

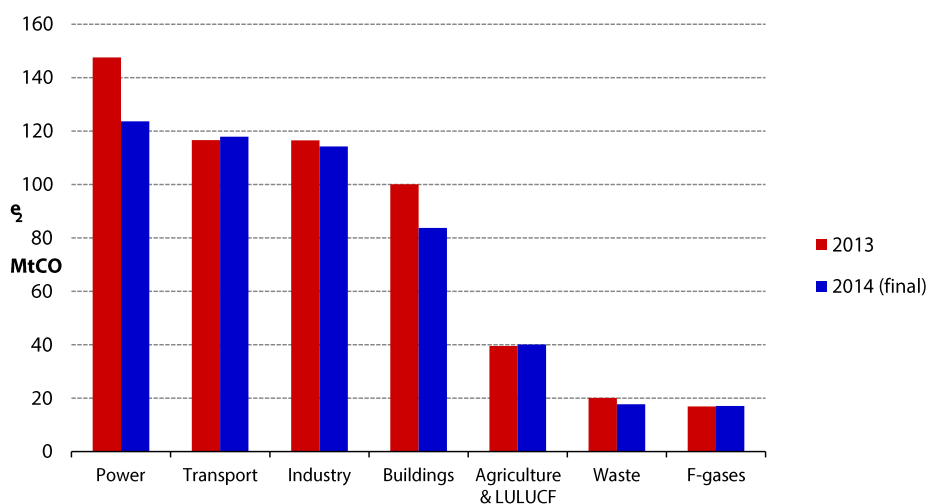
## Final figures confirm UK emissions fell 8% in 2014

Recent publication of final greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for 2014 confirms that UK GHG emissions fell by 8% between 2013 and 2014, to 514 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>1</sup>. As discussed in our most recent progress report, the fall in emissions was largely due to reductions in power and buildings rather than a sustained fall across the economy (see chart)<sup>2</sup>. This suggests a higher rate of underlying progress is required:

- In the power sector emissions fell 16%, due to a combination of underlying progress (strong renewables deployment and reduced generation from coal) and the mild winter reducing electricity demand
- In buildings emissions fell 16%, mainly as a result of the milder winter reducing heating demand
- Industry emissions decreased by 2% and transport emissions were broadly flat

The final figure for 2014 of 514 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e is a 1% decrease from the value used in our Progress Report which was a provisional estimate of 520 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e. This reflects refinements in estimates from industry (which originally fell by 6% but the final values imply only a 2% reduction), waste (which now suggests a 12% fall in emissions instead of a 2% decrease) and agriculture (a 2% increase instead of a 2% fall).

Our next Progress Report – assessing UK emission trends for 2015 compared to 2014 - will be published in June.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/final-uk-greenhouse-gas-emissions-national-statistics-1990-2014>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/reducing-emissions-and-preparing-for-climate-change-2015-progress-report-to-parliament/>