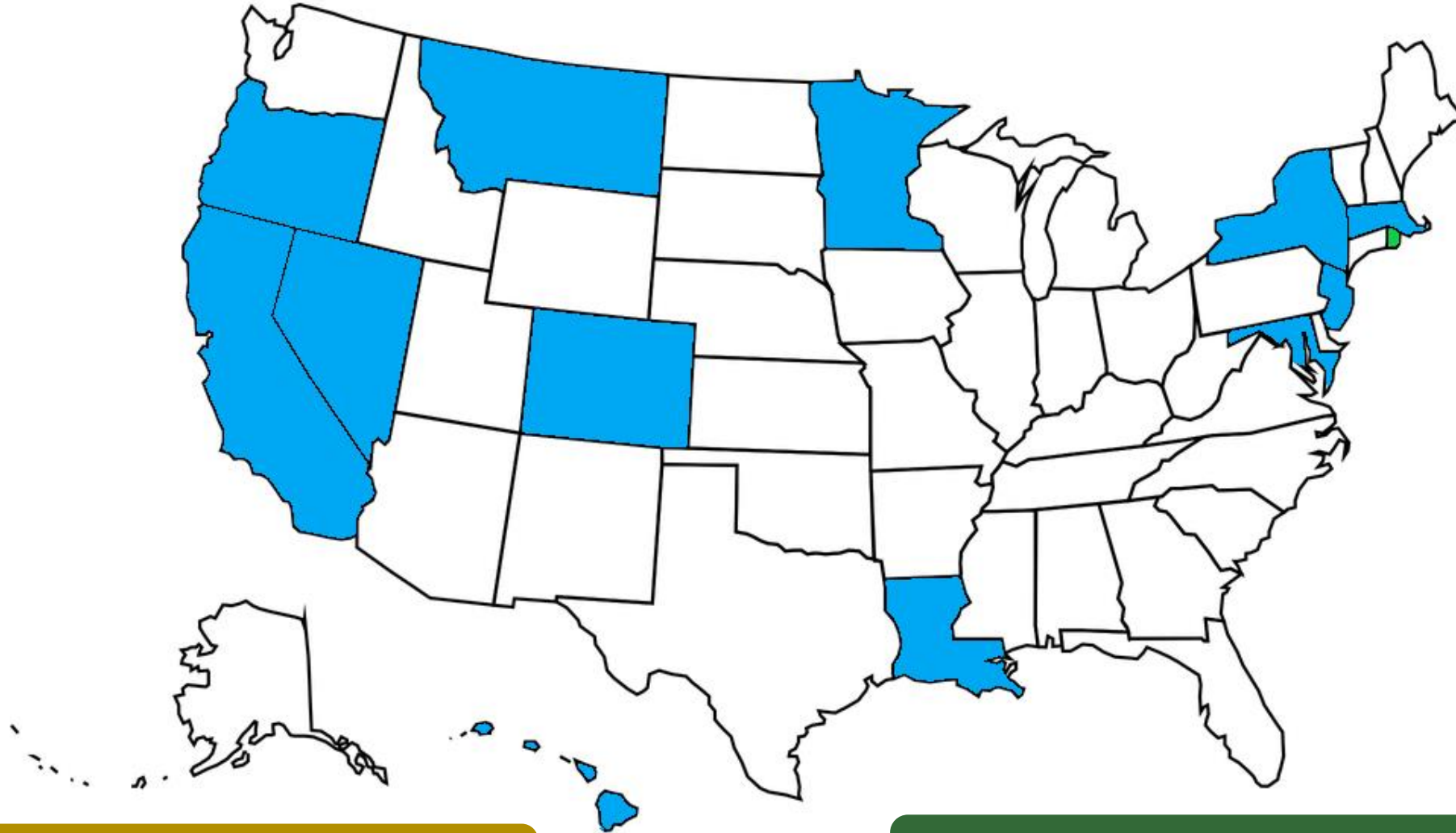


Weather: storms, temperature, precipitation



RGGI Funding

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13 States with Climate-Related Dashboards
(varying purposes)

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Total energy consumption/generation



Transportation



Fossil fuel production

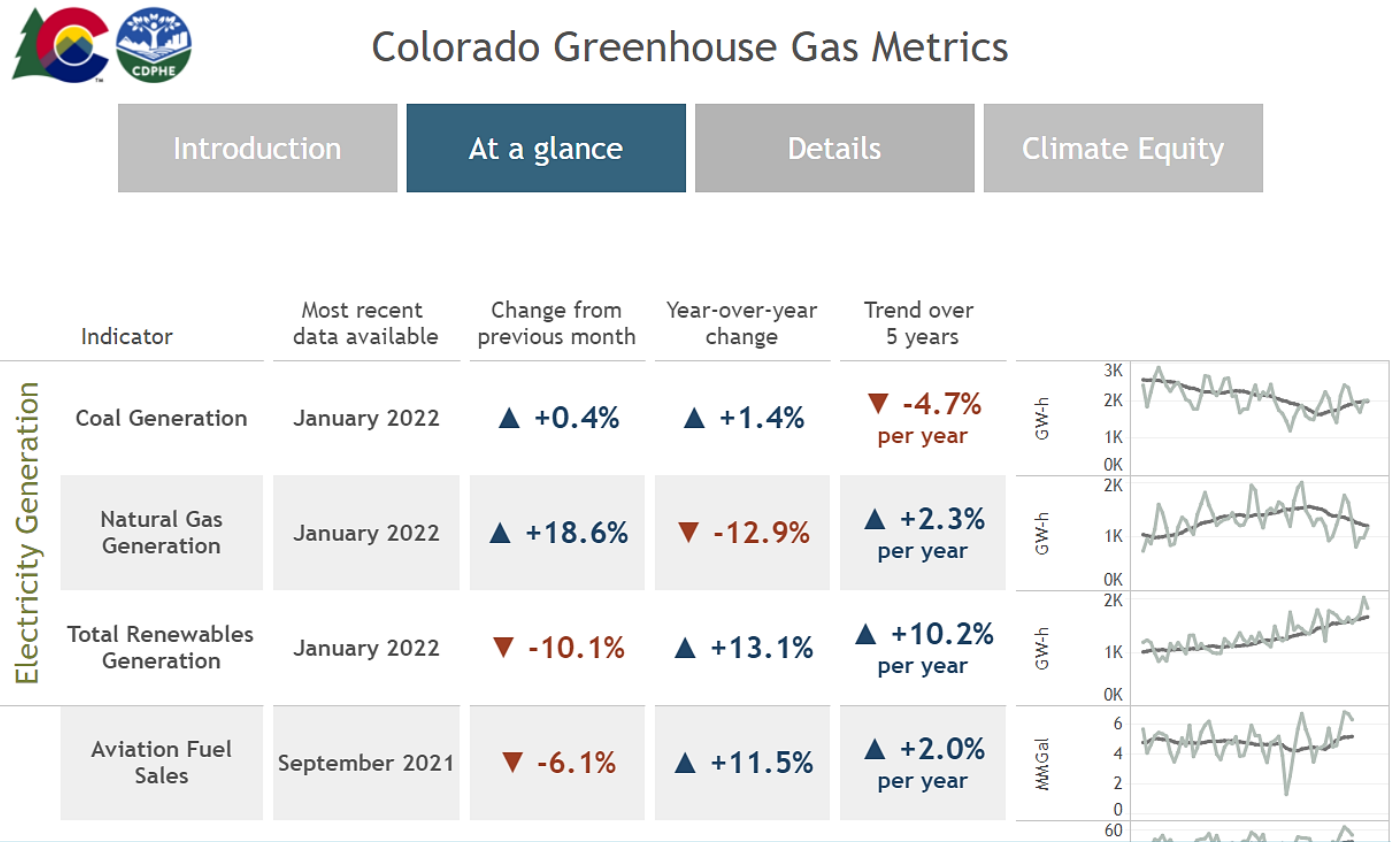


Agriculture



Climate Equity
Air Quality, Energy Burden,
Community Engagement

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Best Practices:



Data is accompanied by explanations



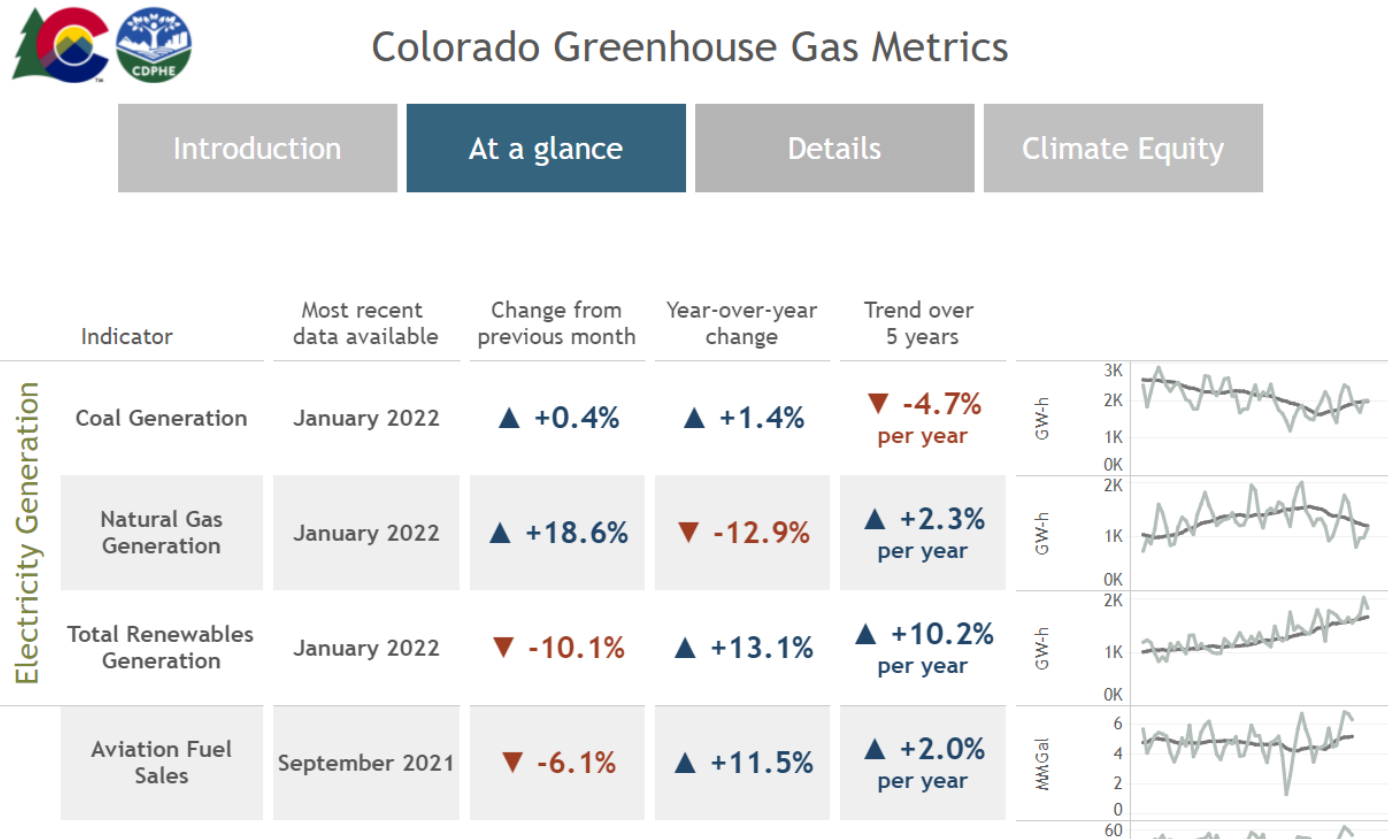
Easily viewable and understandable trends



The inclusion of climate equity (mapping)



Downloadable data and images



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Lead by Example Program

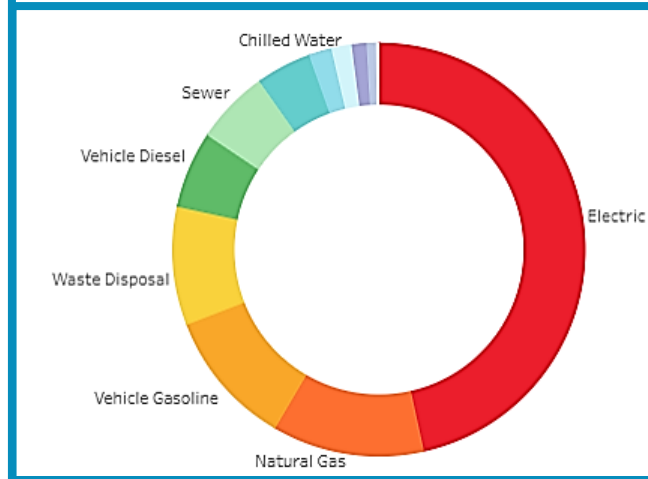
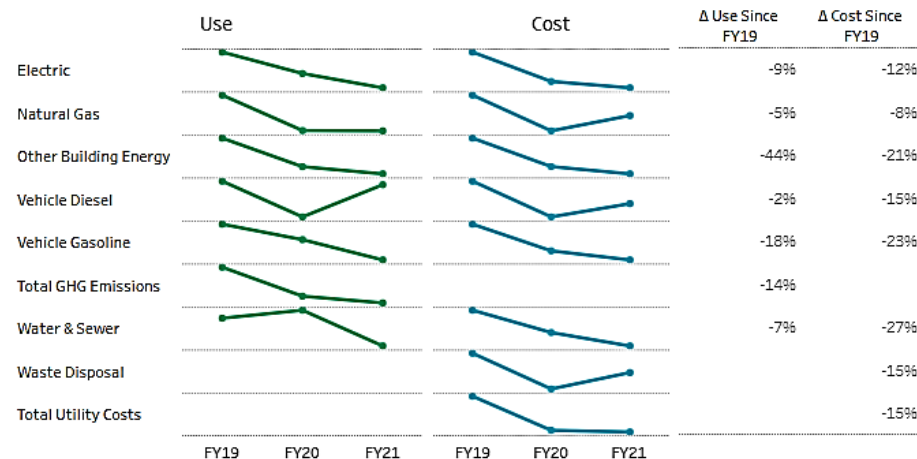


Emissions by state agencies

		Use			Cost		
		FY19	FY20	FY21	FY19	FY20	FY21
Electric	kWh	281,200,258	265,891,594	255,642,547	\$45,146,637	\$40,838,138	\$39,900,665
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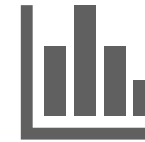
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Best Practices:



Inexpensive interface program



Interactive data displays

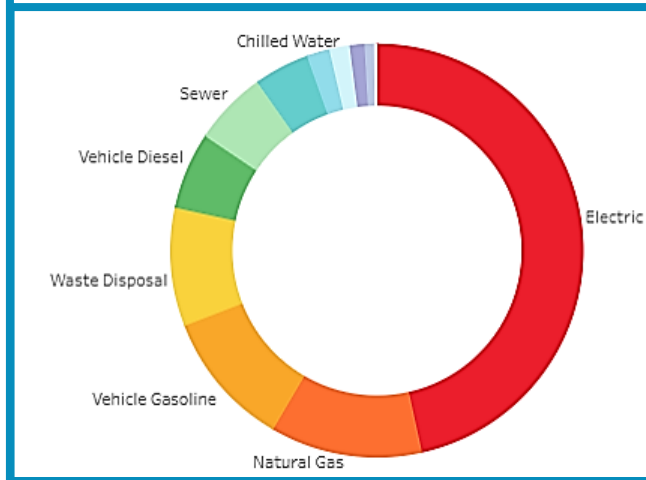
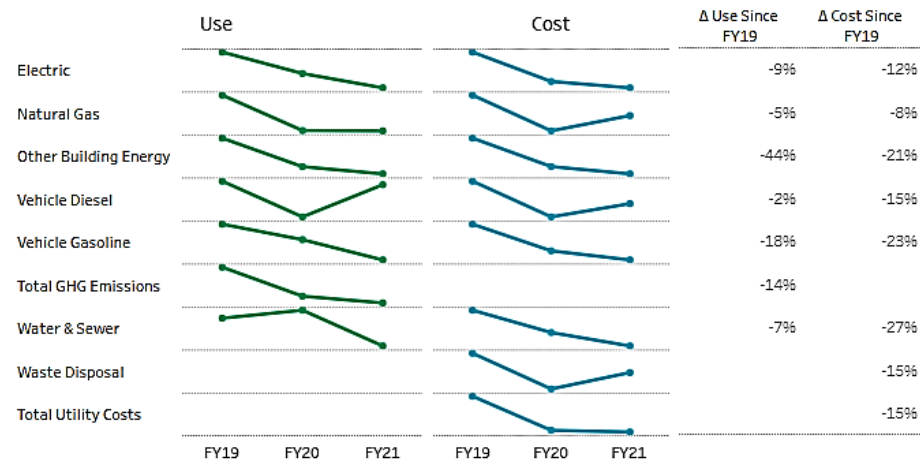


Easily comprehensible, not overcomplicated

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The UN's 17 SDGs



Clean Energy



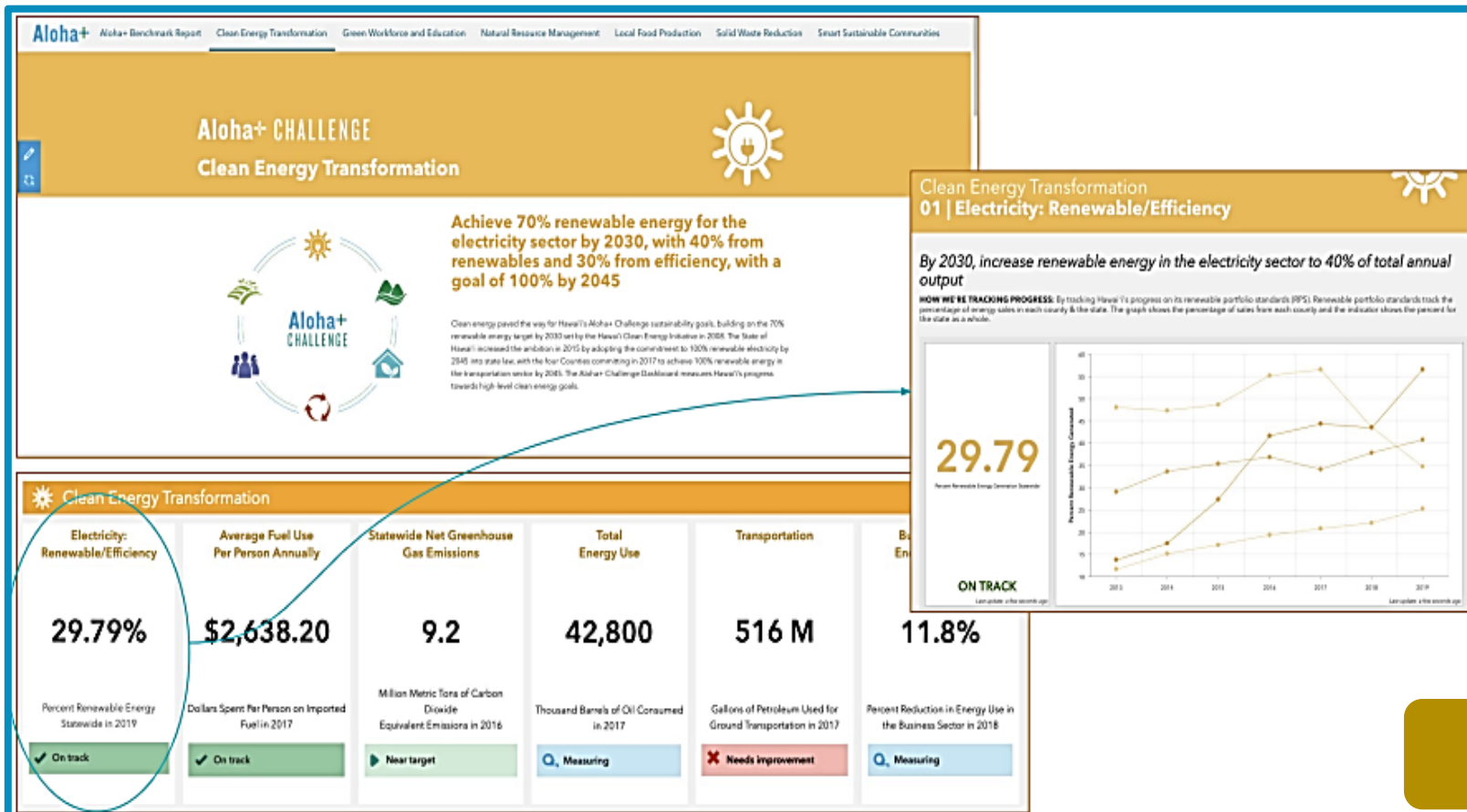
Workforce Development and Education



Food consumption and waste



In-state initiatives and goals



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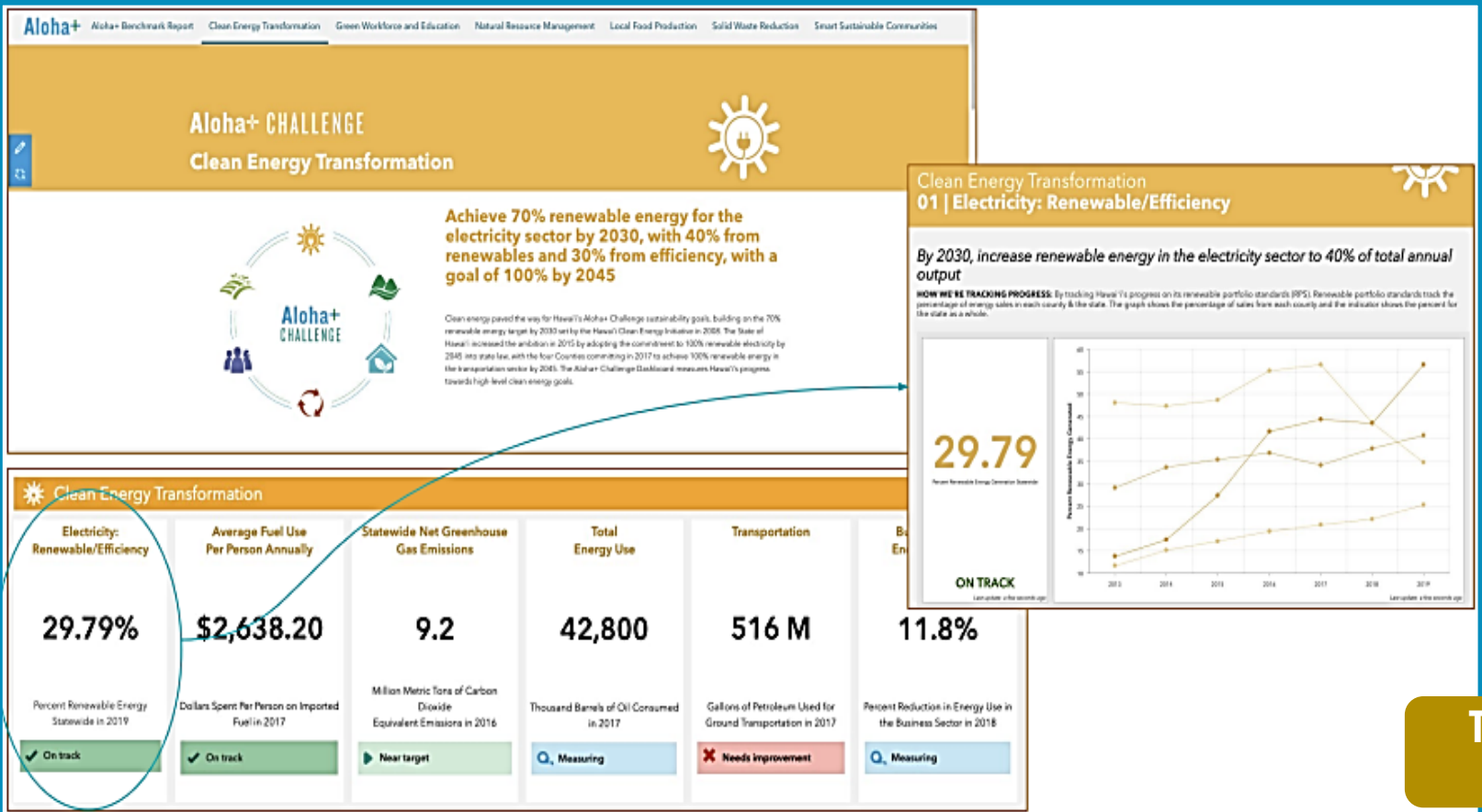
Aligns with goals outside the state – colloquial to outsiders



Wide variety of interactive displays



Explanations of the different metrics and goals



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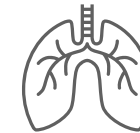
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Transportation



Buildings (energy use & policy impacts)



Air Quality

Electricity Generation

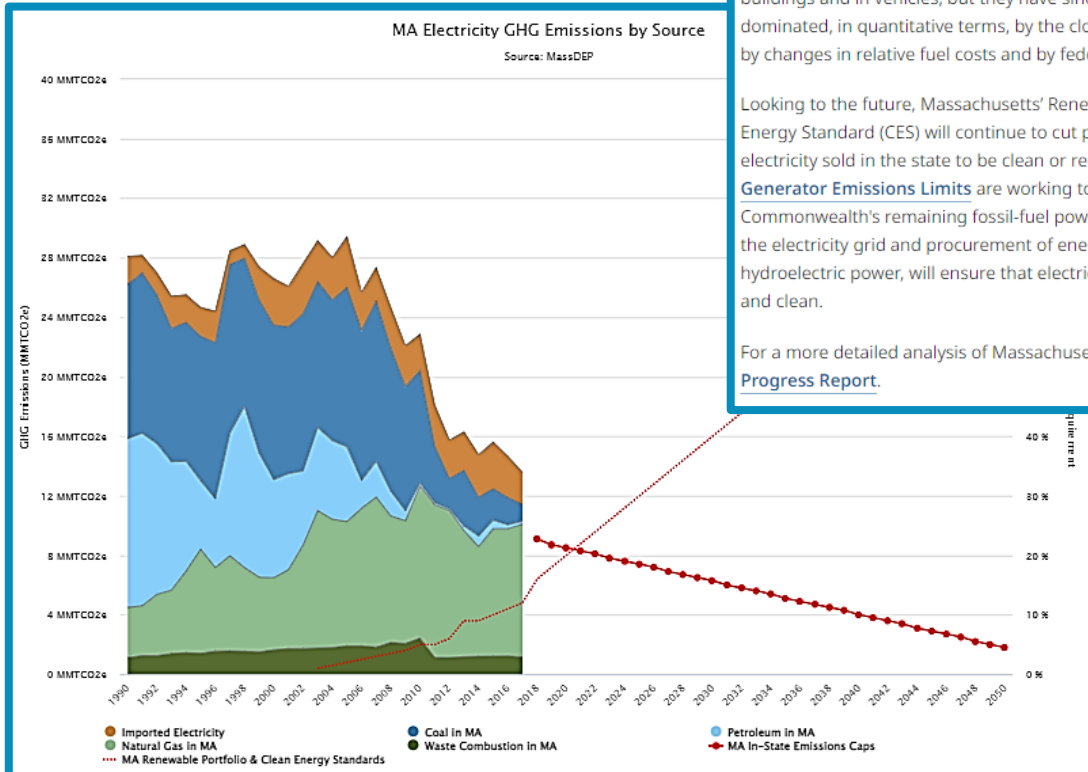
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Interactive graphs and data displays



Policy overviews and write-ups with data



Variety of data displayed – not focused on one sector

Electricity Generation

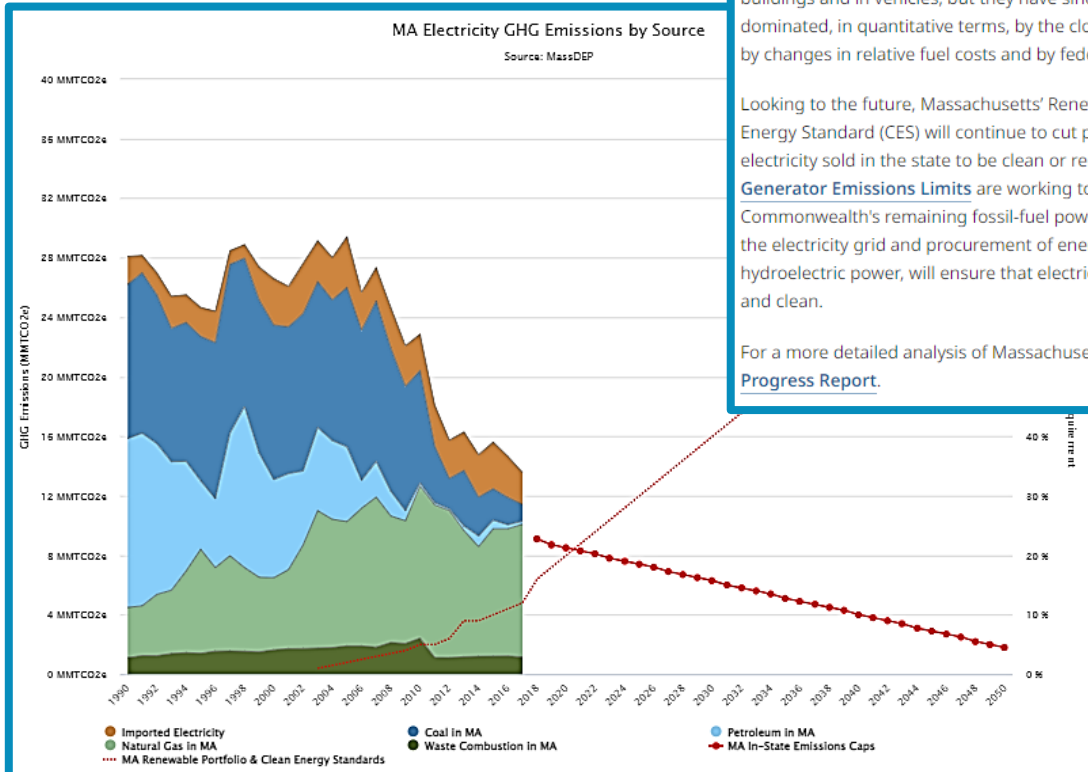
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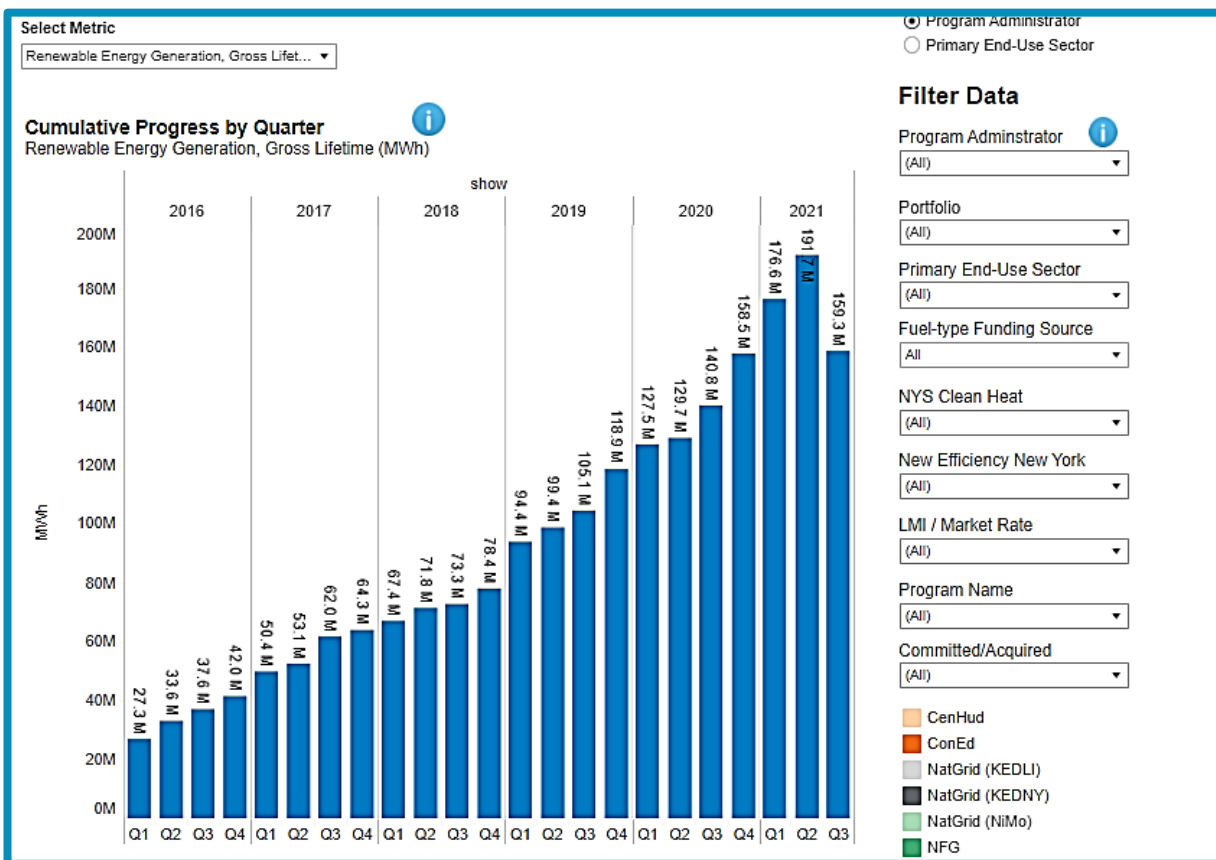
Electricity usage, savings, and peak demands



Renewable Energy Generation



Fuel Usage



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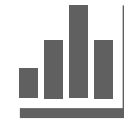
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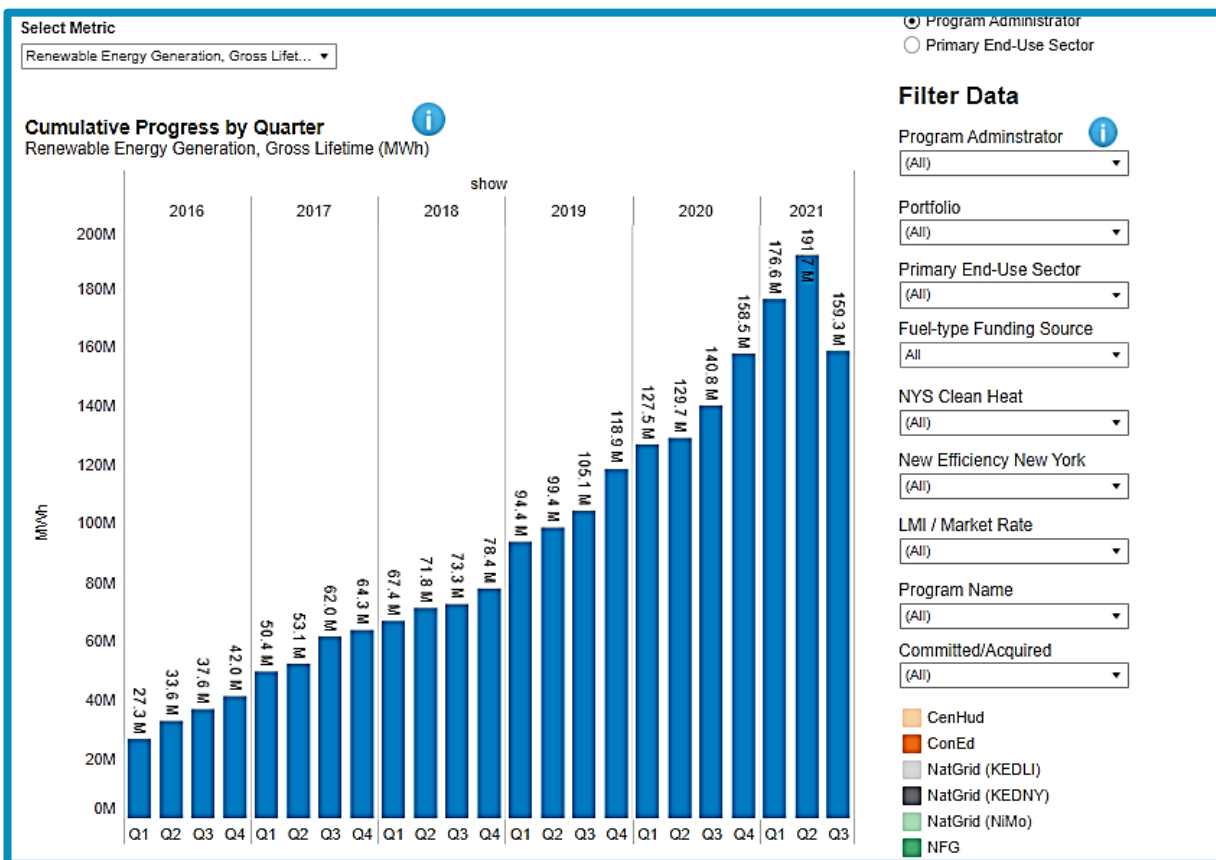
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Accompanying data available for download



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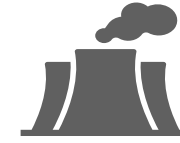
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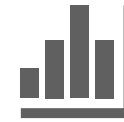
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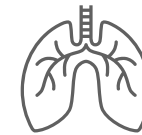
Showcases clean energy project funding



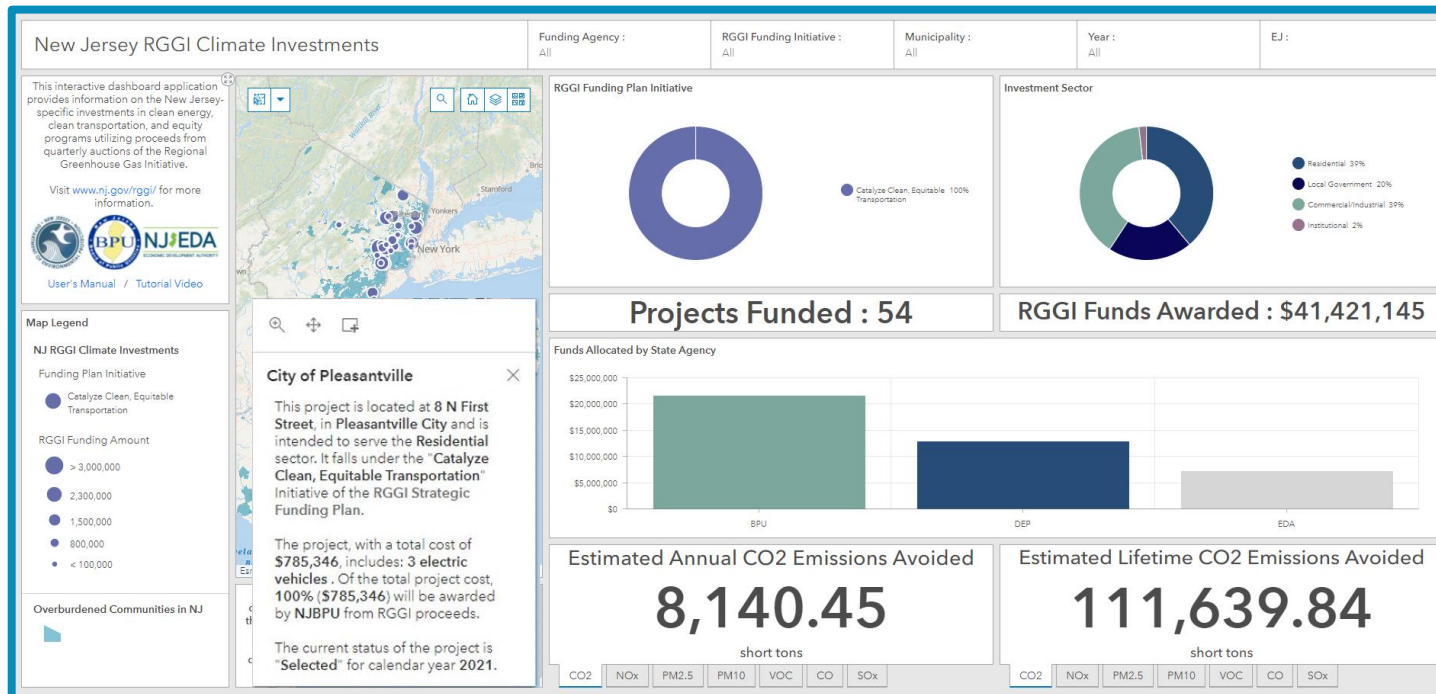
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Emissions avoided from clean energy investments



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Best Practices:



EV Charging Infrastructure



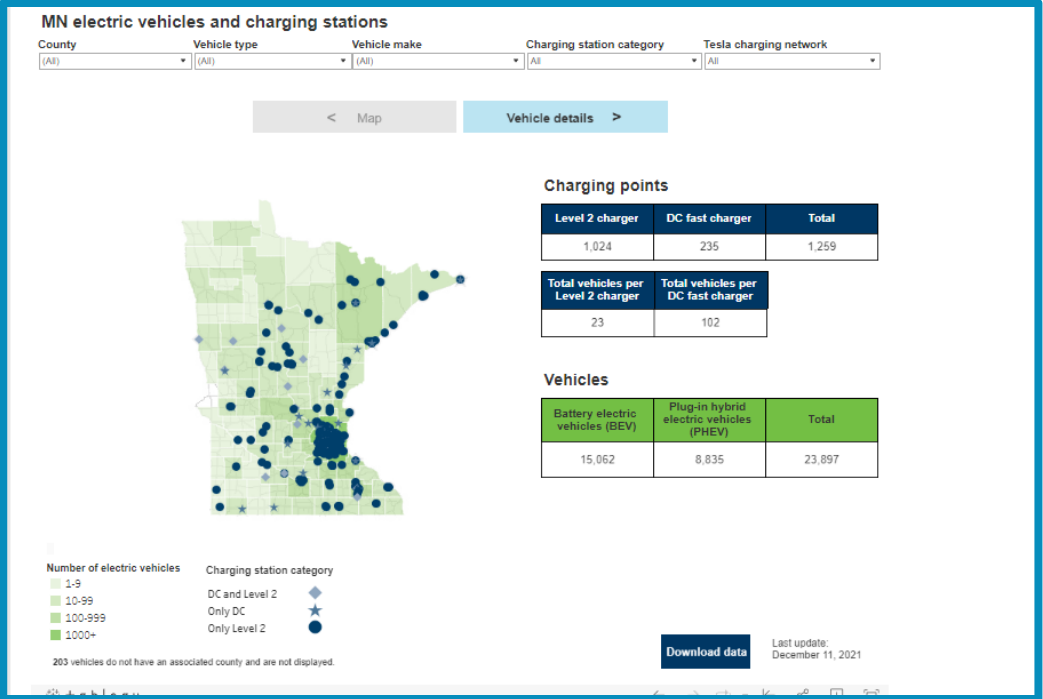
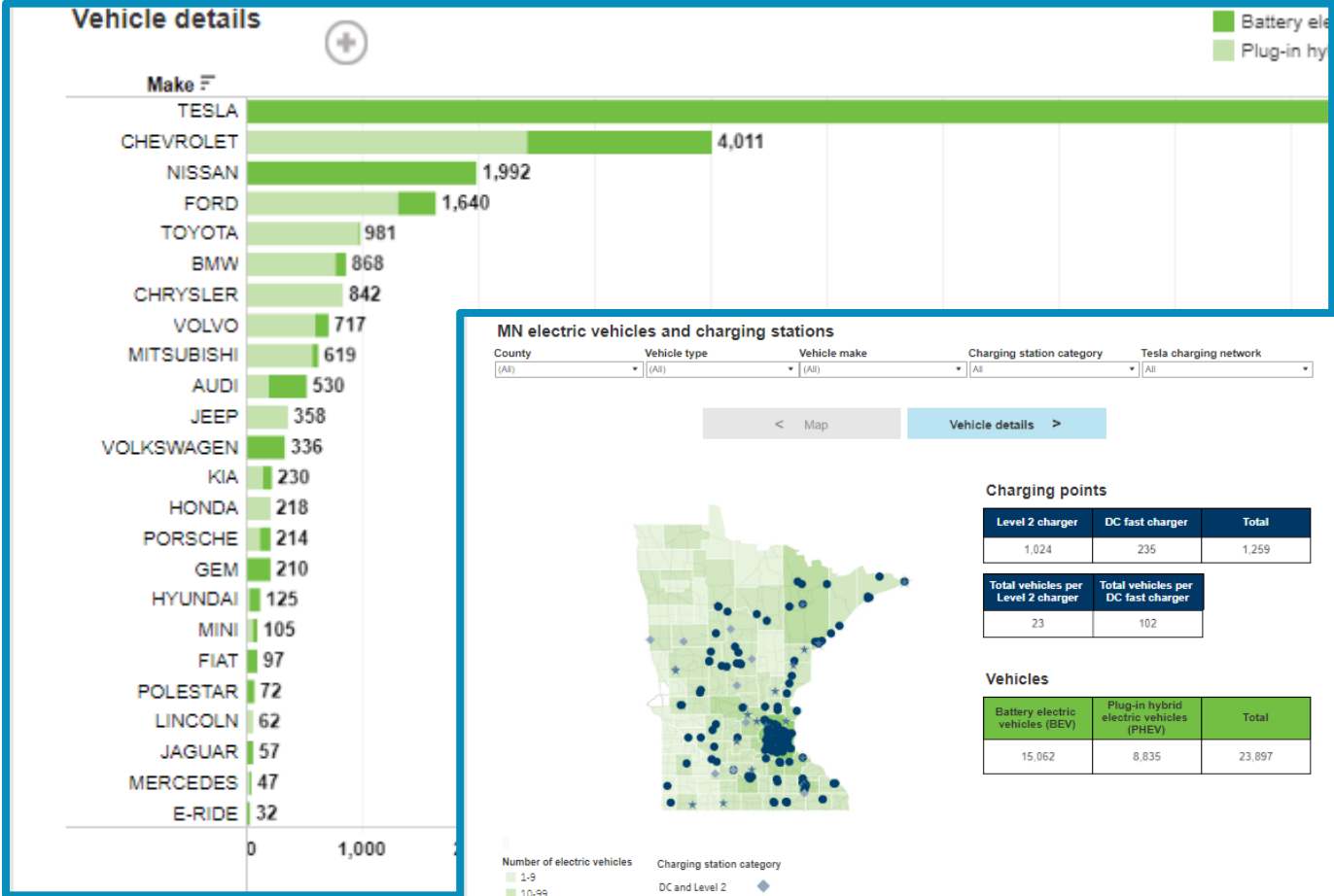
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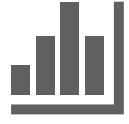
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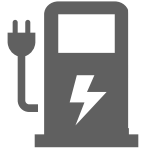
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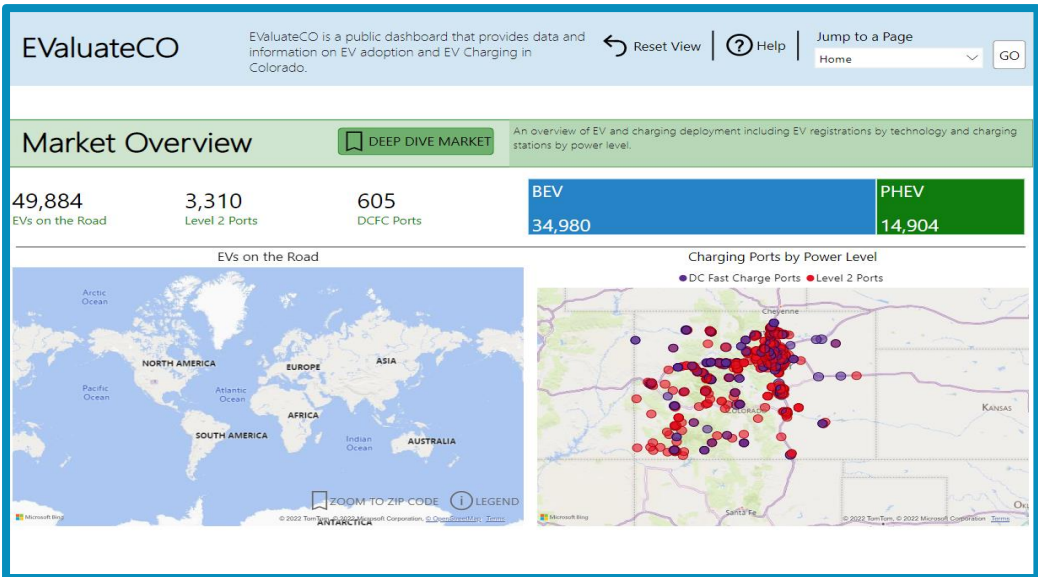
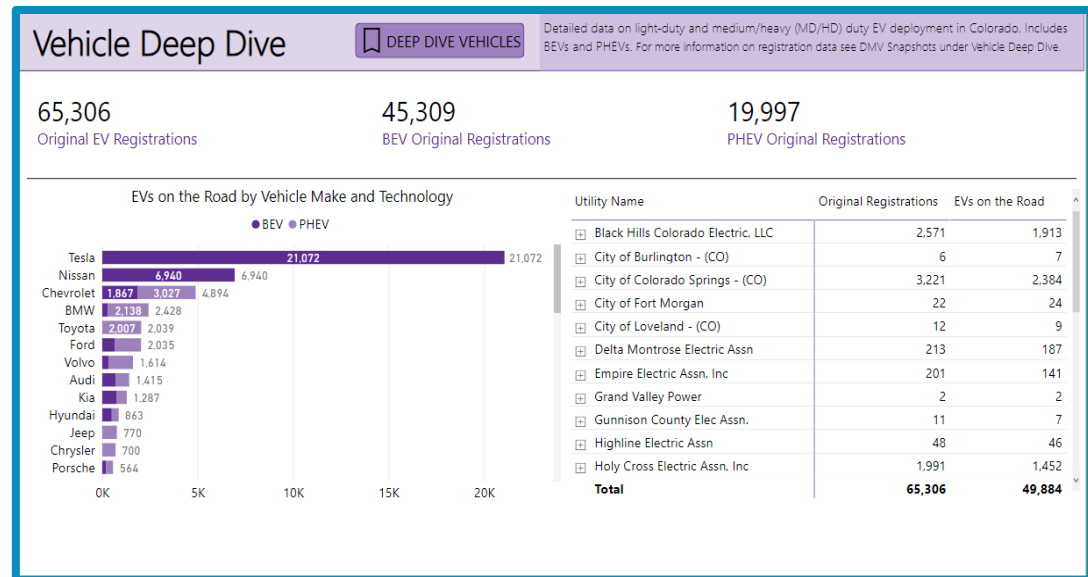
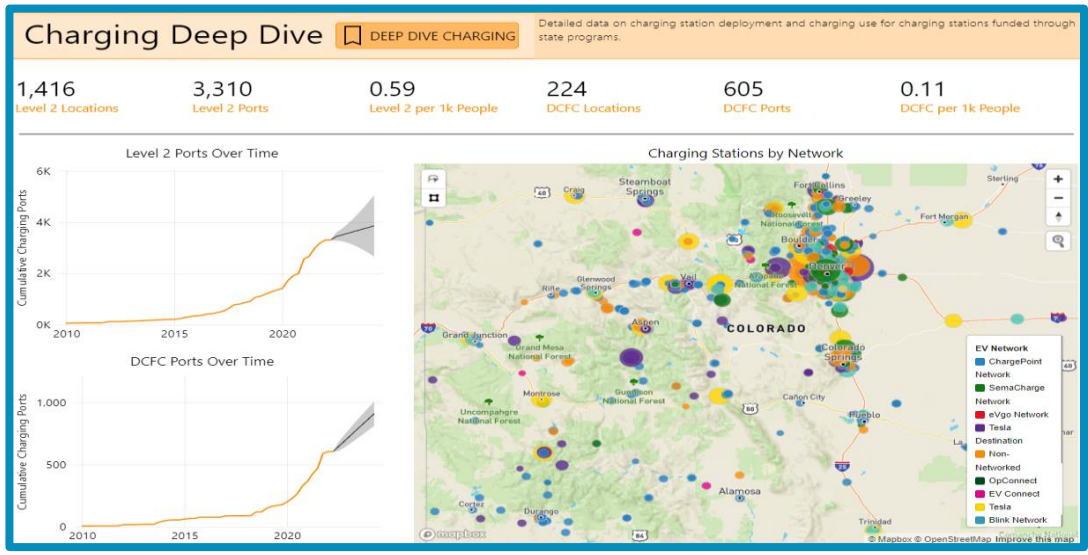
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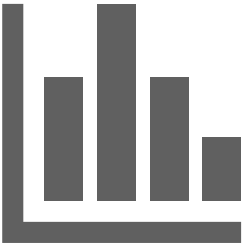
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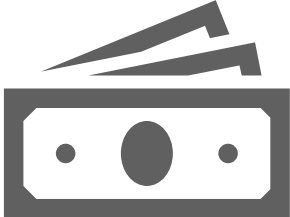
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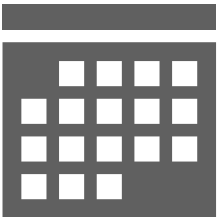
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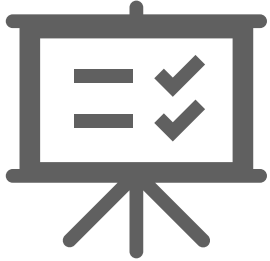
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