HARVARD SUSTAINABILITY 2024-2025 SNAPSHOT

HOW WE POWER

Rethinking our energy systems

HOW WE

Redefining how we design, build, and source materials

HOW WE OPERATE

Reimagining the systems we use to support sustainable practices

HOW WE

Generating new sustainable solutions, turning learning into action and scaling for global impact



Emissions reduced ~32% against a 2006 baseline, inclusive of 14% growth on campus. Emissions per square foot actually reduced 40% over that period.



Harvard's Climate Goals are to be Fossil Fuel-Free by 2050 (Goal Zero) and Fossil Fuel-Neutral by 2026.



The Consortium for Climate Solutions, announced in fall 2024, is enabling the development of 1.3M MWh of renewable electricity through two new projects.



Two mass timber projects are underway (Goel Center for Creativity & Performance, and the Rubenstein Treehouse). Mass timber contributes to significant embodied carbon reductions.



Harvard Healthier Building Academy (HHBA) impacted healthier, sustainable purchases in 50+ major capital projects across 5M sq. ft.



Harvard has achieved sustainable building certifications: 155 LEED-certified buildings, 2 PHIUS, 1 LBC Petal, and is now targeting 10 more LBC Core certifications.



32% of Harvard's vehicle fleet is either electric, hybrid, or biodiesel. 27 new EV chargers were added at 5+ parking locations, and the University purchased its first electric passenger van and pickup truck.



2.5M gallons of water have been captured in rainwater tanks and used for lab water, toilet flushing, and irrigation/landscaping at the SEC in 2024.



Harvard has 2
University-wide
Scope 3 goals that
target lower
embodied carbon in
construction and
lower emissions from
our food system.



The Salata Institute funded 7 Climate Research Clusters, ambitious projects that promise realworld impact. Two new clusters were added in 2025.



90+ hours of talks, lectures, conversation published to YouTube in 2024 by the Salata Institute, making Harvard climate and sustainability expertise available to the wider world.



There are 97
Harvard climate
ventures incubated
to date through the
Climate Circle at
the Harvard
Innovation Lab
(i-Lab).