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## ABSTRACT

### HOUSEHOLD CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES: THE ROLE OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

This dissertation is comprised of five chapters discussing the importance of the measurement of household carbon dioxide emissions and the demographic determinants of those emissions in developing an understanding of anthropogenic climate change and the potential for future carbon dioxide emissions mitigation strategies. Chapter 1 discusses the scientific consensus regarding the impact of human activities in generating global warming and the effects of this warming on the earth's climate.

In Chapter 2, I first discuss the Consumer Expenditure Survey data compiled and the methodology used to measure household carbon intensity of expenditures and carbon dioxide emissions, combining economic input-output modeling with a life cycle assessment modeling to track industry to industry transactions and the corresponding resource use from extraction to end use disposal. Second, I show that carbon pricing policies are indeed regressive with lower income households having significantly higher carbon intensities of consumption. As suggested in the previous literature, this result stems from the allocation of household expenditures among direct and indirect uses of energy. This expenditure allocation decision is driven, not only by household income, but also by characteristics that vary over the life course, most notably household size and composition. Therefore, lastly I show that household carbon dioxide emissions and intensities follow distinct trajectories over the life cycle, independent of household income, resulting from a reallocation of expenditures necessitated by the evolving needs of households at different stages in the life cycle.

In Chapter 3, I discuss the demographic characteristics that are the drivers of the variation in emissions and intensities among heterogeneous households and how these demographic characteristics have changed, on average, over the past few decades in the United States. Of these changes, most notable are changes in mean household size, the age of household head, and the proportion of one- and two-person households. As baby boomers begin to retire and young individuals choose delay or forego household formation, expenditure allocation decisions of the average household are evolving, thereby changing the relationship between population growth and carbon dioxide emissions in the United States.

In Chapter 4, to formalize the channel through which these changing dynamics of population growth and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions occur, I first generate age-emissions profiles to show the importance of the age of a household member in contributing to total household emissions. I find that children contribute dramatically less than an adult and elderly contribute relatively less than an adult, but more than a child; results which are consistent with findings in the previous literature. In other words, an individual follows a distinct trajectory of emissions over their lifetime. The magnitude of this emissions curve is being attenuated over time as a result of improvements in energy efficiency, but these reductions are becoming smaller in time, consistent with the concept of diminishing returns to technology. Second, to incorporate the ability of households to experience economies of scale in their emissions through cohabitation, I construct an equivalence scale model in which I adjust for both the size and composition of households in the estimation of household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. I find that the ability of the average household in the United States to experience economies of scale in emissions has decreased since 2003 resulting in a substantial increase in mean household emissions. Lastly, to quantify this effect I use counter-factual prediction to determine that mean household carbon dioxide emissions would be

over ten percent lower in 2009 if the ability of households to experience economies of scale had remained constant at 2003 levels.

Finally, in Chapter 5 I highlight the importance and policy implications of this research, most importantly regarding the consideration of the composition of the population when estimating and projecting greenhouse gas emissions. Given the differences in energy use and emissions among households of different sizes and compositions, if the proportions of these population groups change over the next century in the developing world, as they have in developed nations over the past century, then emissions projections using population growth and estimates of per capita emissions may result in misleading conclusions regarding mitigation strategies and adaptation policies in a changing global climate.

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## CHAPTER I

### **Anthropogenic Climate Change and Household Carbon Dioxide Emissions**

#### **Introduction**

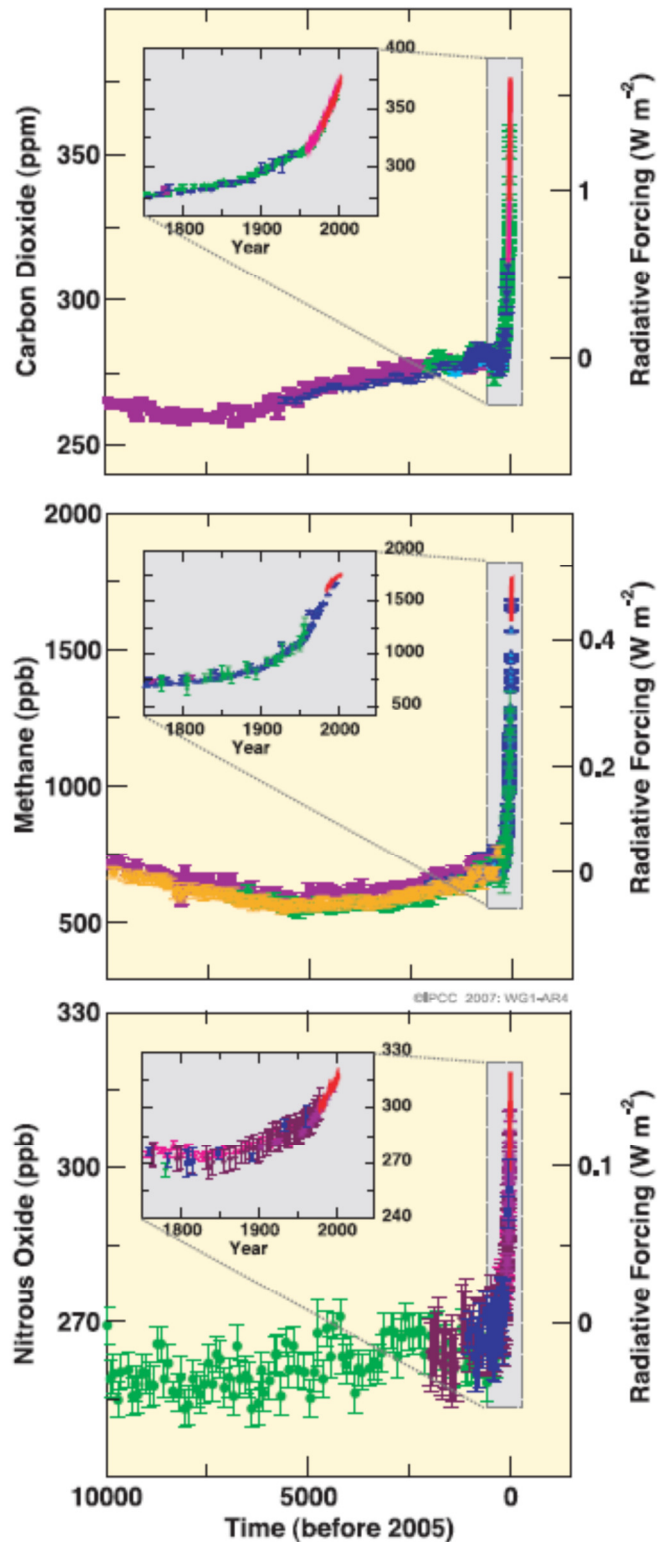
Anthropogenic climate change is caused primarily by the emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane, and nitrous oxide. Recent scientific evidence indicates that the present level of ambient GHG concentration is well above the level of natural variability and is primarily driven by human behavior (IPCC, 2007a; Suh et al., 2006; Pacala et al., 2003; Karl & Trenberth, 2003). According to the 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report, “global atmospheric concentrations of GHGs have increased markedly as a result of human activities since 1750 and now far exceed pre-industrial values determined from ice cores spanning many thousands of years” (IPCC, 2007a) (See Figure 1.1). Carbon dioxide is the most important of these anthropogenic greenhouse gases. The global atmospheric concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> has increased from a pre-industrial value of about 280 ppm to 379 ppm<sup>1</sup> in 2005 which greatly exceeds the natural range over the last 650,000 years of history, according to ice core samples taken from Greenland and Antarctica (IPCC, 2007a).

The IPCC concludes with very high confidence<sup>2</sup> that the global average net effect of human activities on the climate since 1750 has been one of warming (IPCC, 2007a). This warming of the climate system is unequivocal based on the observed increases in global air and water temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising average global sea level

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<sup>1</sup> ppm (parts per million) is the ratio of the number of greenhouse gas molecules to the total number of molecules of dry air. For example, 300 ppm means 300 molecules of a greenhouse gas per million molecules of dry air. (IPCC, 2007a)

<sup>2</sup> According to the IPCC, “very high confidence”, is used to express expert judgments on the correctness of the underlying science, in this case that it has a 90% chance or better of being correct (IPCC, 2007a).



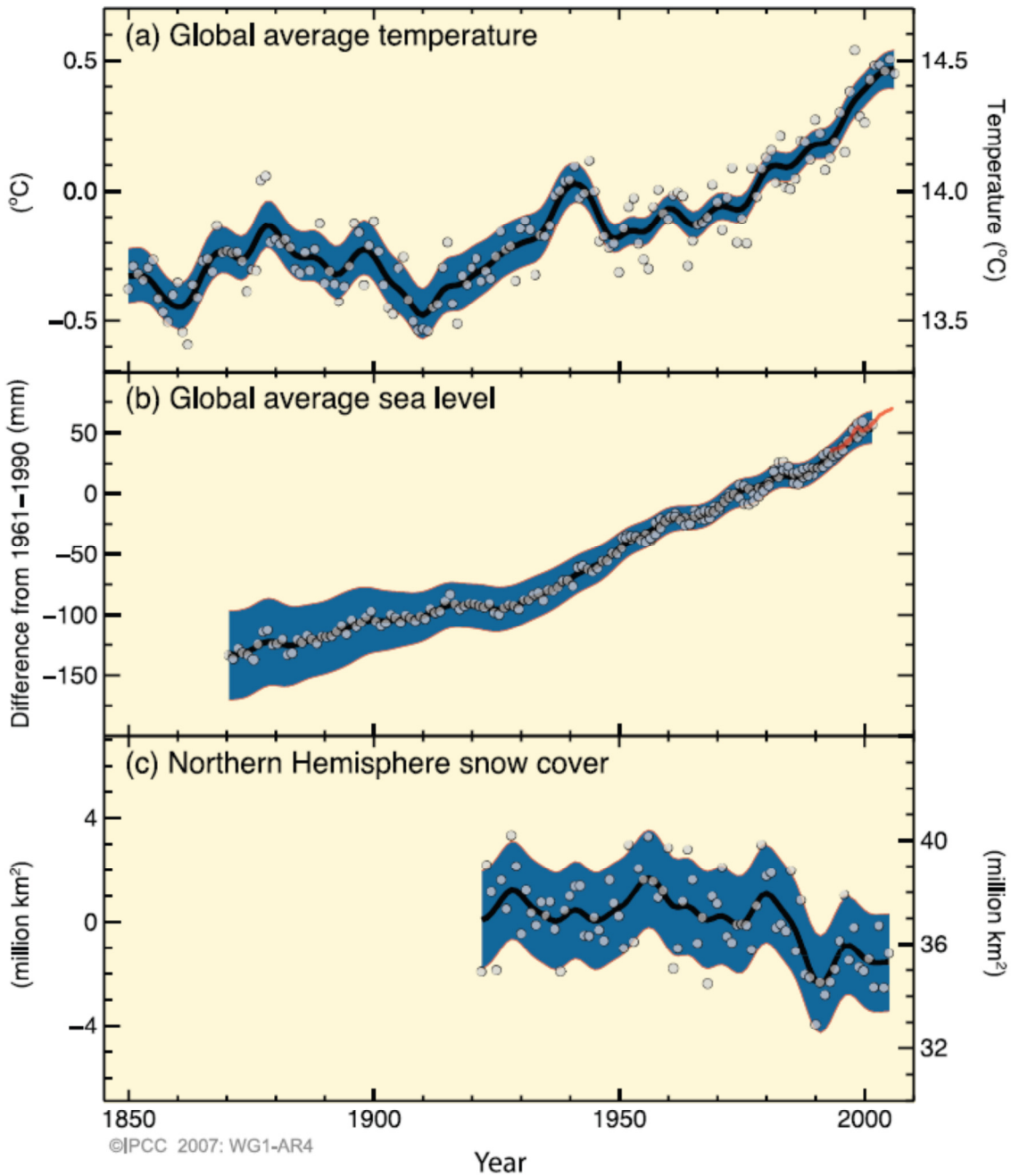
**Figure 1.1. Changes in greenhouse gases from ice core samples and modern data.**  
 (IPCC, 2007a: Summary for Policymakers. In: *Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.*)

(Refer to Figure 1.2). Eleven of the twelve years between 1995 and 2006 were the hottest on the instrumental record of global surface temperature<sup>3</sup> at that time, and the linear warming trend over the last 50 years is twice that of the last 100 years (IPCC, 2007a). Crowley (2000) concludes that the warming experienced by the Northern Hemisphere over the past century is unprecedented relative to the previous 1000 years of earth's history. Furthermore, he finds that the same climate model that can successfully explain a great deal of the variation in Northern Hemisphere temperature over the years 1000 – 1850 indicates that only around 25% of the twentieth century increase in temperature can be attributed to natural variability in earth's climate. Therefore, the majority of the warming over the past 100 years is consistent with that predicted from GHG increases (Crowley, 2000). This substantial warming has, and will continue to influence the global climate in ways that have significant impacts on human civilization.

The world's oceans are warming, based on observations since 1961; the temperature of the global ocean has increased to depths of nearly two miles, and the ocean has been absorbing 80% of the heat added to the climate system. This warming of the seawater causes it to expand contributing to the rise in sea level. Mountain glaciers and snow cover have declined on average in both the northern and southern hemispheres, contributing to sea level rise, as well as reductions in the size of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets (IPCC, 2007a). On the continental, regional, and ocean basin scales, numerous long-term changes in climate have been observed, including changes in “arctic temperatures and ice, widespread changes in precipitation amounts, ocean salinity, wind patterns and aspects of extreme weather including droughts, heavy precipitation, heat waves and the intensity of tropical cyclones (including hurricanes and typhoons)” (IPCC, 2007a). Observational evidence from around the world shows that many

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<sup>3</sup> Measured as the average of near-surface air temperature over land and sea surface temperature. (IPCC, 2007)



**Figure 1.2. Changes in Temperature, Sea Level, and Northern Hemisphere Snow Cover<sup>4</sup>**

(IPCC, 2007a: Summary for Policymakers. In: *Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.*)

<sup>4</sup> Observed changes in (a) global surface temperature, (b) global sea level from tide gauge and satellite data and (c) Northern Hemisphere snow cover for March-April. All changes are relative to corresponding averages for the period 1961 – 1990. Smoothed curves represent decadal average values while circles show yearly values. The shaded areas are the uncertainty intervals estimated from a comprehensive analysis of known certainties (a and b) and from the time series (c). (IPCC, 2007a)

natural systems are being affected by these changes in climate, particularly temperature increases.

Changes in snow cover, ice, and other frozen ground, including permafrost, have been determined with high confidence<sup>5</sup> to cause “enlargement and increased numbers of glacial lakes, increasing ground instability in permafrost regions, and rock avalanches in mountain regions, and changes in some Arctic and Antarctic ecosystems, including those in sea-ice biomes, and also predators high in the food chain” (IPCC, 2007b). There is high confidence that hydrological systems are being affected as follows: “increased runoff and earlier spring peak discharge in many glacier- and snow-fed rivers and warming of lakes and rivers in many regions, with effects on thermal structure and water quality” (IPCC, 2007b). Based on evidence from a wide range of species, there is very high confidence that recent warming is significantly affecting terrestrial biological systems, including such changes as: “earlier timing of spring events, such as leaf-unfolding, bird migration, and egg-laying, and poleward and upward shifts in ranges in plant and animal species” (IPCC, 2007b). There is high confidence that there has been a trend in many regions since the 1980s, based on satellite observations, toward an earlier ‘greening’<sup>6</sup> of vegetation in the spring linked to longer growing seasons due to recent warming (IPCC, 2007b). Substantial new evidence is showing with high confidence that rising water temperatures is associated with observed changes in marine and freshwater biological systems, such as “shifts in ranges and changes in algal, plankton and fish abundance in high-altitude oceans, increases in algal and zooplankton abundance in high-latitude and high-altitude lakes, and range changes and earlier migrations of fish in rivers (IPCC, 2007b). The consistency between observed and

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<sup>5</sup> According to the IPCC, “high confidence”, is used to express expert judgments on the correctness of the underlying science, in this case that it has about an 80% chance of being correct. (IPCC, 2007)

<sup>6</sup> Measured by the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index, which is a relative measure of the amount of green vegetation in an area based on satellite images. (IPCC, 2007b)

modeled changes in several studies and the spatial agreement between significant regional warming and consistent impacts at the global scale is sufficient for the IPCC to conclude with high confidence<sup>7</sup> that “anthropogenic warming over the last three decades has had a discernible influence on many physical and biological systems” (IPCC, 2007b). Continuing to emit greenhouse gases at current rates would likely cause further warming and induce additional changes in the climate that would very likely be of greater magnitude than those already observed. The risks to human civilization of this increased GHG emissions and warming are many and varied, but are certain to impose costs; psychological, social, and economic.

In general, the costs and benefits of climate change for industry, settlement, and society will vary by location and scale; but in the aggregate, net effects will tend to be more largely negative the more dramatic the changes in climate (IPCC, 2007b). The most vulnerable of industries and societies are “generally those in both coastal and river flood plains, those whose economies are linked with climate-sensitive resources, and those in areas prone to extreme weather events, especially where rapid urbanization is occurring” (IPCC, 2007b). Poor communities can be particularly vulnerable to climate change as they tend to have limited adaptive capabilities and tend to be more reliant on resources that are very sensitive to changes in climate, such as local food and water. The intensification of extreme weather events will cause the economic and social costs of those events to increase substantially (IPCC, 2007b). One of the most serious costs of climate change may be the impact on the health status of millions of people all over the world, particularly those with low adaptive capacity. “Increases in malnutrition and consequent disorders, with implications for child growth and development; increased deaths, disease and injury due to heat waves, floods, storms, fires, and droughts; the

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<sup>7</sup> See note 5.

increased burden of diarrheal disease; the increased frequency of cardio-respiratory diseases due to higher concentrations of ground-level ozone related to climate change; and, the altered spatial distribution of some infectious disease vectors” are all possible implications of increased anthropogenic GHG emissions (IPCC, 2007b). While it is possible that climate change may bring some benefits, such as fewer deaths from cold exposure, the negative health effects will far exceed any potential benefits. How different societies respond and adapt to the health impacts of climate change will depend critically on the factors that directly influence the health of the population, such as education, health care, public health initiatives, and infrastructure and economic development (IPCC, 2007b). It is evident that anthropogenic GHG emissions have led to a warming of earth’s climate resulting in significant changes in climate patterns. Given the slow response time of the world’s oceans, much of the damage from past and present GHG emissions has been done. For the next two decades a warming of about 0.2°C per decade is projected for a range of emissions scenarios; and even if emissions were held constant at year 2000 levels, a further warming of about 0.1°C per decade would be expected (IPCC, 2007b). However, in an effort to minimize the potential costs placed on future generations, it is in the best interest of the human civilization to reduce the growth of GHG emissions thereby reducing the rate of anthropogenic warming and the risk of catastrophic climate change.

All countries, both developed and developing, will eventually have to reduce their GHG emissions. Leadership by industrialized countries will be necessary in order to initiate a movement toward climate protection. The reason for this is twofold: developed countries have the means and resources required to engage in dramatic shifts in energy consumption and production and are responsible for the majority of the increased GHG emissions over the past century; and are therefore most responsible for the warming experienced over that time.



Developed countries, home to 20% of the world's population, are responsible for about 63% of net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the burning of fossil fuels and land use changes<sup>8</sup> from 1900-1999, with North America alone responsible for 25% (Baumert & Kete, 2002). The top five emitters of CO<sub>2</sub> from fossil fuels over this time period are the United States (30.3%), the European Union (22.1%), Russia (8.9%), China (7.0%), and Japan (3.7%) (Baumert & Kete, 2002). It is clear that the United States and Europe have an obligation to command leadership in the movement toward a future of reduced GHG emissions.

The current state of the United States political system is making it increasingly difficult to enact any carbon abatement policies; however, economists have long agreed that market-based solutions such as carbon taxation or cap-and-trade permit systems are the most efficient tool in reducing GHG emissions (Baumol & Oates, 1988). These policies are designed in a manner that forces firms to internalize the costs of their polluting behavior by making the cost of a unit of carbon emissions to be some non-zero value. A carbon tax does this by directly taxing the carbon content of fuels while a cap-and-trade permit system does this by requiring firms to surrender valuable permits in proportion to the carbon content of fossil fuels. These policies amend the incentive structure of the economy by adjusting the price signals accordingly. Carbon intensive products will become more expensive relative to less carbon intensive products encouraging firms to change input ratios towards “greener” technologies and resources. The result of this will be increased prices of final goods for household consumption with products entailing more energy intensive production processes becoming relatively more expensive than others.

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<sup>8</sup> Such as harvesting of forest products, clearing for agriculture, and vegetation regrowth.

The major concern in implementing these types of policies to reduce to GHG emissions is how the cost burden will be distributed across the population. The seemingly most obvious problem is that the burden of costs arising from these policies would fall disproportionately on lower income households, in other words, these policies are regressive<sup>9</sup>. The reason for this, as explained by the existing literature, is that lower income households spend a larger proportion of their expenditures on direct energy requirements such as electricity, home heating, and transportation (Hasset et al, 2007; Shammin & Bullard, 2009; Cornwell & Creedy, 1996; Poterba, 1991). Empirically, this result can be shown by an examination of the carbon intensity of household consumption across different income groups. This carbon intensity is measured as the carbon emissions generated both directly and indirectly via household consumption; specifically, as the metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per dollar of expenditures. High income households have significantly lower carbon intensities due to the lower proportion of direct energy requirements in their expenditures. (Shammin & Bullard, 2009) Therefore, lower income households would see a larger increase in the average price of their consumption bundle than would higher income households.

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<sup>9</sup> The burden of the policy decreases as household income increases.

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## CHAPTER II

### **Measurement of Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and the Incidence of Climate Policy**

#### **2.1 Introduction**

There are multiple ways in which to measure household carbon dioxide emissions. In fact, there is currently no established system of calculating and reporting total household carbon dioxide emissions that households are responsible for generating, both directly and indirectly, at least not in any comprehensive way. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Energy Information Agency (EIA) publish annual reports on United States greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. However, these reports are organized around the major sectors of the United States economy: residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation. The EIA estimates that in 2009 the United States generated 6,575.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions<sup>10</sup> with the residential sector accounting for approximately 18 percent of this total (EIA, 2011). However, residential emissions, as defined by the EIA, originate primarily from direct fuel consumption (principally, natural gas) for heating and cooking and electricity for cooling (and heating), appliances, lighting, televisions, computers, and other household electronic devices (EIA, 2011). While technically sound this approach does not provide a complete picture of household emissions or suggest ways in which these emissions could be reduced. Furthermore, households are also responsible for a portion of transportation related emissions, primarily resulting from gasoline expenditures. Therefore, this approach fails to provide both individuals and policymakers with information regarding the environmental consequences of household expenditure decisions. While this approach is fairly accurate in estimating carbon dioxide

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<sup>10</sup> “the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that would cause the same time-integrated radiative forcing, over a given time horizon, as an emitted amount of a long-lived GHG or a mixture of GHGs” (IPCC, 2007c, p. 36).

emissions for the economy as a whole by adding up the components and is consistent with government planning and budgeting it fails to illuminate the micro level foundations that generate these macro level outcomes. Ultimately, the reason why is that it does not focus on people or their households; in other words, it does not focus on their behavior.

In contrast to this approach, the EIA also routinely conducts the Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS) collecting energy usage characteristics on the housing unit, usage patterns, and demographic characteristics. In this approach, the various energy end uses in households are documented and the resulting carbon dioxide emissions estimated. This includes energy used for heating and cooling systems, cooking, water heating, appliances, lighting, and other electronic devices. While this approach provides information regarding the composition of household energy use, it still only analyzes this direct portion of household energy use. While this is necessary and useful information in the determination of opportunities for advances in energy conservation and efficiency it does not shed any additional light on the interactions of households with other sectors of the economy.

Over the past several decades the use of input-output analysis, using methods developed by Wassily Leontief (1970), has made it possible to carry out more complex and comprehensive assessments of household energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions. The foundation for this approach, which I will describe in this chapter, rests in two related concepts: 1) life-cycle analysis, a method of estimating the impact of any resource use over a product's life cycle – from raw material extraction to end use consumer disposal; and 2) embodied energy (or embodied emissions), energy use and carbon dioxide emissions that occur at various stages in the life cycle of goods and services that individuals eventually consume. Section 2 will discuss the use of life-cycle analysis and input-output modeling in compiling the dataset used in this analysis. Section

3 will highlight the differences in energy use and carbon dioxide emissions of households of different income levels and the importance of the consumer life cycle in the determination of climate policy incidence. Finally, Section 4 will draw some conclusions.

## **2.2. The Data**

Households in the United States maintain their lifestyles through the purchase of goods and services. By consuming these goods and services households generate GHG emissions, both directly and indirectly. Electricity use, home heating, and driving automobiles give rise to GHG emissions directly. While the consumption of other products, such as food, clothing, and many services, generate GHG emissions indirectly via the emissions embodied in their production processes.

### *2.2.1. Consumer Expenditure Survey*

In order to measure the GHG emissions resulting from household consumption, household expenditure microdata was obtained from the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CEX) by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the years 1996 – 2009 which reports consumer expenditures on a variety of goods and services, as well as a plethora of demographic information. The CEX consists of two separate components: the Interview Survey and the Diary Survey each with its own questionnaire and independent sample. The quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect detailed data on major expenditure items covering 60-70% of total household expenditures. In addition, global estimates are obtained for food and other selected items which account for an additional 20-25% of total expenditures. Therefore, up to 95% of total household expenditures are covered by the Interview Survey. Each quarter of data is processed independently by the BLS, thus estimates are not dependent on any one consumer unit (CU) participating in the survey for five consecutive quarters. The initial interview collects

demographic and family characteristics data including age, sex, race, marital status, education, and family size. This information is updated at each subsequent interview. The second through fifth interviews use uniform questionnaires to collect expenditure information from the previous three months. Income information, such as salary, wage, unemployment compensation, child support, and alimony is only collected in the second and fifth interviews. Each quarter 20 percent of the sample are new households introduced for the first time; replacing one-fifth of the sample that completed its fifth interview in the previous quarter. This rotating design is designed to provide more efficient data collection and estimation.

Upon receipt of the data by the BLS from the Bureau of the Census, the data undergoes a series of edits that correct any inconsistencies and irregularities and CU weights are derived using BLS specifications. Each CU included in the CEX represents a given number of CUs in the United States population. The weighting procedure is the four step process described below<sup>11</sup>:

- 1) The basic weight is assigned to an address and is the inverse of the probability of selection of the housing unit.
- 2) A weight control factor is applied to each interview if sub-sampling is performed in the field.
- 3) A non-interview adjustment is made for units where data could not be collected from occupied housing units. The adjustment is performed as a function of region, housing tenure, family size and race.
- 4) A final adjustment is performed to adjust the sample estimates to national population controls derived from the Current Population Survey. The adjustments are made based on both the CU's member composition and the CU as a whole. The weight for the CU is adjusted for individuals within the CU to meet the controls for 14 age/race categories, 4 regions, and 4 region/urban categories. The CU weight is also adjusted to meet the control for total number of CUs and total number of CUs who own their living quarters. The weighting procedure uses an

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<sup>11</sup> As described by the BLS, in the 2009 Consumer Expenditure Interview Survey Public Use Microdata, User's Documentation, released October 5, 2010, pg. 137.



iterative process to ensure that the sample estimates meet all the population controls.

Therefore, samples for the CEX are national probability samples of households designed to be representative of the total U.S. civilian non-institutional population.

In order to augment the data collected in the Interview Survey, the Diary Survey collects expenditure data on items purchased every day for two one-week periods. This survey is designed to track expenses on small frequently purchased items such as food, beverages, food consumed away from home, gasoline, housekeeping supplies, nonprescription drugs and medical supplies, and personal care products and services. At the beginning of the two week period the interviewer records demographic and household characteristics information from the consumer unit (CU) and a diary to record expenditures for the following week is left with them. At the completion of the first week, the interviewer picks up the diary, reviews the entries, clarifies any questions, and leaves a second diary for the following week. At the end of the second week, the diary is picked up and reviewed. These data can then be used as a supplement to the global estimates of these expenditures in the Interview Survey for certain demographic subgroups. In this manner, subtle differences in expenditure habits can be observed among a variety of household subgroups. For the purposes of this paper, this is extremely useful, as it provides a way to distinguish between food consumption decisions among heterogeneous households. For example, a household that consists of devoted vegetarians will have a vastly different carbon intensity of food consumption than one that consumes large amounts of beef, pork, and poultry. Furthermore, as consumer preferences for meat or preferences for fresh versus processed fruits and vegetables change over time it is important to incorporate these changes in the determination of carbon emissions resulting from food consumption.

However, before the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from the consumption of goods and services can be calculated a large amount of data work must be completed in order to pool the quarterly cross-sections in the CEX from 1996 to 2009. There are two hurdles to overcome before these data could be used as a consistent pooled cross-section: income imputation and time inconsistencies. The CEX is designed in such a way as to provide nationally representative data within each year of the survey, not to provide a time series of expenditure patterns. However, this is precisely what is needed in the current context.

### *2.2.2. Income Imputation*

Starting with the publication of the 2004 CEX data the surveys include some data that have been produced using a multiple imputation technique. The purpose of this procedure is to fill in blanks due to nonresponse (i.e. the respondent does not know or is not willing to provide a value for a source of income received by the consumer unit). The process preserves the mean of each income source and yields variance estimates that take into account the fact that some of the values are imputed rather than reported.

The method used for multiple imputations is regression-based. Basically, a regression is run to provide the coefficients for use in estimating values for the missing data points.<sup>12</sup> These coefficients are shocked by adding random noise to each and missing values are estimated using the shocked coefficients. These estimates are then shocked again to ensure that consumer units with identical demographic characteristics are not assigned identical income estimates. The resulting values are then used to fill in the missing values, while reported values are preserved. This process is repeated an additional four times, resulting in a total of five different imputed values for each missing data point. Additionally, the imputed data includes one additional

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<sup>12</sup> For a detailed theoretical understanding of the multiple imputation process, see Rubin (1987).

estimate representing the mean of all five estimates. When using income variables as control variables in regression analysis or when estimating means, the mean imputation can be used with no resulting loss in efficiency. However, if income variances or regression parameters are to be estimated, using only the mean imputation values will result in statistical bias. Using any one imputation estimate or the mean estimate to draw inferences leads to bias by inadequately capturing the uncertainty built into the data resulting from the fact that some of the data are imputed rather than reported. Therefore, the CEX data obtained herein contain only reported values for income variables from 1996 through 2003, and both reported and imputed values from 2004 through 2009. In practice, this enables the preservation of more observations in the latter half of the data. I will return to this discussion at the end of Section 2.

### *2.2.3. Time Inconsistencies*

While many time inconsistencies are present in the CEX, there is also a surprising amount of consistency from one year to the next. Most importantly, variable names are preserved over time, while many variables are added and dropped; a core set of expenditure and demographic variables are present in the data from 1996 to 2009. While labor intensive, this allows for the construction of a pooled cross-section with a consistent set of variables over time. Once this set is established the task becomes the confirmation of measurement and coding consistencies over time. In practice, this was achieved by starting with the 1996 first quarter CEX Interview survey data and appending the additional 55 quarters of data one at a time. At each step in this process the core set of variables established by the 1996 data are matched and all coding and measurement consistencies are examined and adjusted as necessary. Once complete this process produces a nationally representative pooled cross-section of expenditure, demographic,

household characteristics, income, and geographical data of the United States from the first quarter of 1996 through the fourth quarter of 2009.

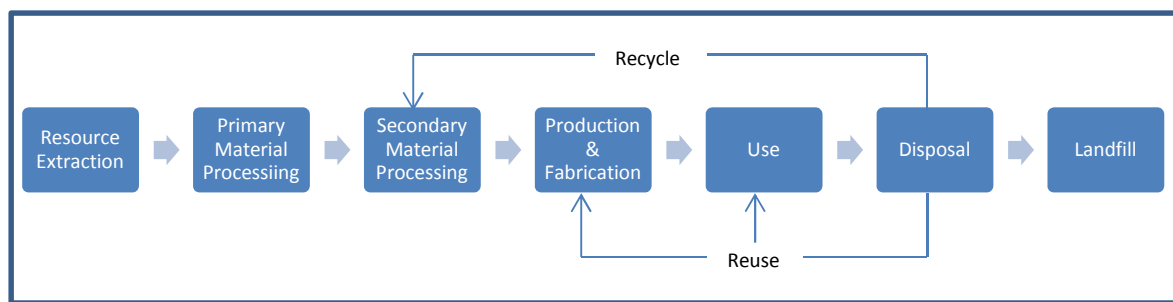
#### *2.2.4. Measuring the Carbon Intensity of Household Expenditures*

The energy and emissions requirements of household consumption have been the subject of continuing environmental and economic research since the early 1970s (Leontief, 1970; Bullard & Herendeen, 1975; Hannon, 1975; Herendeen & Tanaka, 1976). It remains to be the subject of continued research due to the changing consumption, emissions, and demographic patterns in the United States, as well as continuing refinements and variations in household consumption and emissions measurement techniques (Hertwich, 2005; Kok et al., 2006; Tukker & Jansen, 2006; Kerkhof et al., 2009). The most prevalent and widely used techniques include economic input-output (EIO) models, life-cycle assessment (LCA) analysis, and hybrid models incorporating elements of these two techniques (EIO-LCA). This section will describe each in turn and elaborate on the model used for the purposes of this research.

#### *2.2.5. Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA) Models*

Life-cycle assessment is a tool used to determine the environmental impact of product systems and services, including resource uses and emissions during production, distribution, use, and disposal of the product; often referred to as a “cradle to grave” technique for tracking environmental impacts, emphasizing the accounting of impacts from primary resource extraction to end-use disposal. It is important to point out that while LCA has many similarities to EIO analysis; its foundations are quite different. LCA models are engineering-based and present the flow of physical products among different production, distribution, and disposal processes.

Hertwich (2005) reviews a variety of life-cycle approaches to sustainable consumption taking a broad definition of life-cycle analysis. LCA consists of three distinct analytical steps: process determination, impact determination, and the assessment and aggregation of these environmental impacts. In other words, LCA asks these questions: what processes are involved in the life cycle of a product, what and how many resources are used and what level of emissions are generated throughout these processes, and how can we measure, track, and record these impacts? Figure 2.2.1 summarizes the general components of a life-cycle model.



**Figure 2.2.1 Example Process Chain Life Cycle Model**

Additionally, two further procedural steps are defined by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO): the goal and scope definition (the planning of the LCA) and interpretation (discussion and conclusions at each step) (ISO, 1997; Hertwich, 2005). This LCA process analysis originally developed by the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses engineering to create energy and material balances for each relevant process (generically represented in Figure 2.2.1) (Hendrickson et al., 2006). The question of relevance relates back to the planning of any LCA analysis; the determination of the goal and scope of the project. Take the life cycle of the production of an automobile for example: the facilities extracting the ores, coal, and other energy sources; the vehicles, ships, pipelines, and other infrastructure that transport the raw material, processed material, and subcomponents along the supply chain to manufacture the consumer

product, and transport the products to the consumer: iron ore ships, trucks carrying steel, engines going to an automobile assembly plant, trucks carrying cars to dealers, trucks transporting gasoline, lubricating oil, and tires to service stations; the factories that make each of the components that go into the car, including replacement parts, and the car itself; the refineries and electricity generation facilities that provide energy for making and using the car; and the factories that handle the vehicle at the end of its life: battery recycling, shredding, landfills for shredder waste (Hendrickson et al., 2006). Each of these tasks requires raw materials and generates GHG emissions. Therefore, understanding the life-cycle of a certain product in this way can inform industry, consumers, and government about the potential environmental and sustainability impacts of different consumption choices or policy paradigms.

A myriad of complications arise in the application of LCA process analysis (Rebitzer et al., 2004; Reap et al., 2008a; Reap et al., 2008b). In the case of most products, analysts must identify the materials and impacts of each process in the life-cycle in great detail. This creates problems for the broad dissemination of this practice, especially in a dynamic economy. The processes employed, materials used, and impacts generated in the production of any particular product can and will change continually in response to innovations, input prices, and consumer preferences. In many cases this can lead to a situation where the design and materials used have changed significantly before an existing LCA analysis on that product has been completed. Furthermore, the time and expense necessary to perform a detailed energy and material breakdown for a process is substantial; therefore, the number of processes that is practical to analyze is limited. Performing a detailed process analysis of a complicated product, such as an automobile, is, for all practical purposes, impossible. Containing over roughly 30,000 components, each with its own process chain involving thousands of processes, tracking the

material and energy balances for all of these processes is impossible (Hendrickson, et al., 2006). As a result, the ability to perform an LCA process analysis for a set of products representative of the typical consumer is also impossible. In order to go beyond this hurdle, LCA analysis can be augmented using economic input-output models, taking a more aggregated view of the sectors in the economy.

#### *2.2.6. Economic Input-Output (EIO) Models*

Simply put, input-output models focus on the interconnectedness of industry, households, and government within the economy. Building from the theoretical production function concepts established by Walras (1874) and the desire for empirical analysis in this area, Leontief (1949) developed a tractable input-output model using structural matrices of the national economy. Input-output models divide the entire economy into many distinct sectors and represent the amount of various inputs needed to produce a unit of output in each sector. In practice, these are constructed as large tables or matrices. Each sector is represented by one column and one row, enabling the researcher to trace all the direct and indirect inputs used to produce a unit of output in each sector.

Two important assumptions of EIO models must be mentioned. These models are linear and therefore assume constant returns to scale. As a result, the effects of a \$1,000 purchase from one sector will be ten times greater than the effects of a \$100 dollar purchase. While this assumption surely does not hold for all industries in the economy, it is a reasonable approximation over the relevant range of output for a wide range of sectors. In industries for which some degree of economies of scale is expected, such as electricity generation and distribution, natural gas distribution, and other public utilities, this assumption will have the effect of overstating input usage; for a doubling of final output will not require a doubling of

input demands. Secondly, input-output models take a “snapshot” of the economy at a given moment in time and thus are static in nature, dealing only with flows of commodities, neglecting any potential changes in the stocks of those commodities. Therefore, modeling in this manner can only be a valid tool for relatively short-run analyses wherein this assumption can be deemed appropriate.

#### *2.2.7. Economic Input-Output Life-Cycle Assessment (EIO-LCA) Models*

The advantage of a pure process LCA analysis is that it can answer very detailed questions regarding the energy and material balances of each facility in question depending on the scope of the study. However, the major disadvantage, as mentioned previously, is the time and expense involved in tracking these process chains, forcing the researcher to draw relatively tight boundaries that exclude a large number of the processes involved. The advantage of the EIO-LCA approach is that no boundary must be drawn, and so covers the entire economy including all material and energy balances. However, the major drawback of using EIO tables to guide the analysis is the aggregated scope of the sector definitions. Instead of focusing on the actual steel mill involved in the production of an automobile in tracking input usage, the broad sector “iron and steel mills” must be used for example. Much of the heterogeneity in production processes among different facilities in similar sectors is lost.<sup>13</sup> This disadvantage is offset by the ability to expand the scope of the analysis to include the entire economy.

The incorporation of environmental and natural resource concerns into EIO analysis was first proposed by Leontief (1970), leading to a dramatic surge in research on the environmental impacts of economic activity. In theory this task is relatively simple, structural coefficients

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<sup>13</sup> An implication of this aggregated scope is that goods of different brands or designs may often be assumed to be identical in their carbon intensity of production. For some goods, this may be plausible; but for some this may lead to an over or underestimation of the carbon intensity.



similar to those used to trace the interdependence between production and consumption can be used to explain the interdependence between levels of actual “desired” output and “undesirable” outputs (GHG emissions) (Leontief, 1970). In practice, there are two methods that can be used to implement such a technique: direct augmentation and external augmentation. In order to elaborate on and determine the potential equivalence of these methods, I will first present a general form of an input- output model based on Leontief (1949; 1970). Figure 2.2.2 shows an example structure of an economic input-output table.

Matrix entries  $X_{ij}$  are the input to sector  $j$  from sector  $i$ . Total output for each sector  $i$  is the sum (across rows) of intermediate outputs used by other sectors and final demand by consumers:

$$X_i = \sum_{i=1}^n O_i + Y_i$$

where

$$O_i = \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}.$$

Gross domestic product (GDP) is equal to the sum of all final demands, as well as, the sum of the value added by each sector, by definition:

$$GDP = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n V_j$$

where

$$V_j = X_j - I_j, \text{ with } X_j = X_i \text{ and } I_j = O_i.$$

	Input to sectors ( <i>j</i> )					Intermediate Output (O)	Final Demand (Y)	Total Output (X)
Output from sectors ( <i>i</i> )	1	2	3	...	<i>n</i>			
1	$X_{11}$	$X_{12}$	$X_{13}$	...	$X_{1n}$	$O_1$	$Y_1$	$X_1$
2	$X_{21}$	$X_{22}$	$X_{23}$	...	$X_{2n}$	$O_2$	$Y_2$	$X_2$
3	$X_{31}$	$X_{32}$	$X_{33}$	...	$X_{3n}$	$O_3$	$Y_2$	$X_3$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$		$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
<i>n</i>	$X_{n1}$	$X_{n2}$	$X_{n3}$	...	$X_{nn}$	$O_n$	$Y_n$	$X_n$
Intermediate input <b>I</b>	$I_1$	$I_2$	$I_3$	...	$I_n$			
Value added <b>V</b>	$V_1$	$V_2$	$V_3$	...	$V_n$		GDP	
Total input <b>X</b>	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	...	$X_n$			

**Figure 2.2.2: Example Structure of EIO table<sup>14</sup>**

However, EIO models are typically generalized in such a way that inter-industry flows can be represented as a percentage of sectoral output: technical coefficients or input-output coefficients. This is achieved by dividing the dollar value of flows from sector *i* to sector *j* by the total output of sector *j*:

$$a_{ij} = \frac{X_{ij}}{X_j}. \quad (2.2.1)$$

These coefficients are unit-less and describe the dollar amount of inputs from sector *i* in every unit of output from sector *j*. For example, if \$100 of intermediate inputs flow from sector 1 to sector 2 ( $X_{12}$ ) and the total output from sector 2 ( $X_2$ ) is \$1000, then  $a_{12} = 0.10$ . Solving the equation (1.2.1) for  $X_{ij}$  yields,

<sup>14</sup> Based on table presented by Hendrickson et al., 2006.

$$X_{ij} = a_{ij}X_j \quad (2.2.2)$$

therefore, the model is most often represented as a system of linear equations as follows:

$$X_i = a_{i1}X_1 + a_{i2}X_2 + \cdots + a_{in}X_n + Y_i. \quad (2.2.3)$$

Each term on the left has a corresponding term on the right side of the above equation. Thus, all  $X$  terms are typically moved to the left side, such that, final demands,  $Y_i$ , are written as a function of all intermediate inputs/outputs, and the entire system is written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - a_{11})X_1 - a_{12}X_2 - \cdots - a_{1n}X_n &= Y_1 \\ -a_{21}X_1 + (1 - a_{22})X_2 - \cdots - a_{2n}X_n &= Y_2 \\ -a_{i1}X_1 - a_{i2}X_2 - \cdots + (1 - a_{ii})X_i - \cdots - a_{in}X_n &= Y_i \\ -a_{n1}X_1 - a_{n2}X_2 - \cdots + (1 - a_{nn})X_n &= Y_n \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.4)$$

Let the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix containing all of the technical coefficient  $A_{ij}$  terms,  $\mathbf{x}$  be a  $n \times 1$  vector of the output  $X_i$  terms, and  $\mathbf{Y}$  be a  $n \times 1$  vector of the final demand  $Y_i$  terms; thus equation (2.2.4) can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Ax} = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}]\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Y} \quad (2.2.5)$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Of prevailing interest is  $\mathbf{x}$ , the total output of each sector for various exogenous final demands  $\mathbf{Y}$  taken as inputs to the system. In order to arrive at this solution we take the inverse of  $[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}]$  and pre-multiply it to both sides of equation (2.2.5), yielding the familiar result,

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}]^{-1}\mathbf{Y} \quad (2.2.6)$$

where  $[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}]^{-1}$  is the structural matrix of the economy, or what has come to be known as the Leontief inverse matrix.

Given this general framework, we can now proceed to a comparison of the two methods for incorporating environmental elements: direct or external augmentation. The direct method, suggested by Leontief (1970) is very straightforward: simply augment the  $A$  matrix with a pollution (emissions) product rows and columns. The data limitations and computational capacity of the time somewhat limited this proposition, for adding even a single pollutant to the  $A$  matrix created problems in solving the system of equations. This, in part, led to the pursuit of a second method, externally augmented EIO models, in which the consideration of environmental effects are kept external to the input-output model; but use the Leontief inverse and output solutions to generate these results. Using this method the total supply-chain economic output is found using equation (2.2.6) above. Since  $\mathbf{x}$  contains all output produced by each sector, an external per-dollar-output emissions function can be used to establish the environmental impact in each sector resulting from a given amount of production. These sectoral impacts can then be summed to arrive at a level of aggregate environmental impact (total pollution) resulting from an exogenous level of final demand. Specifically, the following function can be used<sup>15</sup>

$$h = e_1X_1 + e_2X_2 + \dots + e_nX_n = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}]^{-1}\mathbf{Y} \quad (2.2.7)$$

where  $\mathbf{E}$  is a  $n \times 1$  vector of per-dollar emissions (pollution intensities)  $e_i$  from each sector multiplied by the total output from each sector  $\mathbf{x}$ , thus yielding total pollution  $h$ . Of interest is whether or not this method yields results equivalent to the direct augmentation method. Miller and Blair (1985) maintain that external methods can generate equivalent results if done correctly, but do not prove this conclusion. Hendrickson et al. (2006) offer a proof of this hypothesis and show that the external method yields analytically identical results even when a set of  $m$

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<sup>15</sup> As suggested by Hendrickson et al., 2006.

environmental impacts is added to the model.<sup>16</sup> The EIO-LCA model used in this research to establish emissions intensities for a broad set of household expenditure items relies on the external augmentation method, thereby highlighting the importance of this equivalence.

In order to establish household level emissions and intensities we must first establish the pollution intensities of the sectors in the economy producing these household expenditure items. The EIO-LCA model used in this analysis is developed and maintained by the Green Design Institute at Carnegie Mellon University and is available as a free online tool.<sup>17</sup> This model uses industry-to-industry transactions in order to access the impacts of specific production processes. Industries are defined according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and the transactions among them are tracked using the benchmark input-output accounts prepared and published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) every five years. The accounts used in the present analysis are for the years 1997 and 2002, splitting the economy into 483 and 428 disaggregated sectors, respectively. Differences across the two model years in terms of sector definitions and level of aggregation must first be reconciled to arrive at a sectoral composition consistent between the two years. The most common discrepancy between 1997 and 2002 is the level of aggregation; hence the smaller number of detailed sectors in the 2002 model. For example, in 1997 “flour milling” and “malt manufacturing” are listed as different sectors; but in 2002, “flour milling and malt manufacturing” is listed as a single sector. In situations such as this, the model provides one result for 2002, but two different results in 1997; therefore the multiple results obtained from the 1997 model were averaged to generate a single value for the impacts generated from that sector (as defined in 2002) in 1997. While some

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<sup>16</sup> Both the external and direct augmentation methods yield equation (2.2.7). See Hendrickson et al. (2006), pages 202-206, for the exhaustive proof.

<sup>17</sup> The model is available on the web at [www.eiolca.net](http://www.eiolca.net).

precision in the estimation of environmental impacts is lost through this process, overall this enables us to arrive at a set of 419 sectors with reliable results across the two years.

The result reported from implementing the EIO-LCA model for \$1 million of final demand from a given sector is the metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub>e). GHGs differ in their warming influence (or radiative forcing) on the climate due to differences in their radiative properties and lifetime in the atmosphere. These differences can be expressed using the metric of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions, which is defined as “the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that would cause the same time-integrated radiative forcing, over a given time horizon, as an emitted amount of a long-lived GHG or a mixture of GHGs” (IPCC, 2007c, p. 36). The equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are obtained by multiplying the emissions of multiple GHGs (in the EIO-LCA model: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), and chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)) by their global warming potential (GWP)<sup>18</sup> for the given time horizon (in this case: 100 years) and summing the results. For example, the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions resulting from \$1 million of final demand in the “soft drink and ice manufacturing” sector in 1997 is 709 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. These values were determined using the 1997 and 2002 purchaser price EIO-LCA models for the 419 sectors (as redefined earlier).<sup>19</sup> These two values are in current prices and reflect GHG emissions resulting from \$1 million dollars of final output from all sectors in 1997 and 2002 prices. The U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) was used to inflate the 1997 values to 2002 prices, using a conversion factor of 1.12087.<sup>20</sup> These values, now comparable, can be used to estimate the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emission intensities for the remaining

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<sup>18</sup> Global warming potential (GWP) is an index that transforms the emissions of a GHG to that of an equivalent mass of CO<sub>2</sub>. The duration of the perturbation is included by integrating radiative forcing over a time horizon (100 years in the current context) which includes the cumulative climate change and decay of the perturbation (IPCC, 2007c).

<sup>19</sup> A complete list of these “raw” sectoral carbon intensities can be found in Appendix 1.

<sup>20</sup> Data retrieved from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), at [www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi).

years of data necessary (recall, consumer expenditure data has been retrieved for the years 1996 through 2009).

To estimate the remaining values, log-linear interpolation and extrapolation was used. Using logged values has two important features in this context: it bounds carbon intensities at zero and incorporates the concept of diminishing returns to technological efficiency over time. For those sectors that experienced dramatic improvements in efficiency over the period, 1997 – 2002, using actual values for extrapolation results in negative values in the most current period. By logging both the 1997 and 2002 values, differencing them, and dividing by the time period of 5 years, we arrive at a value that is interpreted as the mean percentage change in the carbon intensity for that sector per year,  $\theta_j$ , where  $j$  is used to denote the sector from 1 to 419. The intuitive appeal of this method is that it incorporates the idea that efficiency gains from technology will decrease over time, or for a select few sectors, efficiency losses will also decrease over time. This process can be described mathematically as follows: let  $\alpha_j$  be defined as the raw carbon intensity of sector  $j$  in 1997 and let  $\beta_j$  be defined as the raw carbon intensity of sector  $j$  in 2002. Additionally, let  $t$  be a time parameter taking on values from -1 to 12, representing the years, 1996 through 2009. Therefore,

$$\theta_j = \frac{\ln \alpha_j - \ln \beta_j}{t_{2002} - t_{1997}} = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right) \ln \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right). \quad (2.2.8)$$

The estimated carbon intensity for sector  $j$  in time  $t$  can be represented as:

$$\hat{C}_{jt} = e^{(\ln \alpha_j + t\theta_j)}, \quad (2.2.9)$$

with the exponential function being necessary to convert the logged values back to levels. This method is implemented for all 419 sectors in every year from 1996 – 2009, with 1997 and 2002, of course, returning their initial values. At this point, all of these carbon intensities are being

measured in constant 2002 prices, so in order to use these sectoral intensities in the calculation of household carbon intensities, we must first use the CPI to convert these values back to current year dollars, as expenditures in every year of the CEX are measured in that manner.<sup>21</sup> Once this procedure has been completed, we can then proceed to the matching of these estimated sectoral carbon intensities with the various expenditure categories.

The CEX Interview Survey provides data on expenditures by households over 14 broad categories: food, alcoholic beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, healthcare, entertainment, personal care, reading, education, tobacco products, cash contributions, personal insurance, and miscellaneous. These expenditures are then further disaggregated into 50 detailed expenditure categories, which must be matched to the 419 production sectors in order to determine carbon intensities for each of these categories. Since the expenditure categories are classified according to final demands and the sectors are classified according to production of output from industry; the expenditures are matched to sectors using, in some cases, only one production sector, but in other cases an average of carbon intensities from multiple production sectors must be used to match the expenditure category as closely as possible. The production sectors used in the calculation of carbon intensities and the resulting intensities are summarized in complete detail in Appendix 3.

As mentioned in Section 2.2.1, the Diary Survey is used to augment the Interview Survey to provide more detailed expenditure information. The broad expenditure category, food, is split into two components: “food at home” and “food away from home”. The Interview Survey provides one expenditure value for each component. For “food away from home” this does not

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<sup>21</sup> See Appendix 2 for a complete list of the estimated sectoral carbon intensities in current prices for all 419 detailed sectors.



pose any significant problems; however, the “food at home” category includes cereal products, bakery products, beef, pork, other meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, milk products, other dairy, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, processed fruit, processed vegetables, sweets, non-alcoholic beverages, oil, and other miscellaneous foods. The expenditures on these disaggregated food categories are not reported independently in the Interview Survey; only one value for “food at home” is reported. If we were to use a simple average over the sectoral carbon intensities matched with these categories, valuable information on food consumption choices of American households over the time period 1996 – 2009 would be lost. As different food categories can have dramatically different carbon intensities<sup>22</sup>, this behavioral component cannot be overlooked. In order to incorporate changing tastes and preferences for different food items over time, the Diary Survey was used to estimate mean proportions of total “food at home” expenditures for these 18 different food categories. For example, in 1996 the average American household spent 19.1% of their grocery budget on beef, pork, poultry, and other meats and 15.6% in 2009, suggesting a declining preference for meat over the period. Therefore, weighted mean carbon intensity for “food at home” expenditures using these proportions as weights was estimated using data from the Diary Survey for each year. This provides one value for the carbon intensity of “food at home” expenditures for each year as is the case with the remaining 49 detailed expenditure categories, summarized in Appendix 3. These 50 carbon intensities,  $\gamma$ , can then be used in conjunction with the 50 different expenditure category values,  $\epsilon$ , to calculate carbon intensities of consumption at the household level. Let  $i$  denote expenditure categories from 1 to 50, let  $j$  denote observations from 1 to  $n$ , and let  $t$  denote quarterly time periods, 1 to 56.<sup>23</sup> Household

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<sup>22</sup> See Appendix 3.

<sup>23</sup> Sectoral carbon intensities are only available on an annual basis; therefore, the same carbon intensity is used for each quarter of every year in the calculation of household carbon intensities. While not ideal, this limitation does

carbon intensities are calculated by first determining the total carbon dioxide equivalent emissions,  $\Phi$ , generated by household  $j$ , in time period  $t$ , by expenditures in each category  $i$ :

$$\Phi_{ijt} = \gamma_{it} \cdot \varepsilon_{ijt} . \quad (2.2.10)$$

Therefore, the total carbon intensity of consumption,  $\Gamma$ , for household  $j$  in time period  $t$  is:

$$\Gamma_{jt} = \sum_{i=1}^{50} \frac{\Phi_{ijt}}{\varepsilon_{ijt}} . \quad (2.2.11)$$

Lastly, in order to complete the data, households are placed into income quintiles based on their annual before-tax income. Income quintile data (Table 2.2.1) from the American Community Survey compiled by the U.S Census Bureau was used to place households into their respective

**Table 2.2.1. U.S. Income Quintiles: 1996 – 2009.**

	Upper Limit of Each 20% (Quintile)				Lower Limit of Top 5%
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	
<b>2009</b>	20,453	38,550	61,801	100,000	180,001
<b>2008</b>	20,712	39,000	62,725	100,240	180,000
<b>2007</b>	20,291	39,100	62,000	100,000	177,000
<b>2006</b>	20,035	37,774	60,000	97,032	174,012
<b>2005</b>	19,178	36,000	57,660	91,705	166,000
<b>2004</b>	18,486	34,675	55,230	88,002	157,152
<b>2003</b>	17,984	34,000	54,453	86,867	154,120
<b>2002</b>	17,916	33,377	53,162	84,016	150,002
<b>2001</b>	17,970	33,314	53,000	83,500	150,499
<b>2000</b>	17,920	33,000	52,174	81,766	145,220
<b>1999</b>	17,136	31,920	50,384	79,232	142,000
<b>1998</b>	16,116	30,408	48,337	75,000	132,199
<b>1997</b>	15,400	29,200	46,000	71,500	126,550
<b>1996</b>	14,768	27,760	44,006	68,015	119,540

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements.  
Note: Measured in current year dollars.

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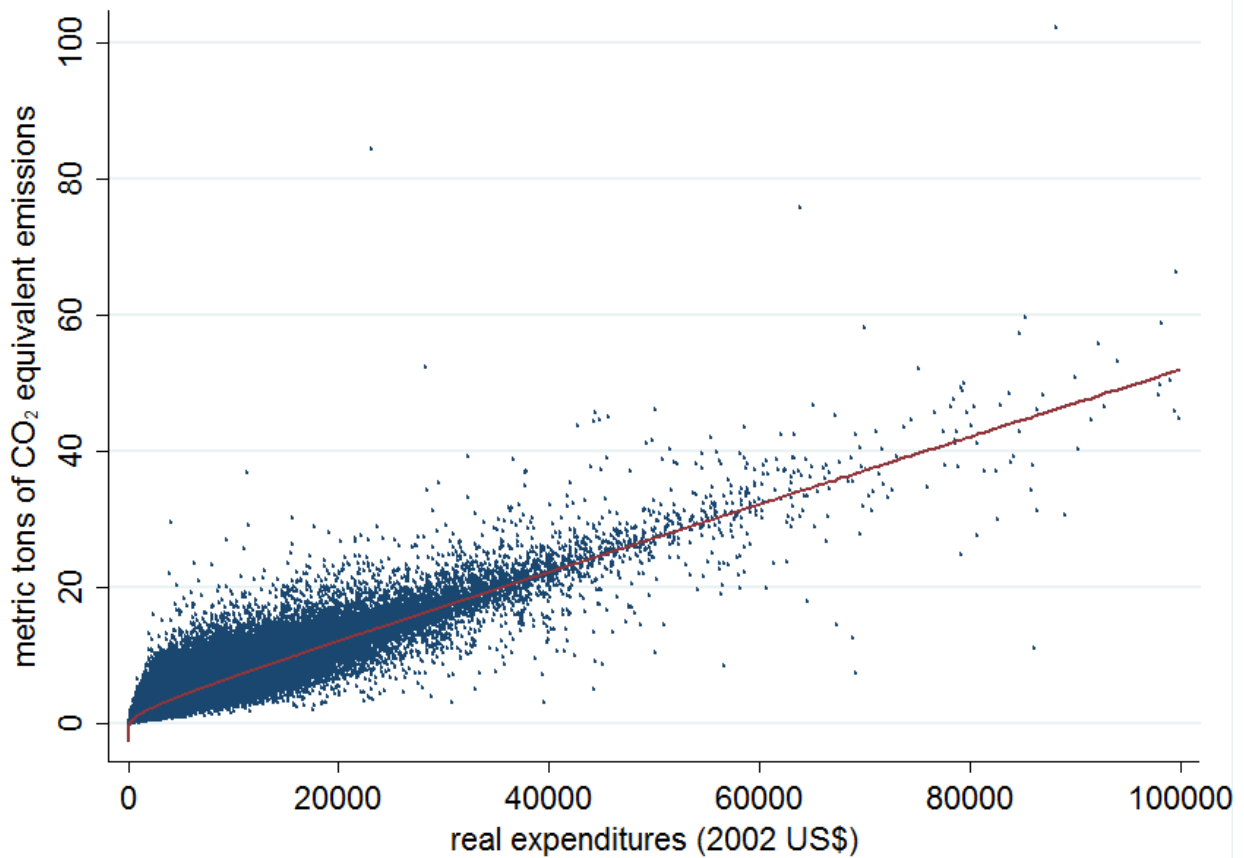
have the advantage of eliminating any seasonal variation in carbon intensities resulting from input availability, weather patterns, etc.

fifths of the income distribution on a year-by-year basis using their reported annual gross (before-tax) income.

The data now complete, we can proceed with the analysis in Section 3 which will focus on the relationship between expenditures and the proportion of those expenditures devoted to direct uses of energy. This proportion will determine the carbon intensity of household expenditures and thus the potential burden of climate policy. However, as will be shown in the following section, the composition of household expenditures is determined by many socio-demographic characteristics, in particular, a household's income and position in the life course. In Chapter 3, I investigate the changing nature of households over the life cycle and the resulting reallocation of expenditures that drives changes in carbon intensities and the level of household carbon dioxide emissions.

### **2.3. Economic Demography and Household Carbon Intensity of Consumption**

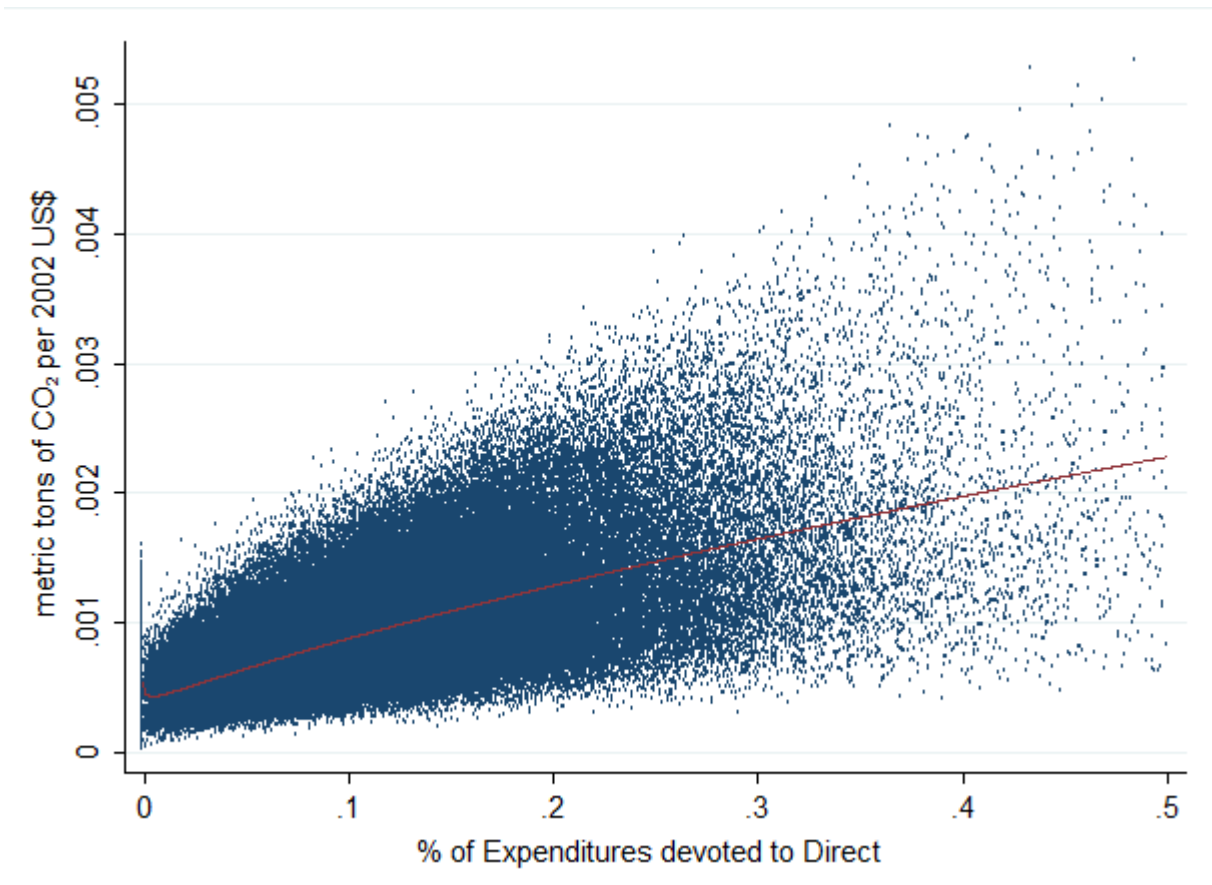
As mentioned in Chapter 1, the regressivity of climate policy is founded in the empirical consistency that lower income households devote a larger proportion of their expenditures to direct uses of energy. This is true despite the fact that higher income households generate more CO<sub>2</sub> through their consumption due simply to their higher level of expenditures. As one might expect, quarterly household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and expenditures are very highly correlated, a correlation coefficient of 0.9091. This correlation is present in Figure 2.3.1, displaying the highly intuitive belief that, “the more stuff one buys, the more CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are generated.”



**Figure 2.3.1. Quarterly Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Real Expenditures**

More than 99% of households in the sample spend less than \$100,000 per quarter, but the correlation coefficient is not significantly affected by restricting the sample in this manner (decreases to 0.9035). Therefore, household carbon dioxide emissions are largely determined by the level of expenditures. However, the degree to which each dollar of expenditures contributes to total emissions will depend upon the carbon intensity of each dollar spent. The carbon intensity of household expenditures is determined by the proportion of total expenditures devoted to direct uses of energy. This proportion varies in the sample from only 1% to nearly 34% at the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile with a probability weighted mean of 8.08%. This proportion varies directly with the carbon intensity of household expenditures, as can be seen in Figure 2.3.2. This proportion is determined by household expenditure share decisions which are driven by their needs and

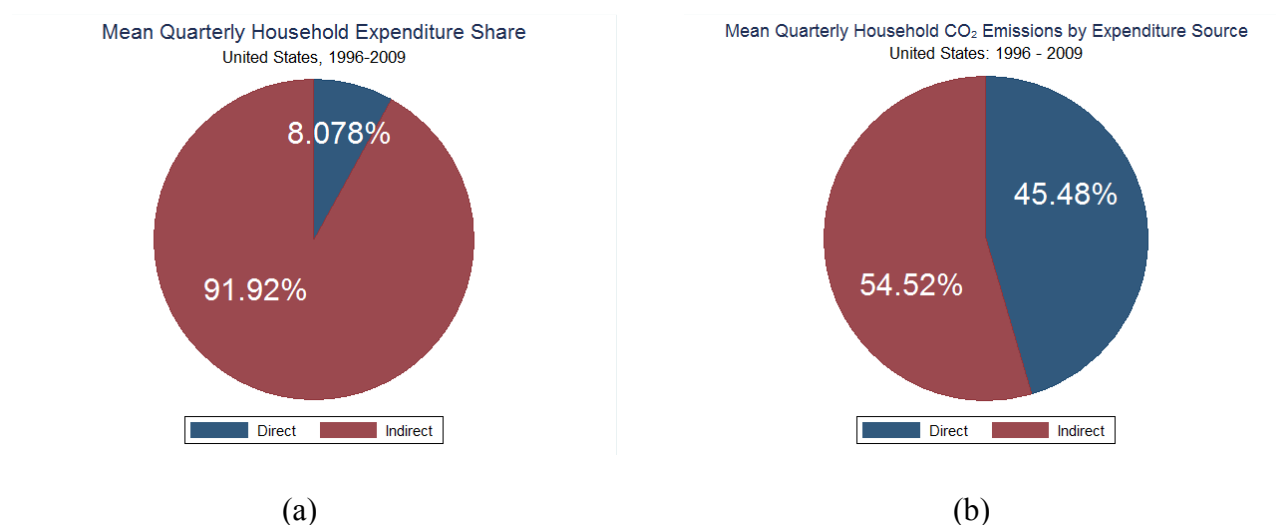
preferences that are importantly shaped by life cycle and demographic characteristics. Therefore, understanding how and why household needs change is fundamental to an understanding of expenditure decisions and thus household carbon dioxide emissions and intensities.



**Figure 2.3.2. Carbon intensity variation with respect to the proportion of total expenditures devoted to direct uses of energy**

A significant amount of research has been conducted analyzing the energy requirements of households since the 1970s, but much of this work has focused on direct uses of energy. However, households also generate GHG emissions indirectly through the purchase of other goods and services via the emissions embodied in their production processes. This component cannot be ignored; Bullard and Herendeen emphasized this point as far back as 1975. A

significant proportion of household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions results from the indirect uses of energy through the purchase and distribution of goods and services. On average, around 90% of household expenditures are devoted to the purchase of these goods and services (Figure 2.3.3a) resulting in 54% of household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, on average, (Figure 2.3.3b) over the period from 1996 – 2009 in the United States.



**Figure 2.3.3. Mean quarterly household expenditure share (a) and mean quarterly CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by expenditure source (b).**

The indirect carbon emissions resulting from the purchase of goods and services are equally important in the determination of household carbon intensity. Given the relationship in Figure 2.3.2, carbon intensity, predictably, is declining in the proportion of expenditures devoted to indirect uses of energy; doing so at an increasing rate. This relationship is shown in Figure 2.3.4.

The allocation of household expenditures between direct uses of energy (carbon intensive necessities) and all other indirect uses of energy (including both essential expenditures on food, clothing, shelter, education, and healthcare; and more discretionary expenditures on apparel, entertainment, and vacations) has been addressed in the literature starting with the “energy cost



**Figure 2.3.4 Carbon intensity variation with respect to the proportion of total expenditures devoted to indirect uses of energy.**

of living” studies in the mid-1970s and continuing today (Bullard & Herendeen, 1975; Herendeen & Tanaka, 1976; Herendeen, 1978; Bullard et al., 1978; Herendeen et al., 1981; Vringer & Blok, 1995; Lenzen, 1998; Reinders et al., 2003; Pachauri, 2004; Carlsson-Kanyama et al., 2005; Moll et al., 2005; Bin & Dowlatabadi, 2005; Lenzen et al., 2006; Shammin & Bullard et al., 2009; Shammin et al., 2010). In order to fully understand differences in carbon intensities one needs to decompose the ratio of direct to indirect expenditures into its demographic and economic determinants. Table 2.3.1 summarizes the direct and indirect expenditure categories and their corresponding mean (over the period 1996 – 2009) carbon

**Table 2.3.1. Carbon Intensity of Household Expenditure Categories**

Categories	Carbon Intensity (lb CO <sub>2</sub> e / 2002US\$)
Average carbon intensity (all categories)	1.576
Average carbon intensity of direct expenditures	8.350
Average carbon intensity of indirect expenditures	0.961
Direct Expenditures	
Natural gas	5.445
Electricity	20.156
Gasoline and motor fuel	3.041
Fuel oil and other fuels	4.757
Indirect Expenditures	
Food	
Food at home	2.656
Food away from home	1.257
Housing	
Mortgage interest	0.242
Property taxes	2.005
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, and other expenses	0.242
Rent payments	0.635
Other lodging	1.253
Indirect Utilities	
Telephone	0.469
Water and other public services	3.832
Domestic services and household operations	
Domestic services excluding child care	0.764
Babysitting and child care	0.691
Other household expenses	0.532
Household equipment and supplies	
Household textiles	1.184
Furniture	1.244
Floor coverings	2.052
Major appliances	1.218
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	1.452
Miscellaneous household equipment	0.944
Transportation	
New and used cars and trucks	1.126
Other vehicles	1.163
Vehicle finance charges	0.254



Maintenance and repairs	1.177
Vehicle insurance	0.142
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges	0.332
Public transportation	1.124
Clothing and footwear	
Apparel and services	0.906
Footwear	1.081
Personal Insurance	
Life and other personal insurance	0.142
Retirement, pensions, and Social Security	0.242
Healthcare	
Health insurance	0.142
Medical services	0.610
Prescription drugs	0.658
Medical supplies	0.978
Personal care	0.548
Entertainment	
Fees and admissions	1.124
Televisions, radios, and sound equipment	0.655
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	1.712
Other entertainment	0.931
Education and reading	
Reading	0.629
Education	1.106
Alcohol and tobacco	
Alcoholic beverages	0.956
Tobacco and smoking supplies	0.804
Miscellaneous	
Miscellaneous expenditures	0.367
Cash contributions	0.686

intensities used in this analysis.<sup>24</sup> While the selection of which expenditures to include in direct portion seems, at first, to be arbitrary; the choice of heating fuels, electricity, gasoline, and motor

<sup>24</sup> Given that carbon emissions resulting from a given dollar of household expenditures are calculated using these per dollar figures, many differences in products with each category are ignored (see note 12), or more importantly, some households are assumed to have a larger (or smaller) carbon footprint than they actually do. For example, a wealthy household may spend \$100 on brand-name personal care products (such as toothpaste, shampoo, etc.) while a lower income household may purchase an identical quantity of such products, but will purchase the generic brand; therefore spending less than \$100. In this example, the lower income household has purchased an equal quantity of products from the “personal care” sector, but, according to the present model, has generated

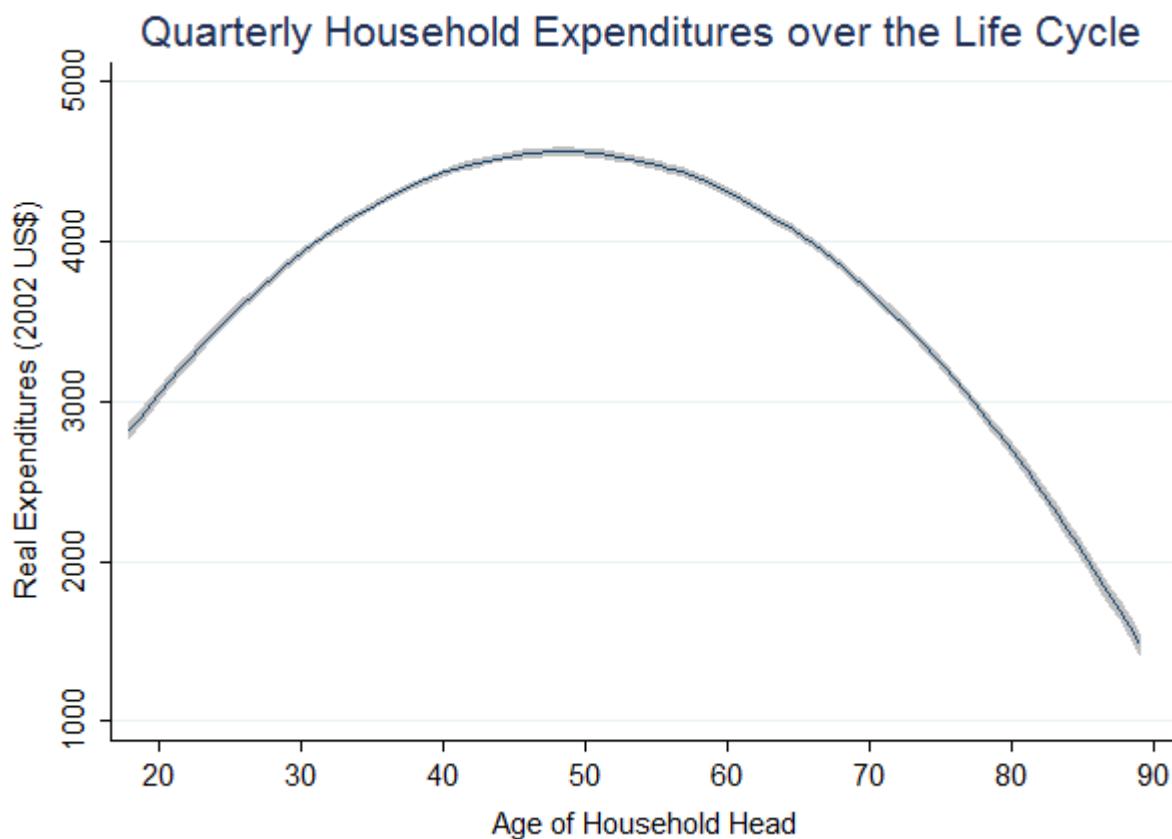
oil is consistent with the bulk of the existing literature (Herendeen & Tanaka, 1976; Herendeen et al., 1981; Vringer & Blok, 1995; Reinders et al., 2003). The purchase of these goods entail the most explicit generation of carbon dioxide emissions. Electricity is the most carbon intensive good that households can purchase, resulting primarily from the reliance on coal-fired power plants in the United States (EIA, 2011). The mean carbon intensity of direct expenditures is 8.35 lb CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions per dollar while the mean carbon intensity of indirect expenditures is a comparatively minute 0.961 lb CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions per dollar.

The carbon intensity of consumption is driven by household characteristics that vary over the life course, most notably income and the age of the head of household. These characteristics jointly determine preferences for different goods and services that establish the composition of household expenditures among direct and indirect generation of carbon emissions. The needs of heterogeneous households within the United States population are largely determined by their position in the life course, while income will determine their ability to acquire the goods and services to fulfill those needs.

Therefore, to establish the determinants of household expenditures that give rise to GHG emissions, the focus of the study must be the household life cycle – the core element of which is that transitions in the family situation of different household groups can be meaningfully related to a systematic spending behavior. As households make transitions from one life stage to another, resources undergo a reallocation to accommodate the changing household needs and circumstances. Household expenditures follow a stable inverted U-shaped path (see Figure 2.3.5) over the life course that has been documented by much of the existing literature (Friedman, 1957; Ando & Modigliani, 1963). The permanent income hypothesis

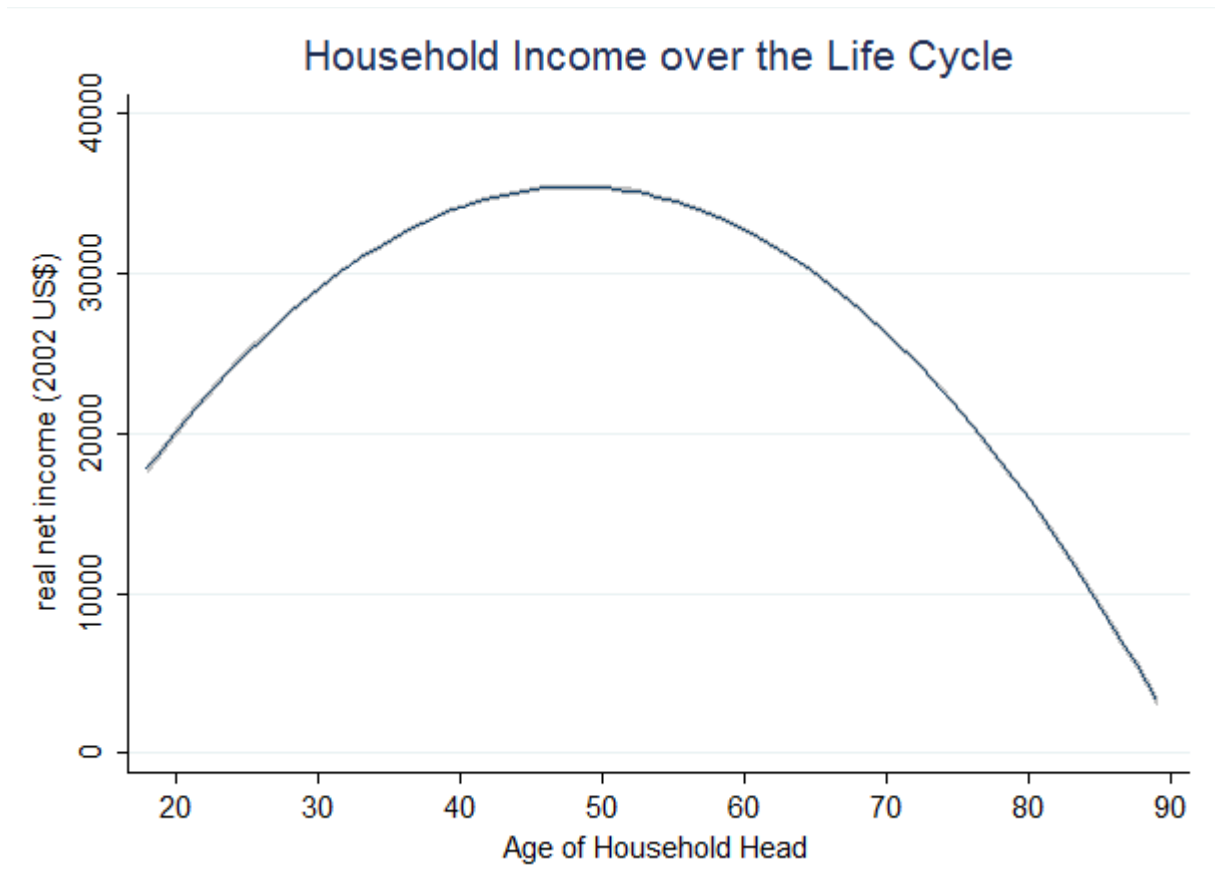
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less CO<sub>2</sub> because it has lower expenditures. As a result, the income effect of expenditures and emissions may be overestimated through a lack of product specificity.



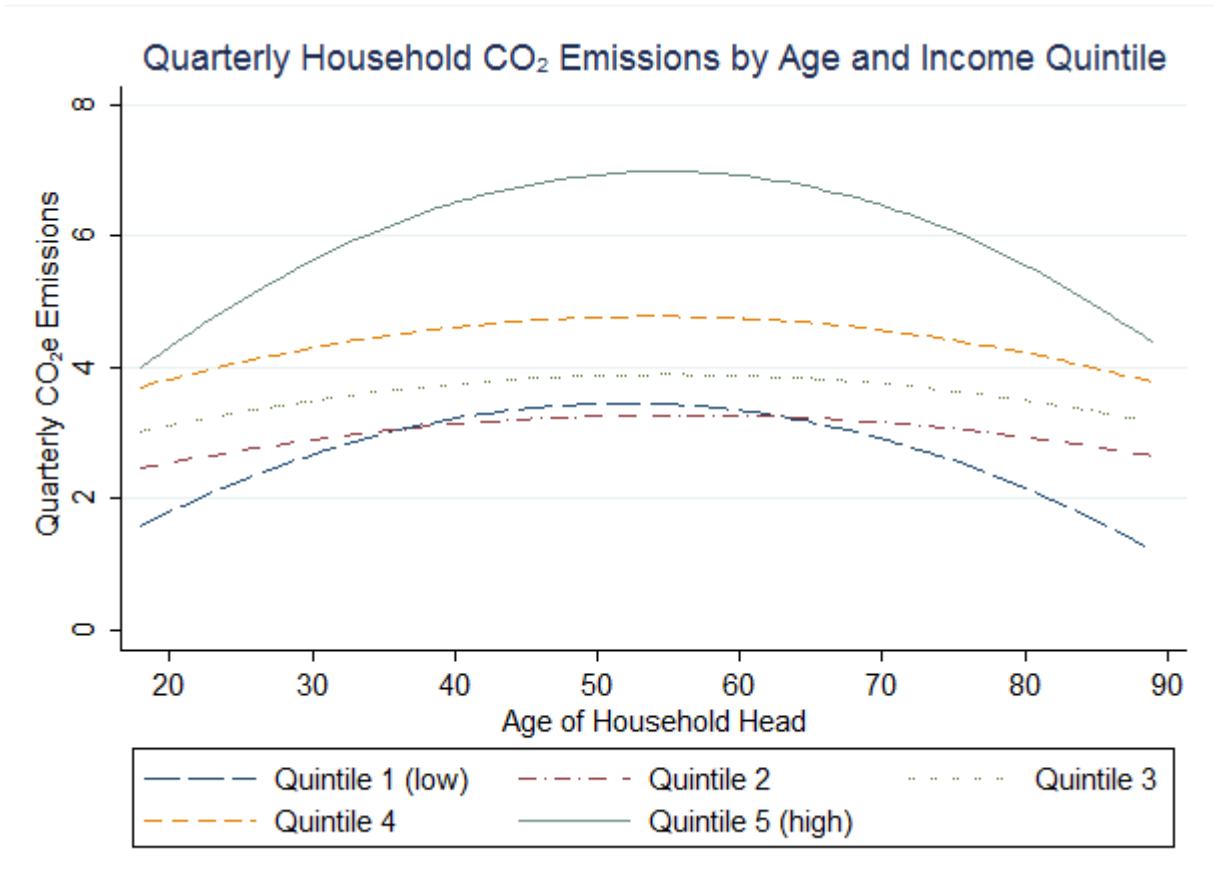
**Figure 2.3.5. Quarterly Household Expenditures over the Life Cycle**

implies that this is a result of changing income levels over the life course, which also follows this same inverted U-shaped path (see Figure 2.3.6). Given the correlation between expenditures and carbon emissions; quarterly household carbon emissions also follow this same inverted U-shape over the life course. Furthermore, this relationship is independent of the level of household income (see Figure 2.3.7), further emphasizing the importance of the position in the life course in determination of household expenditures and carbon emissions. These emissions trajectories over the life course are determined by the changing composition of household preferences as they transition from one life phase to the next. These changing preferences are evidenced by the consistent dynamics of household carbon intensity throughout the life course. The life cycle of



**Figure 2.3.6. Real Household Income over the Life Cycle**

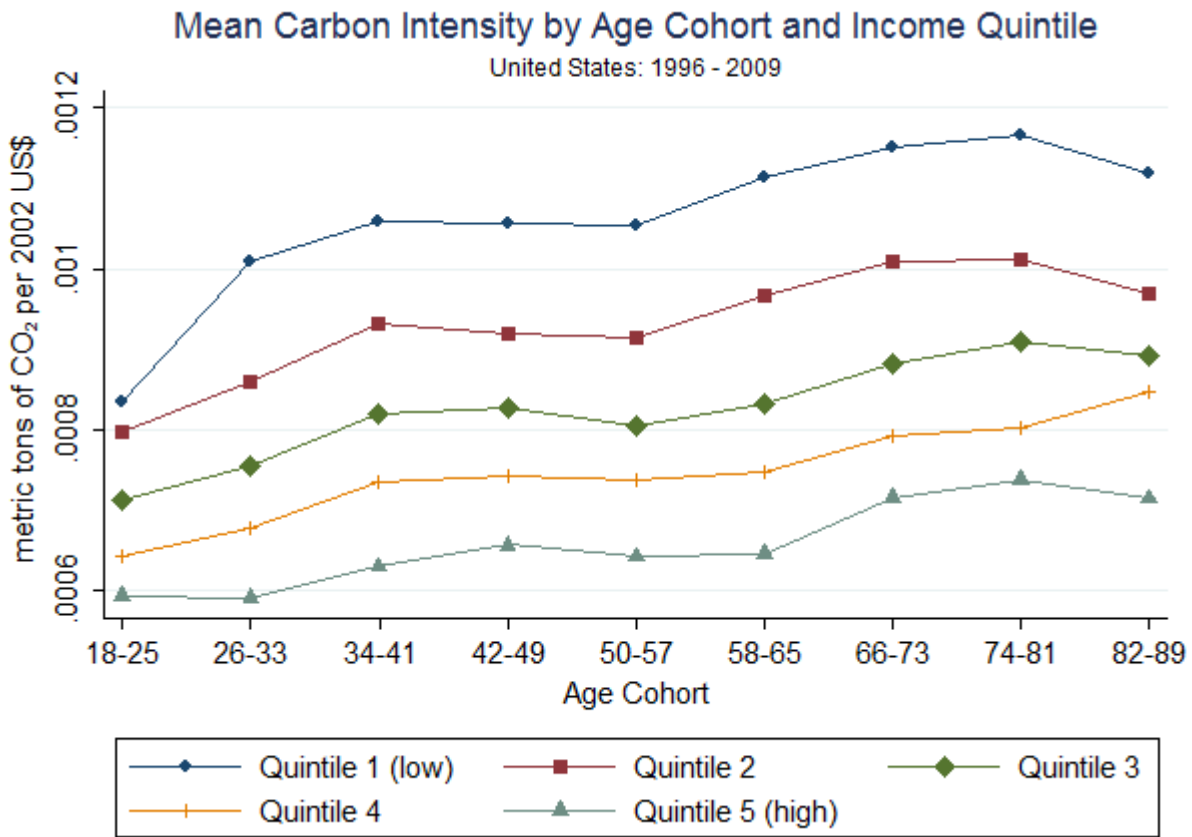
carbon intensity is marked by three distinct phases; phase 1: ages 18 to 41, phase 2: ages 42 to 57, and phase 3: ages 58 to 89. Each life phase is classified by a consistent pattern of changing carbon intensity. Phase 1 is classified as a period of rising carbon intensity; phase 2 as a period of stable or falling intensity; and phase 3 as a period of rising intensity. The objective of Chapter 3 is to determine the reasons for the differences in preference formation giving rise to these distinct life phases. Figure 2.3.8 clearly shows the existence of these phases and their independence with respect to the level of household income. As the needs of households evolve over the life cycle the allocation of their expenditures among direct and indirect uses of energy is also evolving. This reallocation is reflected in the changing expenditure shares that households



**Figure 2.3.7. CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Income Quintile over the Life Cycle**

choose to devote to the 13 different aggregated expenditure categories<sup>25</sup> over the life cycle, as presented in Table 2.3.2. As households progress through the life course (as the head of household ages) they spend relatively less on housing, personal insurance, and transportation; but more on utilities and healthcare. This reallocation of expenditures over the household life cycle is critical in the determination of household carbon intensities and emissions and will determine how a particular household will be affected by climate policy. After establishing which household demographic characteristics are most important in establishing household carbon emissions in Chapter 3, I will return to the shifting allocation of expenditures across these 13

<sup>25</sup> A complete list of the expenditures included in each category is available in Appendix 4.



**Figure 2.3.8. Carbon Intensity by Income Quintile over the Life Cycle**

**Table 2.3.2. Household Expenditure Shares over the Life Cycle**

	Expenditure Share		
	Life Phase 1	Life Phase 2	Life Phase 3
<b>Food &amp; Beverage</b>	18.46%	17.27%	18.94%
<b>Housing</b>	24.09%	21.87%	19.93%
<b>Utilities</b>	8.58%	9.58%	12.32%
<b>Domestic Services</b>	1.80%	1.22%	1.66%
<b>Household Equipment</b>	2.63%	2.57%	2.44%
<b>Personal Insurance</b>	10.44%	12.53%	5.77%
<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	4.04%	3.00%	2.38%
<b>Transportation</b>	14.19%	14.38%	12.03%
<b>Healthcare</b>	4.38%	6.17%	13.95%
<b>Entertainment</b>	4.76%	4.44%	4.15%
<b>Education</b>	2.05%	1.67%	0.87%
<b>Alcohol &amp; Tobacco</b>	2.33%	2.10%	1.51%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	2.25%	3.20%	4.05%

categories over the life cycle and the contribution of each household member to these expenditures in chapter 4.

## **2.4. Conclusion**

Differences in household income have been the focus of the great bulk of literature on the incidence of climate policy. There are indeed differences in carbon intensities across income quintiles, supporting the conclusion of the income regressivity of climate policy. However, the needs and therefore expenditure decisions of households are importantly determined by their position in the life course leading to distinct emissions and intensity trajectories over the life cycle.

The dataset compiled herein provides a comprehensive accounting of household emissions by including not only direct energy expenditures but also expenditures on other goods and services that generate emissions indirectly through the energy requirements of their production processes. This allows for an examination of preference formation through the reallocation of expenditures as households progress through the life course. I find that this progression is marked by distinct transitions in the expenditure decisions of households – generating robust trajectories of both household carbon intensities and emissions, independent of the level of household income.

To arrive at a complete understanding of household carbon dioxide emissions and climate policy incidence a more refined analysis of carbon intensities across different household groups over the life cycle is warranted. The changing needs of households throughout the life course are independent of income, but may be explained by other factors; the size and composition of the household, the region of the country, or even the education level of the household head. The

objective of Chapter 3 is to disentangle the impacts of these different household characteristics in order to determine those which are most heavily impacting expenditure decisions, and thus carbon dioxide emissions and intensities.



## CHAPTER III

### **The Demographic Determinants of Household Carbon Dioxide Emissions**

#### **3.1. Introduction**

An understanding of the factors determining household expenditures and the resulting GHG emissions is crucial in explaining present levels of emissions and the potential incidence of climate policy. The household (often interchangeable with the family, but not always) is the most fundamental of all social groups and is the basic economic unit in society. The way that needs are determined and provided by the household are fundamental to an understanding of household expenditure decisions and the resulting GHG emissions. As developed in Chapter 2, the needs of households are determined primarily by the position in the life course with income providing the resources to obtain those needs. However, the evolution of needs among different households will vary according to the size of the household (number of members), the type of household (married, married with children, single persons, or multiple unrelated single persons), the age of household members, and other important demographic characteristics. In other words, the composition of the population must be considered in addition to population size when attempting to explain and project GHG emissions.

Given the level of correlation among these demographic characteristics with household income, meaningful empirical investigations into household expenditures and GHG emissions are lacking due to the complexities inherent in attempting to decompose these effects. The present goal is to successfully disentangle the impact of demographic characteristics from the impact of income differences in determination of household carbon intensities and emissions. Section 2 summarizes and discusses the previous empirical literature on this topic. Section 3

describes the demographic characteristics of United States households over the study period and discusses the expected results of the analysis. Section 4 estimates the relative importance of a wide range of demographic characteristics in determination of household expenditures and the resulting emissions and discusses those results. Finally, in Section 5 I discuss the implications of these results for population policy and its implications for future carbon emissions and the potential implications for the analysis of climate policy incidence.

### **3.2. Previous Empirical Literature**

A significant amount of research has been conducted in related areas, albeit through a variety of different threads; the energy cost of living studies beginning in the 1970s (Bullard & Herendeen, 1975; Herendeen & Tanaka, 1976; Herendeen, 1978; Bullard et al., 1978; Herendeen et al., 1981), studies analyzing the direct and indirect energy requirements of households (Vringer & Blok, 1995; Reinders et al., 2003), those studies which explicitly analyze the impact of demographic characteristics on household energy use (Ironmonger, et al., 1995; O'Neill, 2000; O'Neill & Chen, 2002; Jiang & O'Neill, 2007), and those studies that extend the analysis to carbon emissions and climate change (Dalton et al., 2008; Shammin & Bullard, 2009; Shammin et al., 2010; Zagheni, 2011). Therefore, the goal of this section is to illuminate the intersection of these different literature threads in order to analyze household expenditures in such a way as to focus existing knowledge of household energy use and its demographic determinants toward a valid understanding of household carbon emissions and the potential incidence of climate policy.

Herendeen and Tanaka (1976) emphasize the importance of including not only direct uses of energy (electricity, home heating fuels, and gasoline) by households, but also indirect uses of energy through the purchase of other goods and services in any analysis of household energy use. The focus of their study is on the differences in energy requirements of households of different

incomes and sizes and a brief discussion on the effect of urbanization on energy use. They find that the energy requirements of households with similar incomes are statistically identical regardless of the number of people in the household, with single person households being the only exception (significantly lower energy requirements). While not mentioned in their study, this suggests the existence of significant economies of scale within the household, a topic I will return to shortly. The results of their analysis on energy requirements with respect to households of different incomes state that the proportion of total energy requirements resulting from direct uses of energy falls from 65% to 35% when going from poor to rich. This increase in indirect energy expenditures is dominated by increases in education, travel, housing, and investments – a key insight into the determination of carbon intensities for households of different income levels. Their results also suggest that urban households are less energy intensive than rural households, a result of the fact that urban households spend 20% less of their budget on residential energy and automobile fuel. This is consistent with the intuitive idea that urban households tend to live in smaller dwellings, such as apartments, and to drive less.

A similar study, Herendeen, Ford, and Hannon (1981), confirms many of the results from the Herendeen and Tanaka (1976) study but fails to account for income differences when estimating the impact of household size on household energy requirements. This oversight can blur the importance of household size and its implications for the generation of economies of scale within the household. The basic rationale for economies of scale within the household is based on the observation that energy use (and emissions) rises less than proportionately with increases in household size due to the “sharing” of energy made possible by cohabitation. A two-person household, in general, does not use twice the energy for heating or electricity of a single-person household. These household economies of scale are critical to understanding past

energy use and emissions as well as developing accurate projections of future energy demand and emissions. If economies of scale are not present, then household energy use will vary significantly with household size. If economies of scale exist, and are quite large, then household energy use will not vary with household sizes of two or more people.

Ironmonger et al. (1995) analyze cross-sectional data on adult-only households in Australia and find that economies of scale exist in direct residential energy expenditures, including transportation. They conclude that single-person households use 30% more energy per adult than do two-person households which use 15% more energy per adult than do households with three or more people. This result is robust to differences in income, meaning that estimates of these economies of scale are not biased as a result of any correlation between the level of income per adult and the size of the household. Lastly, they find that these patterns of expenditure and economies of scale are nearly identical across households of different age compositions, with mixed households (no children, with adults both older and younger than 45 years) being the main beneficiaries of these economies of scale in expenditures.

Vringer and Blok (1995) in a similar study on Dutch households include expenditures on indirect uses of energy through the purchase of goods and services in their analysis. This is an important distinction, as mentioned previously; they find that, on average, 54% of household energy use is a result of indirect expenditures on goods and services. They also find that significant economies of scale exist. As household size increases beyond two people, no significant differences in total energy requirements are observed. Just as in Ironmonger et al. (1995) they find that age does not play a significant role in the relationship between energy consumption and income; households with heads aged 40 to 50 have the highest average energy requirements, but also the highest average net income. Counter to Ironmonger et al. they find a

significant income effect in energy requirements. This is a likely result of the inclusion of indirect expenditures on goods and services that one would expect to be more responsive to income differences since these expenditures are decidedly more discretionary than those included in the Ironmonger et al. analysis of direct expenditures.

O'Neill (2000) also finds evidence of economies of scale within the household for the United States using 1997 data from the Residential Energy Consumption Surveys (RECS). He finds a less than proportional increase in household energy consumption with household size, or equivalently, this is also shown as a decline in per capita energy consumption with increasing household size. Importantly, O'Neill also focuses on the complications that arise due to the possible correlation between income, the age of the household head, and household size. If per capita income is correlated with household size, then differences in energy consumption may be due to income differences rather than the number of persons in a household. Also, the age composition of households may create the appearance of economies of scale due to the fact that a larger household size often implies the presence of children who consume less energy than an adult. This suggests that the number of children in a household or the familial ties within a household may determine the presence or level of economies of scale. O'Neill finds that economies of scale are less dramatic for adult-only households, but still present. It remains to be determined why households with children tend to consume less energy than adult-only households of the same size. It may be that households with children share more energy-related consumption than others. O'Neill also finds that the impact of household size on energy consumption is independent of income, consistent with the findings of Vringer and Blok (1995). This suggests additional research on the existence of economies of scale in total expenditures

(including indirect expenditures) and decomposing the inter-related effects of income, age, and household size.

O'Neill and Chen (2002) take the decomposition challenge head on in a study again using RECS data for the United States in 1993-94. They focus here on per capita energy consumption, although the household is still the unit of analysis. They do this in order to estimate the effect on aggregate energy consumption of alternative distributions of households by various characteristics, *holding population size constant*.<sup>26</sup> They divide energy uses into residential (natural gas, electricity, etc.) and transportation (fuel consumption and expenditures for personal vehicles) to better inform their analysis. The exclusion of indirect expenditures in this analysis must be noted, as over half of total household energy use is ignored. They find that mean per capita energy consumption does indeed follow a clear pattern with respect to the age of the household head. Residential expenditures rises consistently with age, but transportation expenditures rise until age 51-55 and then fall to low levels at older ages. However, as previously noted several factors are likely to contribute to this relationship: income, household size, and household composition.

O'Neill and Chen focus on the presence of children in their analysis of household composition, mainly due to data limitations. They find that households with children use 35 percent less energy per capita for transportation and 44 percent less residential energy per capita than adult-only households. This effect is more pronounced when looking into households of varying size, suggesting that the energy use of any household of a particular size will be

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<sup>26</sup> Emphasis by O'Neill and Chen (2002). This implies that changes in household distributions will only affect aggregate energy consumption if they affect overall per capita energy use. If per capita consumption varies significantly across households categorized by a particular variable, then changes in the distribution of households across different household groups will lead to changes in overall per capita consumption. This has important implications for future projections of energy use and emissions for a variety of different demographic changes.

dependent on its composition. For example, a household of five adults will have significantly different energy expenditure patterns than a household with two adults, two children under 15, and one child age 17. O'Neill and Chen also find that per capita energy use generally declines with household size, with two-person households using 17 percent less energy per capita than one-person households and three-person households using over a third less energy per capita than those living alone. This result tends to support the hypothesis of economies of scale within the household, as suggested by Vringer and Blok (1995) and Ironmonger et al. (1995). However, this result could be explained by other factors confounding the analysis. First, since income and energy use are so strongly correlated and per capita income falls with household size, it may be an income effect explaining these differences. Second, larger households tend to consist of more children and since children can be assumed use less energy than an adult this compositional effect may explain the decrease in per capita energy use as household size rises. Finally, energy use changes with life phase, so if the distribution of households by age (a marker for the position in the life course) varies across household size then this age effect may contribute to the observed pattern in energy use. O'Neill and Chen analyze each of these confounding factors in turn.

They find that one-person households on average have higher per capita incomes than larger households, so given the variation in energy use with income, at least some of the reason that energy use falls with household size is the result of an income effect. Larger households tend to have lower per capita incomes and thus lower rates of energy consumption per household member. In order to quantify this effect, O'Neill and Chen use a standardization method (Kitagawa, 1964; Dasgupta, 1994; Chevan & Sutherland, 2009) to arrive at estimates of income-standardized per capita energy use. Income-standardized per capita energy use still falls

substantially with household size, suggesting that the observed decline is unlikely to be explained primarily by an income effect. While data limitations<sup>27</sup> somewhat restrict the level at which they can test for the presence of a compositional effect, as expected larger households tend to contain more children and less elderly. Using a similar standardization method they find that the presence of children in the household significantly reduces per capita transportation energy use as household size rises. This is a result of the fact that most children are not themselves drivers so contribute proportionately less to household demands for transportation related expenses and energy use. Interestingly, the compositional effect on residential energy use is found to be much weaker, suggesting that a child's contribution to demand for heating and electricity is nearly equal to that of an adult. The total effect of household composition on energy use is modest, albeit stronger than the income effect (which may itself be influenced by composition since the decline in per capita income as household size increases is most likely due to the increased prevalence of children in larger households) implying that economies of scale may still be present.

O'Neill and Chen also find that the distribution of the population by the age of household head varies substantially across household size, thus some difference in energy expenditures across household size is likely due to variations in age, which is a good marker for the position in life course. The effects of age standardization are somewhat ambiguous given the age distribution among households of different sizes. One- and two-person households have a bimodal distribution of young and elderly households, while larger households display peaks in the age distribution at more narrow age bands. They conclude their cross-sectional analysis by stating that energy consumption varies strongly with age, some aspects of household

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<sup>27</sup> O'Neill and Chen use 1993-94 RECS data which only has information on the presence and number of children (defined as under age 18) in a household.



composition, and household size. While income, age, and composition all impact the relationship between energy use and household size there is still a significant amount of variation remaining that could be explained by the existence of economies of scale within the household.

I extend upon this existing literature in three important ways. First, the amount of cross-sectional data available allows for empirically viable estimation of carbon intensities and emissions for households of various positions in the life course, sizes, incomes, and compositions. Second, the comprehensive nature of the Consumer Expenditure Survey allows for an analysis of indirect energy expenditures as well as direct expenditures, an often ignored component in the existing literature. The potential of economies of scale in indirect energy expenditures has implications for a complete understanding of household carbon emissions. Finally, the data I have obtained on the 1996 – 2009 period enables the leveraging of not only the cross-sectional variation in household energy use, but also the longitudinal variation, in order to assess the impacts of demographic change within the sample period. In the following section, I summarize the data coverage and the demographic characteristics of households over the study period.

### **3.3. Economic Demography and Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**

A large majority of the research conducted on the potential impacts of climate policy on households has focused on the variation in income among different households – a very important component determining household carbon intensities and emissions, but not the only one. The impact of income on household energy use has been well-documented; however, these analyses are often naïve in their treatment of other demographic factors that impact household expenditure decisions and the ensuing carbon emissions. As mentioned in Section 2, income, age, and household size and composition all impact the expenditure decisions of households and

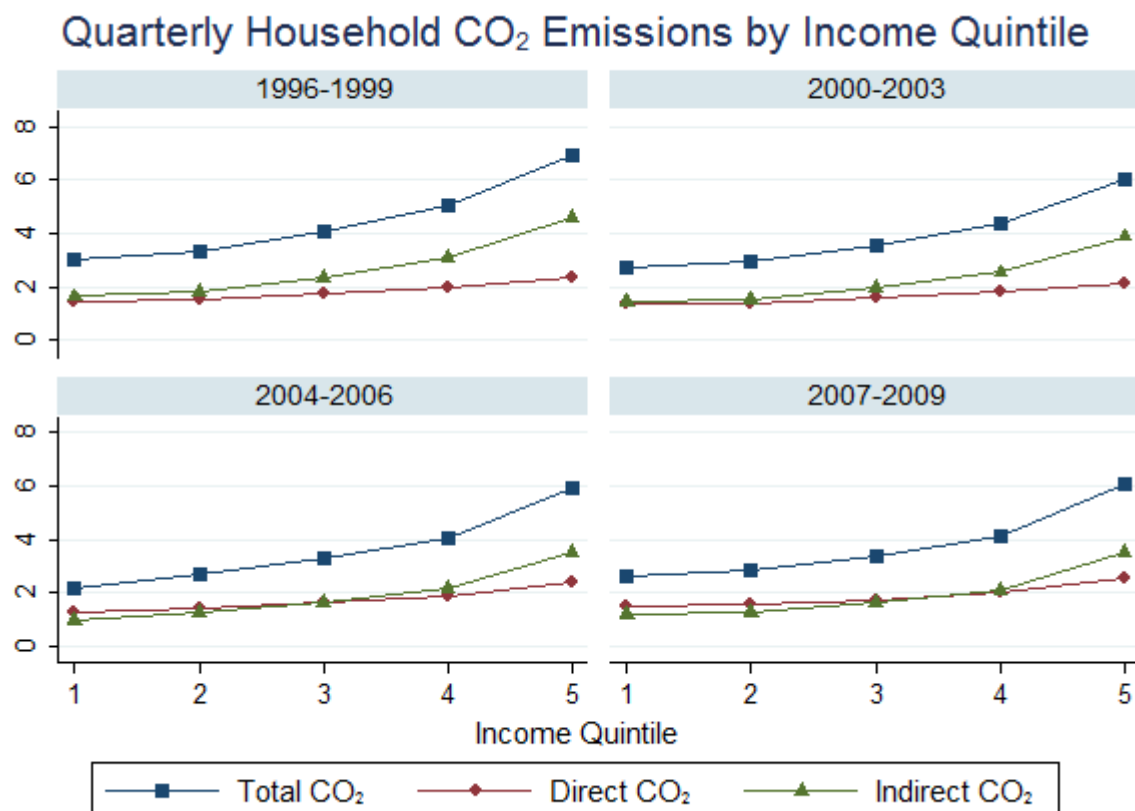
therefore are important determinants of household carbon emissions and intensities. In this section I will first highlight the impact of each of these household characteristics in turn, and then disentangle these effects in an attempt to establish the relative importance of those determinants.

As discussed in Chapter 2, there is a very strong relationship between the level of household income and carbon emissions. This relationship is robust over time, as seen in Figure 3.3.1, and is also accelerating in time as evidenced by the income elasticity of household carbon emissions increasing from 0.266 over the period 1996-1999 to 0.305 over the period 2007-2009, a statistically significant difference.<sup>28</sup> Furthermore, an important check of the developing intuition on household carbon emission determination is the relative responsiveness to income of indirect carbon emissions and direct carbon emissions. Over the period 1996-1999, the income elasticity of indirect carbon emissions is 0.340 and 0.145 for direct emissions, meaning indirect expenditures (and emissions) are more than twice as responsive to changes in household income – a ratio of 2.35. This result is expected given the discretionary nature of indirect expenditures relative to the necessity of direct expenditures. Over the period 2007-2009, this ratio remained relatively unchanged at 2.36 with an income elasticity of indirect carbon emissions of 0.418 and an income elasticity of direct carbon emissions of 0.177.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> The elasticity estimate over the 1996-1999 period of 0.266 has a 95% CI of [0.254,0.277], and the elasticity estimate over the 2007-2009 period of 0.305 has a 95% CI of [0.292,0.318].

<sup>29</sup> All elasticities are evaluated at the sample mean of after-tax real household income within each period, 1996-1999 and 2007-2009: \$32,740.69 and \$41,028.14, respectively. We would expect these elasticities to differ according to income level, the income elasticity of total carbon emissions for the lowest income quintile is -0.129, 95% CI = [-0.135, -0.122], and 0.380, 95% CI = [0.348, 0.411], for the highest income quintile over the entire sample period 1996-2009.

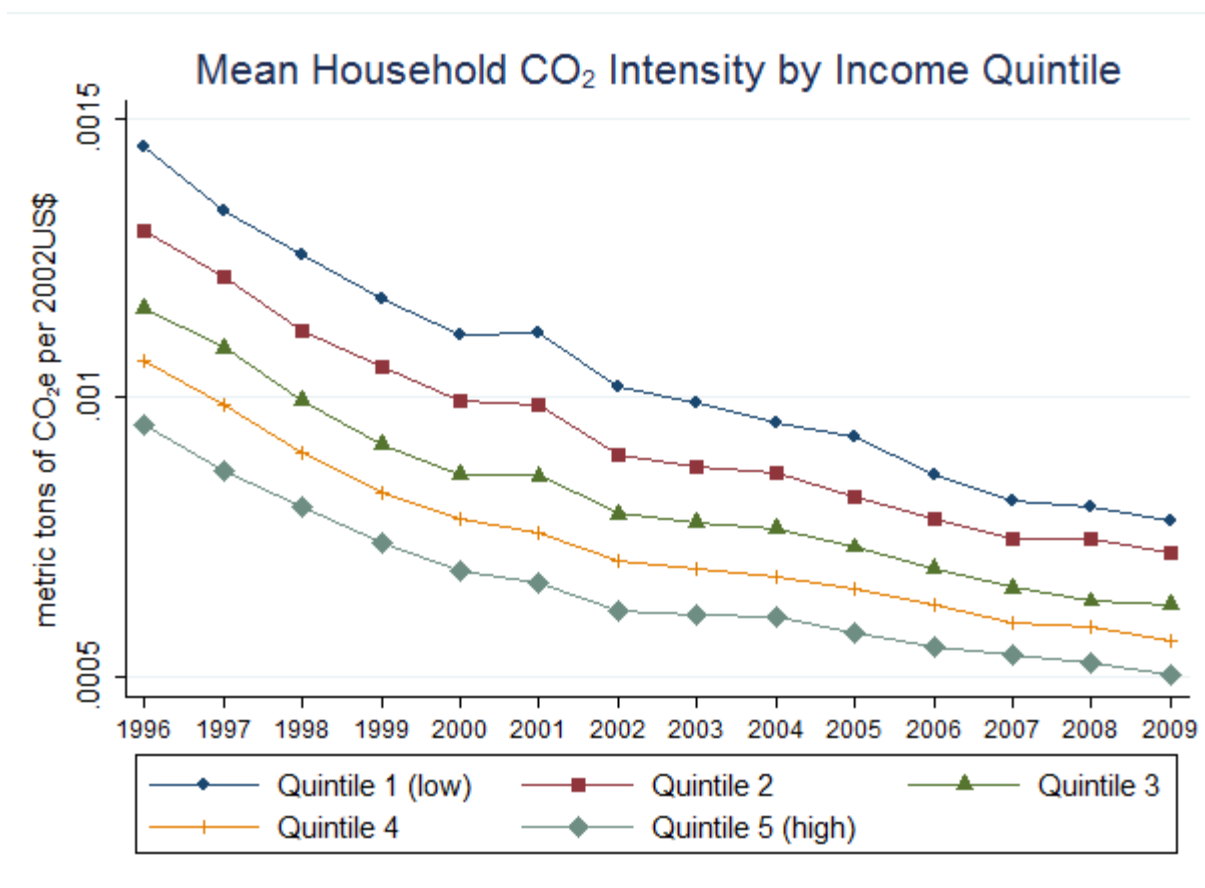


**Figure 3.3.1. Quarterly Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Income Quintile over time.**

One reason for the overall increased responsiveness in the 2007-2009 period is due to the recession, as one would expect households to be more responsive in their expenditures (and thus, emissions) to income changes during a period of economic hardship. However, the general increase in these income elasticities over time can also be attributed to the rise in real incomes corresponding with declining personal savings rates over the period (Guidolin & La Jeunesse, 2007). As households spend an increasingly larger proportion of their income, one would expect the income elasticity of total carbon emissions to increase.

In this discussion of income it must be noted that household carbon intensities do, in fact, differ across households in different income quintiles. However, there has been substantial technological progress over the sample period that has reduced the carbon intensity of production

for a vast majority of goods and services. As a result, we observe significant reductions in carbon intensities across households in all income quintiles, but the differences among quintiles remain, as seen in Figure 3.3.2. This is the fundamental explanation for the income regressivity of climate policy; however, as previously mentioned, income only provides households with the ability to purchase goods and services. Other demographic characteristics of households, such as the age of the household head and household size and composition, will determine the wants and needs that necessitate those expenditures.



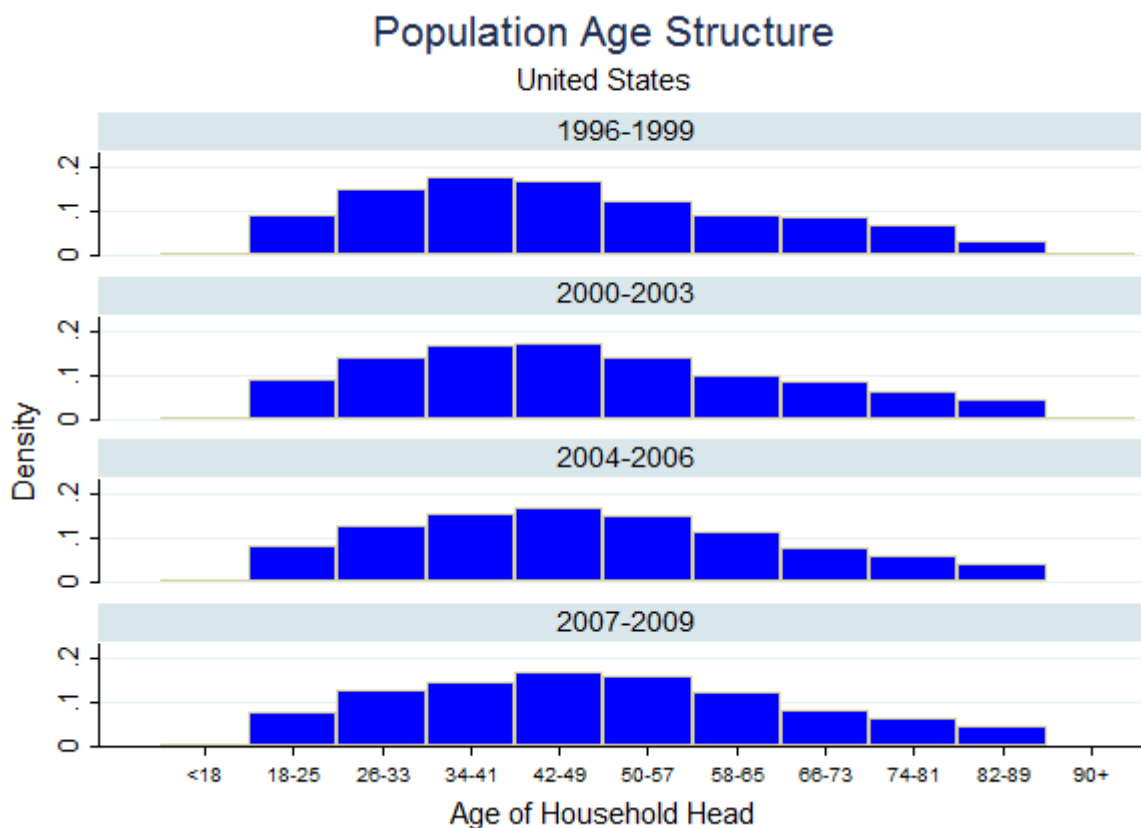
**Figure 3.3.2. Mean Household CO<sub>2</sub> Intensity by Income Quintile over time.**

The position in the life course is a key indicator for the needs of households and the age of the household head can be used as a proxy for a given household's position. This has significant implications in the determination of household needs. Now, it must be noted that

while age can provide insight into a household's carbon intensity and the resulting emissions, these effects can be confounded by the size and composition of that household. With these correlations in mind, we can proceed to summarize the population age structure of the sample, and the effects of age on carbon emissions. The age structure of the adult population (see Figure 3.3.3) reflects the fact that the United States adult population is aging. The mean age of a household head during the period 1996-1999 is 47.69 years while the mean age during the period 2007-2009 is 48.98 years, constituting a 2.7% increase in mean age – a very large shift in demographic terms over a relatively short period of time.<sup>30</sup> As eluded to at the end of Chapter 2, the life course is marked by three distinct phases resulting in different carbon intensities (see Figure 2.3.8); therefore, the proportion of the population residing in each of the phases at any moment in time will largely determine the mean household carbon intensity and resulting emissions. The proportions can be observed in Figure 3.3.3 by the “fattening” of the right tail of the population age structure histogram over time, as well as the gradual shift in modal age rightward, reflecting the aging of the baby boomer generation. The middle of the life course (ages 42-57) is characterized by stable or falling carbon intensities, yet quarterly household carbon emissions peak around age 50 (see Figure 2.3.7 and Figure 3.3.4). As the majority of the United States adult population approaches this period of peak expenditures, one can expect aggregate emissions to continue to grow at a rapid pace, even with carbon intensities at their most stable position. Recall, that these emissions trajectories are consistent across all income quintiles, suggesting that it is more than simply the level of income that determines household expenditures and emissions. However, there is obviously a significant level of correlation between age, income, and household size as these all tend to peak in the middle of the life

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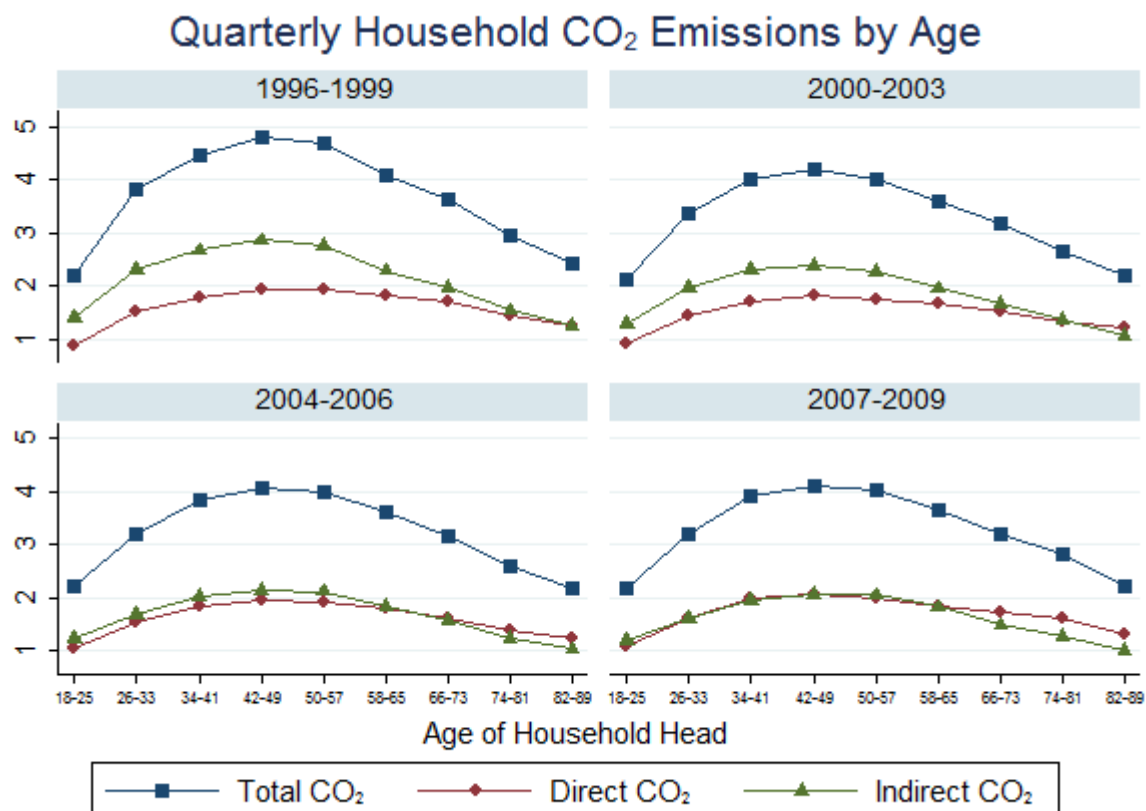
<sup>30</sup> These estimates are significantly different from one another: the mean of 47.69 during the 1996-1999 period has a 95% CI = [47.57, 47.81], while the mean of 48.98 during the 2007-2009 period has a 95% CI = [48.85, 49.10].



**Figure 3.3.3. Population Age Structure over time, age of household heads.**

course. The data show that household size peaks within the 34-41 year old age band, but we are seeing a drift of this peak to later in the life course over time, a result consistent with the delay of marital onset and family formation in the United States. As expected the mean household size is falling in time, from 2.53 members during the 1996-1999 period to 2.49 over the 2007-2009 period.<sup>31</sup> Figure 3.3.5 highlights two points: the drift in peak household size to later in the life course over time and the consistency of this maximum with respect to income. However, it should also be noted that higher income does seem to facilitate larger household size, or it may

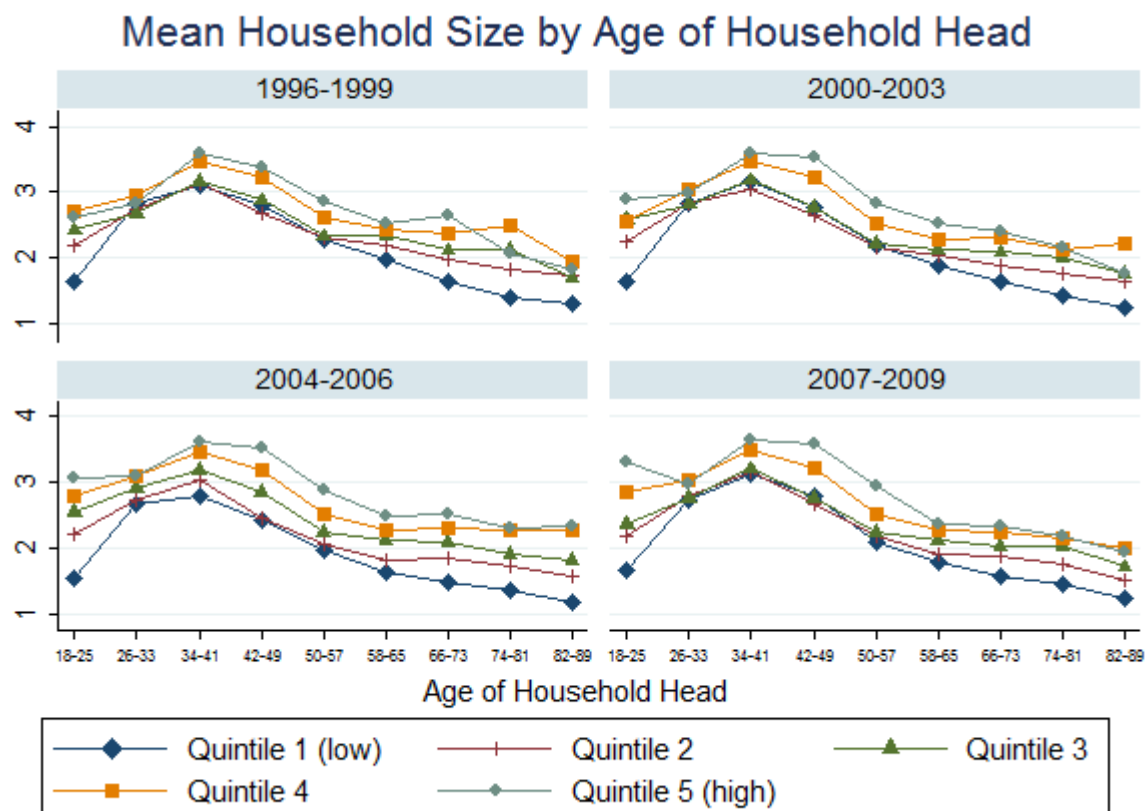
<sup>31</sup> While this difference is small, it is statistically significant. The mean of household size of 2.53 during the 1996-1999 period has a 95% CI = [2.52, 2.54] and the mean household size of 2.49 during the 2007-2009 period has a 95% CI = [2.48, 2.50].



**Figure 3.3.4. Quarterly Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Age of Household Head**

be the case that larger household size necessitates a larger incomes to sustain, forcing increased labor force participation in the form of a second or third job or increased hours worked.<sup>32</sup> The causal direction of this result is, as of now, unclear. The dominating household size over the entire time period is a household comprised of two members, a class of households consisting primarily of either young or elderly members. Figure 3.3.6 shows the distribution of households across different household sizes over the four time periods, showing the dominating class of two-person households.

<sup>32</sup> The mean household size over the entire 1996-2009 period for households in the lowest income quintile (quintile 1) is 2.117 members, 95% CI = [2.109, 2.125], and the mean household size for households in the highest income quintile (quintile 5) is 3.132 members, 95% CI = [3.120, 3.145].

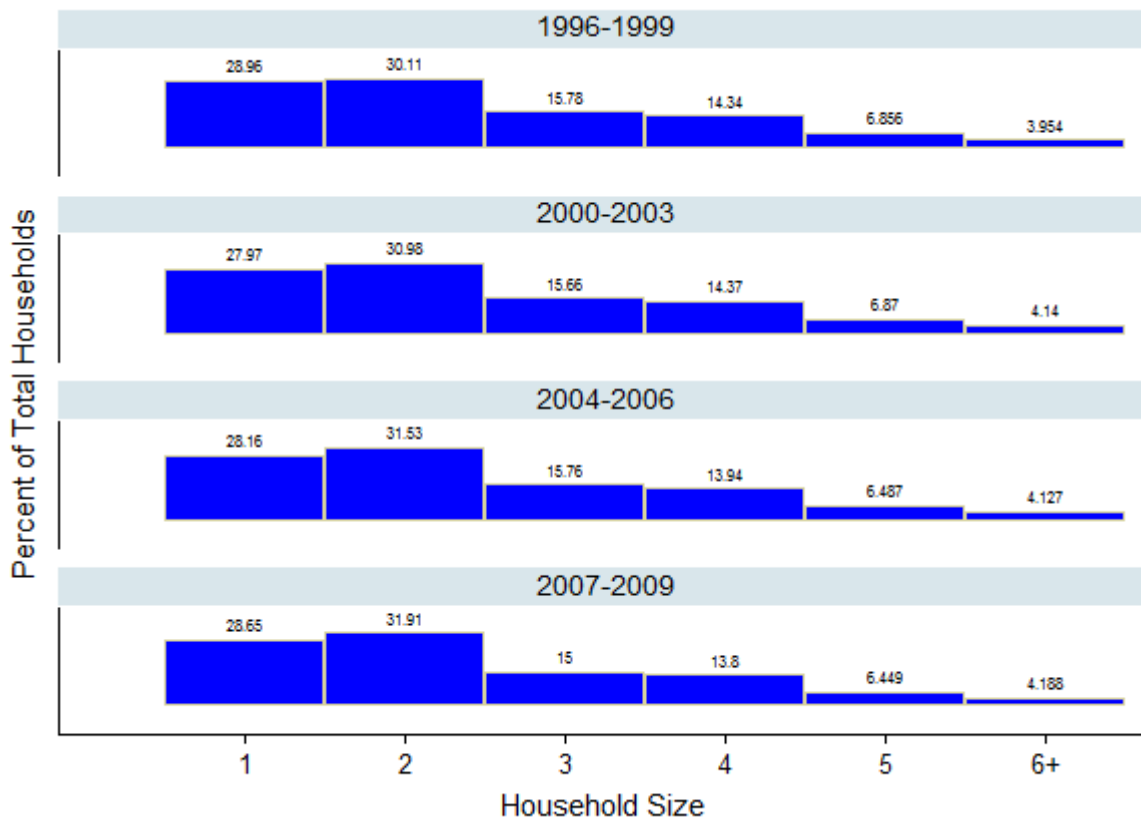


**Figure 3.3.5. Mean Household Size by Age of Household Head**

Interestingly, we observe the increased prevalence of two-person households over time, suggestive of both the aging of the population (baby boomers that have increasingly empty nests over the period) and the delay of family formation (young couples choosing to wait until later in the life course to have children).

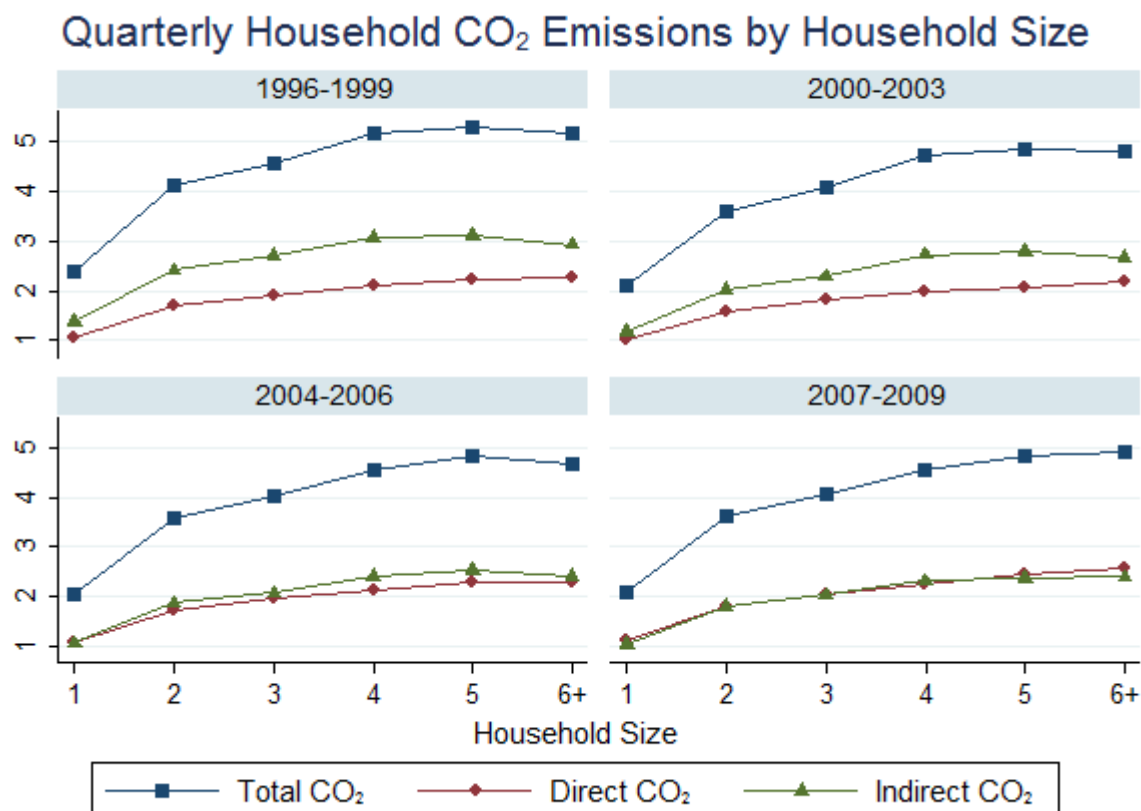
The impact of household size on carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most interesting components. As mentioned in the review of the empirical literature, many authors have found that economies of scale exist within the household which enables households to add a member to the household and increase household carbon emissions less than proportionately. One extension provided by this research is an analysis of these economies of scale in both direct and indirect





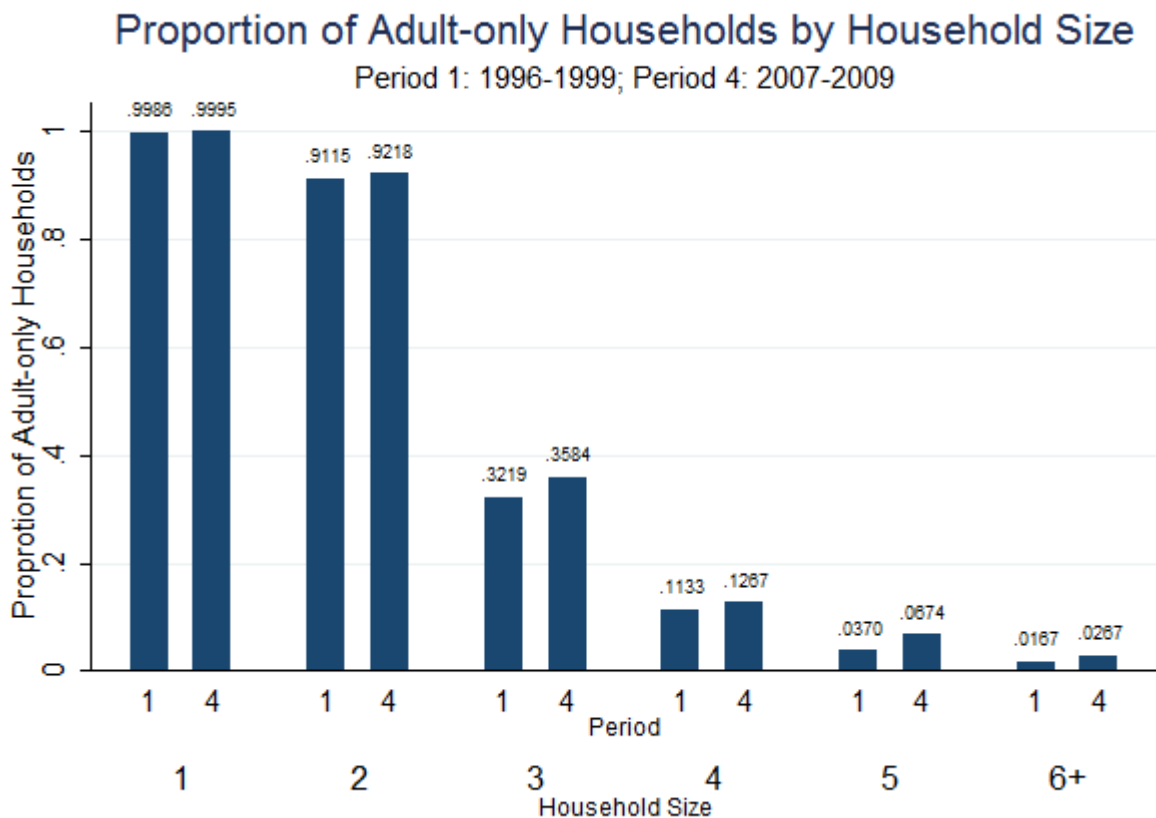
**Figure 3.3.6. Distribution of Households across Household Size over time.**

expenditures. While one would expect these effects to be stronger in direct uses of energy as household members share the heating and cooling within the home, share the benefits of light (generated by electricity), and share the benefits provided by many appliances (televisions, refrigerators, microwaves, etc.). It is less clear as to why or how indirect expenditures may provide the possibility of scaling, but the effect seems to be present for these indirect expenditures as well. This is evidenced by the less than proportional increase in carbon dioxide emissions as household size increases from one to households with six or more members, as seen in Figure 3.3.7. Furthermore, the diagram suggests that economies of scale within direct expenditures are diminishing over time (curve becoming steeper in time) while the economies of scale within indirect expenditures are actually increasing in time (the curve becoming flatter in



**Figure 3.3.7. Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Household Size**

time). This may be a result of shifts in the allocation of expenditures from indirect goods (such as food) into indirect services (such as child care). These shifts would be reflected in changes of household carbon intensities across different household sizes in time. I will return to this discussion in Chapter 4. The composition of a household may be the key to understanding the importance of household size in determination of carbon emissions. The composition of household members between adults and children is critical to the ability of a household to generate an income to facilitate expenditures and its ability to scale those expenditures. As the size of the household rises the proportion of adult-only households (defined as households with all members age 18 or older) decreases. This result is expected given the belief that larger households tend to be large due to the presence of children. This is evident in Figure 3.3.8, and



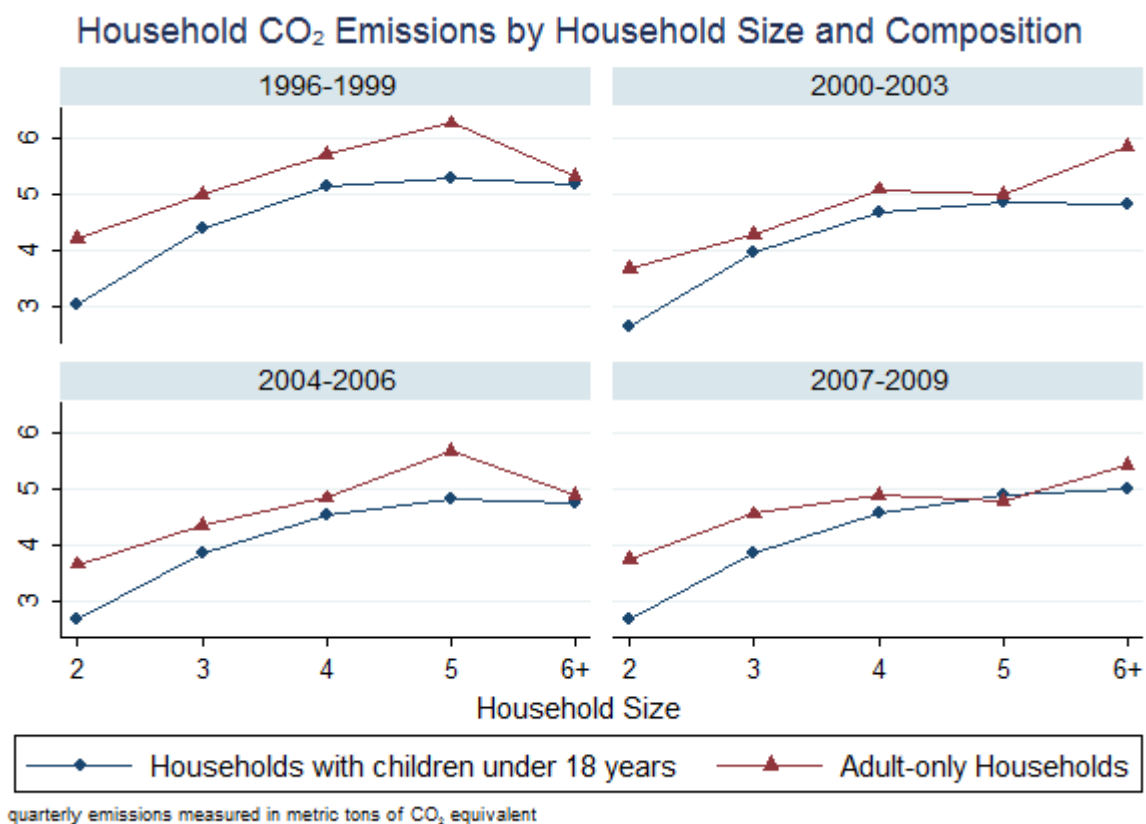
**Figure 3.3.8 Proportion of Adult-only Households by Household Size**

interestingly there is a decreased prevalence of children within households of all sizes over time. Over all household sizes the mean proportion of adult-only households over the 1996-1999 period is 0.639, while the mean proportion over the 2007-2009 period is 0.666, an increase of 4.2 percent.<sup>33</sup> Household composition affects carbon emissions by determining the degree to which the expenditures allocated to each member of the household contribute to total household emissions. On average, over the entire period 1996 – 2009, adult-only households generate more quarterly carbon emissions than households with children age 17 or younger of the same size, a result shown in Table 3.3.1 and reflected in Figure 3.3.9. This implies that the carbon cost of a

<sup>33</sup> These proportions are significantly different reflecting the decreased presence of children in the household over time. The mean of 0.639 over the 1996-1999 period has a 95% CI = [0.636, 0.642] and the mean of 0.666 over the 2007-2009 period has a 95% CI = [0.663, 0.669].

**Table 3.3.1. Mean Quarterly CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Household Size and Composition**

	Household Size				
	2	3	4	5	6+
<b>Mean Quarterly CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions</b>					
Households with children <18	2.786	4.027	4.717	4.927	4.886
Adult-only households	3.808	4.509	5.065	5.495	5.399
F - Statistic (difference of means)	1103.59	175.09	28.58	7.37	5.53
Probability > F	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0066	0.0187
N = 259,646					



**Figure 3.3.9. Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Household Size and Composition**

child is lower than that of an adult in a household of identical size. The difference in quarterly carbon emissions between adult-only households and those with children seems to be diminishing in time, especially among those household sizes with the lowest proportion of adult-

only households. The presence of children in the household generally provides more opportunities for the scaling of expenditures and the resulting emissions; however, results indicate that the ability to scale expenditures (emissions) in both adult-only households and those with children is increasing in time. This is a result of increasing energy efficiency over time, but may also be the result of demographic shifts in the population. The effect of household composition on the ability to achieve economies of scale in expenditures (both direct and indirect) and the resulting emissions will be the topic of discussion and analysis in Chapter 4.

The results presented thus far have pointed to the importance of household income, household size, the age of the household head, and the composition of the household in determination of expenditures and the resulting carbon intensities and emissions. The correlation that exists between these demographic characteristics presents difficulties in attempting to arrive at the relative importance of these determinants; however, in the following section I will begin to disentangle these effects using multiple regression analysis.

### **3.4. Empirical Model and Results**

Any attempt to estimate the relative importance of the demographic determinants of household carbon emissions is plagued by problems of collinearity resulting from the intrinsic correlations between age, income, and household size and composition. The descriptive statistics presented in the preceding section have highlighted the importance of these demographic characteristics and the relationships that exist among them. Household carbon dioxide emissions tend to increase with the level of income, while household carbon intensities are inversely related to the level of income. Emissions follow an inverted U-shaped path over the life course, with the age of the household head used as a proxy for a household's position, regardless of the level of income. Household carbon intensities, however, tend to increase over the life course, following

a distinct path throughout the different life phases. Household carbon dioxide emissions increase with the size of the household, albeit at a less than proportional rate, suggestive of economies of scale in energy use within the household. This relationship is also dependent upon the composition of the household, with adult-only households, on average, generating more quarterly carbon dioxide emissions than households with children of an identical size. While many of these relationships are robust over time, they are confounded by the correlations among the demographic characteristics. Emissions tend to peak in the middle of the life course, but this could be explained by incomes peaking around age 50, household size peaking around age 40, or by the changing composition of households throughout the life course. In the following analysis I decompose these effects and estimate expenditure and emissions profiles by age of household members to determine the contribution of those members to total household emissions and how those contributions have changed over time.

### *3.4.1 The Impact of Age and Income on Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions*

First, we must first determine the relative importance of age, independent of the income effect, in the determination of household expenditures and the resulting carbon dioxide emissions. To achieve this, the following least squares regression of total quarterly household carbon dioxide emissions ( $C_j$ ) is estimated

$$C_j = \beta'X_j + \alpha t + u_j \quad (3.4.1)$$

where  $X_j$  is a vector of household characteristics including both regional dummy variables and socio-demographic information and  $t$  is a linear time trend. Variable definitions are listed in Table 3.4.1. The model in equation 3.4.1 is estimated using balanced repeated replicate (BRR) survey weights to efficiently determine the regression coefficients, a method first introduced by

**Table 3.4.1. Variable Definitions**

Variable	Description	Measurement
realco2	Real quarterly household CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	Continuous, measured in metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions
realincatax	Real annual after-tax household income	Continuous, measured in constant 2002 US dollars
age_ref	Age of household head	Continuous, measured in years
famsize	Number of members in the household	Categorical, takes on values 1-6, with 6 = HH of 6 or more members
adult	Adult-only households, defined as HH with no members under age 18	adult = 1 if HH is adult-only adult = 0 if otherwise
northe	Northeast Census region dummy variable	northe = 1 if HH is in NE region northe = 0 if otherwise
midwest	Midwest Census region dummy variable	midwest = 1 if HH is in MW region midwest = 0 if otherwise
south	South Census region dummy variable <sup>34</sup>	South = 1 if HH is in South region South = 0 if otherwise
ownhome	Home ownership dummy variable	ownhome = 1 if HH is homeowner ownhome = 0 if otherwise
sexref	Sex of reference person (household head)	sexref = 1 if ref person is male sexref = 0 if female
whiteref	Race of reference person (household head)	whiteref = 1 if ref person is white whiteref = 0 if non-white
college	Education of reference person	college = 1 if college degree college = 0 if otherwise
year	Linear time trend	Categorical, takes on values 1-14 representing years 1996 – 2009

McCarthy (1966). The BRR variance estimator tends to give more reasonable estimates than the linearized variance estimator, which can result in large values and wide confidence intervals.

The regression results are presented in Table 3.4.2. On average, adult-only households generate 0.284 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions (626.1 lbs. CO<sub>2</sub>) more per quarter than an equivalent household with children. For reference, this is approximately equivalent to spending an additional 31 dollars<sup>35</sup> on electricity per quarter. If the household head has a college degree, on average, the household generates 0.544 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions

<sup>34</sup> The West census region is the excluded category for the regional dummy variables.

<sup>35</sup> Measured in constant 2002 U.S. dollars.

**Table 3.4.2. Regression Results: Total Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**

<b>VARIABLES</b>	<b>realco2</b>
realincatax	1.60e-05*** (8.19e-07)
realincatax <sup>2</sup>	0*** (0)
age_ref	0.0653*** (0.00324)
age_ref <sup>2</sup>	-0.000613*** (2.96e-05)
famsize	1.110*** (0.0328)
famsize <sup>2</sup>	-0.0923*** (0.00476)
adult	0.284*** (0.0370)
northe	0.222*** (0.0596)
midwest	-0.0179 (0.0656)
south	0.232*** (0.0566)
ownhome	0.867*** (0.0228)
sexref	0.113*** (0.0204)
whiteref	0.245*** (0.0333)
college	0.544*** (0.0236)
year	-0.0641*** (0.00467)
Constant	-1.385*** (0.103)
Observations	219,361
R-squared	0.223

Standard errors in parentheses  
\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

(1199.3 lbs. CO<sub>2</sub>) more per quarter than an equivalent household with a household head without a college degree.

To analyze the results of this regression more completely, marginal effects of income and age are calculated and presented in Table 3.4.3 and Table 3.4.4. The marginal effect of income is measured as the resulting change in household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from an additional \$1000 of real



**Table 3.4.3. Marginal effects of household income on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by quintile**

Income Quintile	Mean Income	Marginal Effect	Delta-method Standard error	95% Confidence Interval	
1	\$5,596	0.0162	0.000782	0.0146	0.0177
2	\$24,236	0.0166	0.000666	0.0153	0.0179
3	\$40,029	0.0169	0.000579	0.0158	0.0181
4	\$62,096	0.0174	0.000485	0.0165	0.0184
5	\$121,988	0.0188	0.000522	0.0178	0.0198

NOTE: measured as the change in household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from an additional \$1000 of real after-tax household income.

**Table 3.4.4. Marginal effects of the age of the household head on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

Age of Household Head	Marginal Effect	Delta-method Standard error	95% Confidence Interval	
20	0.04078	0.00209	0.03669	0.04487
30	0.02852	0.00153	0.02552	0.03153
40	0.01627	0.00102	0.01427	0.01826
50	0.00401	0.00065	0.00274	0.00528
60	-0.00825	0.00071	-0.00964	-0.00686
70	-0.02051	0.00114	-0.02273	-0.01828
80	-0.03276	0.00167	-0.03603	-0.02950

after-tax household income and is evaluated at the mean of each income quintile. While the impact of an additional thousand dollars of income on household carbon dioxide emissions rises with the level of income, there is little evidence of meaningful differences in these estimated marginal effects across income quintiles.<sup>36</sup> The observed differences are negligible and only

<sup>36</sup> This result seems to contradict the presumption of the income regressivity of carbon abatement policies. However, what this result shows is that this regressivity disappears when controlling for other demographic characteristics of the household, corroborating the argument being made in Chapter 2. If we simply estimate the relationship between household income and carbon dioxide emissions, as follows:

$$C_j = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \text{realincatax}_j + \beta_3 \text{realincatax}_j^2 + u_j$$

and calculate the resulting marginal effects of income at the mean of each income quintile (measured as the change in household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from an additional \$1000 of real after-tax household income), as in Table 3.4.3, then we obtain the following results (marginal effect followed by standard error in parentheses), Q1: 0.0365 (0.000805); Q2: 0.0352 (0.000683); Q3: 0.0342 (0.000588); Q4: 0.0327 (0.000478); Q5: 0.0287 (0.000460). Therefore, when not controlling for other demographic factors, we obtain the expected result – the marginal effect

significantly different among those households with the highest and lowest incomes.<sup>37</sup> The variation in household carbon dioxide emissions, independent of other demographic characteristics, is not sufficiently explained by variation in the level of household income. This implies that differences in household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are driven primarily by other demographic factors. In Table 3.4.4 marginal effects of age on household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are estimated for ages of the household head ranging from 20 to 80 years. The impact of aging one year on household emissions falls as household heads move through the life course, becoming negative at an age of around 55 years. Therefore, *independent of the income effect*, household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions vary significantly depending on the household's position in the life course.

While not directly comparable these calculated marginal effects suggest that age is more essential in explaining the variation in carbon dioxide emissions among different households. For example, on average, an additional \$1000 of household income for a household in the third income quintile results in an additional 0.0169 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions (37.3 lbs. CO<sub>2</sub>) per quarter, roughly equivalent to the emissions generated from spending an additional \$1.85 on electricity. This result varies from \$1.77 to \$2.05 for income quintiles one and five, respectively. On average, the household head of an equivalent household aging one year from age 20 to 21 results in an additional 0.0408 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions (89.9 lbs. CO<sub>2</sub>) per quarter, equivalent to \$4.46 of additional electricity expenditures. While aging one year from age 80 to 81 results in a reduction of 0.0328 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions (72.3 lbs. CO<sub>2</sub>) per quarter, equivalent to \$3.59 *fewer* electricity expenditures. Relative to the marginal effects of income, these marginal effects of age are both larger in magnitude and vary

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of income decreases as household income increases. In other words, any carbon pricing policy would be income regressive.

<sup>37</sup> Wald test chi-squared statistic = 8.38, p-value = 0.0038 for test of equality of marginal effects of income for the first and fifth income quintiles.

significantly across households headed by members of different ages. To substantiate and examine the robustness of this result the impact of household size and composition must be examined to determine the driving forces behind this sensitivity of household emissions to a household's position in the life course. To analyze the degree to which members of different ages within households contribute to total household emissions, age profiles of emissions by age of the household members are constructed and estimated in Chapter 4.

### **3.5. Conclusion**

In this chapter, I have established the significant demographic changes experienced by the United States over the period from 1996 to 2009, discussed the implications of these changes on household carbon dioxide emissions, and estimated the impact these demographic characteristics have on the level of carbon dioxide emissions generated by households.

The demographic shifts that have occurred in the United States over the relatively brief period from 1996 to 2009 are significant. The average age of a household head has increased by 2.7 percent reflecting the general aging of the population. The delay of marital onset and family formation is reflected in the fact that average household size has decreased by 1.6 percent and the corresponding results that the proportion of adult-only households has increased by 2.7 percent and the proportion of two-person households has risen by 1.8 percent. These changing household formation and cohabitation patterns have a significant impact on the ability of the average household to experience economies of scale in expenditures and the resulting emissions.

I have shown that the degree to which aging impacts household carbon emissions is different depending on the household's position in the life course, as represented by the age of the household head, *independent of the income effect*. In order to more accurately estimate future household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, age-emissions profiles which account for the fact that larger

households can scale their expenditures must be constructed. In this manner, changes in household formation and cohabitation patterns will be reflected in these profiles. These concerns will be the focus of the analysis in Chapter 4.

## CHAPTER IV

### **The Impact of Demographic Change on Economies of Scale in Household Expenditures and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**

#### **4.1. Introduction**

In this chapter, I build off the intuition and analysis developed in the first few chapters to determine the degree to which demographic changes in the United States impact the amount of carbon dioxide emissions resulting from household expenditures. As established in Chapter 3, an understanding of the factors determining household expenditures and the resulting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is crucial to explaining present levels of emissions and the potential incidence of climate policy.

This analysis establishes the degree to which demographic changes such as the rise in single-person households, the delay of marital onset and family formation, and shrinking average household size are having on the ability of households to generate economies of scale in their expenditures and emissions. I find that these demographic changes are indeed decreasing this ability since 2003, resulting in the rise of mean household carbon dioxide emissions despite continued improvements in energy efficiency and conservation. In the absence of these demographic changes, I estimate that mean household carbon dioxide emissions would be 10.68% lower than the baseline predicted values, if the ability of households to experience economies of scale had remained unchanged at 2003 levels. As a result, climate projections using naïve models of population size and growth that fail to account for household size and composition effects may be inaccurately projecting energy use and emissions in the future.

While income, age, and composition all impact the relationship between energy use and household size there is still a significant amount of variation remaining that could be explained

by the existence of economies of scale within the household. Much of this previous literature has addressed the existence of economies of scale, but has failed to fully develop its impacts on household expenditures and energy use. Furthermore, this chapter will address the still unanswered question: Has the ability to experience these economies of scale changed, independent of the income effect, as a result of demographic change? Previous studies have been static in nature and have not addressed the dynamics of these economies of scale.

#### 4.2. Age Profiles of Emissions

To determine the degree to which household members of different ages contribute to total household carbon dioxide emissions, I first construct age profiles of emissions. Let  $c_{ijt}$  be the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from expenditures on good  $i$  by household  $j$  in year  $t$ , then

$$c_{ijt} = \sum_{m=1}^M c_{ijtm} \quad (4.3.1)$$

where  $c_{ijtm}$  is the contribution of the  $m$ th member in year  $t$ , and  $M$  is the total number of people in the household. Therefore, I am assuming that household emissions are an additive function of the emissions resulting from expenditures by the various members of the household, similar to the method used by Mankiw and Weil (1989) to model the demand for housing. The contribution of each household member is a function of age; each age has its own contribution parameter, so the individual contribution of member  $m$  in year  $t$  is:

$$c_{ijtm} = \beta_{it0}D(h)_m + \beta_{it1}D(h)_m + \dots + \beta_{it80}D(h)_m, \quad (4.3.2)$$

where  $D(h)_m = 1$  if household member  $m$  is of age  $h$ , with household members ranging in age from 0 (less than one year old) to 80 years. The parameter  $\beta_{ith}$  is the contribution to household emissions from expenditures on good  $i$  in year  $t$  by a person of age  $h$ . Combining equation 4.3.1

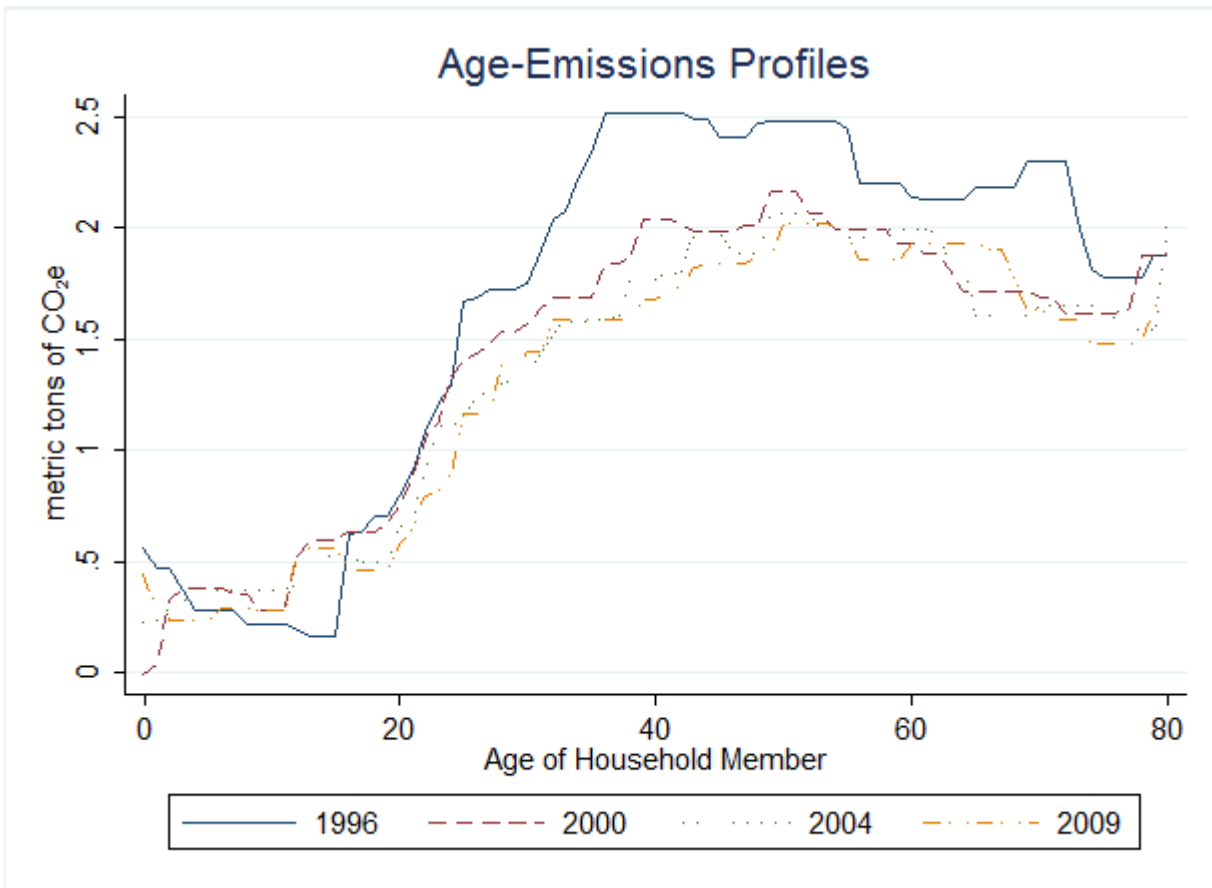
with equation 4.3.2, the regression function for total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by household  $j$  in year  $t$  becomes

$$c_{ijt} = \beta_{it0} \sum_m D(0)_m + \beta_{it1} \sum_m D(1)_m + \cdots + \beta_{it80} \sum_m D(80)_m + u_{ijt} \quad (4.3.3)$$

where  $u_{ijt}$  is an error term. The parameters in equation 4.3.3 are estimated for total household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions using least squares regression with suppression of the constant.<sup>38</sup> These estimated age-emissions profiles are then appropriately smoothed using a robust non-linear smoother, wherein smoothed values are obtained by taking medians of each data point and a few points around it. In this case a span-five smoother is implemented repeatedly until convergence, that is, until repeated applications produce the same series. Median smoothers are resistant to outliers, and therefore provide robustness to spikes in the data (Tukey, 1977). The smoothed age-emissions profiles for the years 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2009 are displayed in Figure 4.3.1. Notice the dramatic rise in household member emissions contributions as that member ages from 20 to 40. This relationship is quite robust over time, highlighting the importance of age in household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions determination, but it is also being compressed over time, a likely result of the increased energy efficiency of production. This confirms the results of Zagheni (2011) and O'Neill and Chen (2002) in which the demand for most consumption goods tends to increase with age until the person reaches the adult life stage, at which point emissions (expenditures) stabilize and begin to decrease as the person enters the elderly life stage.

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<sup>38</sup> Complete age profile regression results are available upon request to the author.



**Figure 4.2.1 Age-Emission Profiles, total household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

The estimation of these age-emissions profiles treats each household member as an autonomous consumer unit, meaning member contributions are independent of the size and composition of their household. To the extent that there are not significant economies of scale in household energy use and no change in household formation and average household size, one would expect this approach to be fairly accurate. However, given the demographic changes experienced in the United States over the period, 1996 – 2009, the increase in single-person households, the delay of marital onset and family formation, decreased average household size, and the aging of the population, this approach may be overestimating the contribution of individual household members to total household carbon dioxide emissions. The size and age composition of a household will largely determine its needs and how those needs will change



over the life course of the household, while income provides the ability to obtain those needs. Shifts in the demographic characteristics of the average United States household will significantly alter the shape and position of these age-emissions profiles and ultimately determine how mean household carbon dioxide emissions will change over time.

#### 4.3. Theoretical and Empirical Modeling

To incorporate the impact of household size and age composition in the generation of economies of scale in the household, I develop a parametric equivalence scale model, similar to Zagheni (2011). Parametric methods of estimating equivalence scales are one of the most straightforward methods for achieving meaningful comparisons of households of different sizes and compositions (Buhmann et al., 1988; Coulter et al., 1992). The most common form of a parametric equivalence scale, which only takes into account household size  $n$  has the following form,

$$c_{ijt} = n_{jt}^{\theta_{it}} \quad (4.3.1)$$

where  $c_{ijt}$  is the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from expenditures on good  $i$  by household  $j$  in year  $t$  and  $n_{jt}$  is the number of people in household  $j$  and  $\theta_{it}$  is the scale relativity parameter measuring the intensity of economies of scale in household emissions (Buhmann et al., 1988; Coulter et al., 1992). This parametric specification relates actual household emissions  $c_{ijt}$  to equivalent emissions, those emissions resulting from the additional expenditures necessary to maintain an constant level of well-being when an additional member is added to the household,  $CO2_{ijt}$ , in the following way,

$$CO2_{ijt} = \frac{c_{ijt}}{n_{jt}^{\theta_{it}}} \quad (4.3.2)$$

for a given value of  $\theta_{it}$ . If  $\theta_{it} = 1$ , then equivalent emissions are simply per capita emissions, as nominal household emissions would be divided by household size  $n$ . In this case, any additional household member would require as much expenditures (emissions) as any other member for the household to maintain a constant level of well-being. If, however,  $0 < \theta_{it} < 1$ , then an additional household member would not require a proportional increase in emissions due the sharing made possible by cohabitation. Given the importance of age in determining emissions, I further develop this model to incorporate elements of the age composition of the household.

Let  $n_{cj}$  be the number of children in household  $j$ , let  $n_{aj}$  be the number of adults in household  $j$ , and let  $n_{ej}$  be the number of elderly in household  $j$ . Children are those household members 15 years old and younger, adults are those between 16 and 64 years, and elderly are those 65 years and older. Furthermore, let  $S_{ait}$  be the average carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the consumption of good  $i$  by an adult living alone in year  $t$ . This average,  $S_{ait}$ , has been estimated from the age emission profile which assumes, implicitly, that each household member is an autonomous consumer unit. An equivalence scale for carbon dioxide emissions resulting from expenditures on good  $i$  by household  $j$  in year  $t$  is then written as

$$c_{ijt} = (n_{cj}\gamma_{it}S_{ait} + n_{aj}S_{ait} + n_{ej}\alpha_{it}S_{ait})^{\theta_{it}} + \varepsilon_{ijt}, \quad (4.3.3)$$

where  $\varepsilon_{ijt}$  is an error term.  $\gamma_{it}$  represents the carbon contribution of children within households relative to that of adults. If  $\gamma_{it} = 0$ , then adults are considered to be solely responsible for the carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the consumption of good  $i$ , yet if  $\gamma_{it} = 1$ , no distinction can be made between children and adults in the consumption of that good. The parameter  $\alpha_{it}$  represents the carbon contribution of the elderly relative to that of an adult within the household. The scale relativity parameter  $\theta_{it}$  measures the intensity of household economies of scale resulting from cohabitation. If  $\theta_{it}$  lies between zero and one, then cohabitation generates

economies of scale; if  $\theta_{it} = 0$ , then economies of scale are at their maximum, meaning an additional household member does not warrant any additional expenditures on good  $i$  in year  $t$ ; if  $\theta_{it} = 1$ , then economies of scale are not present, meaning an additional household member requires a proportional increase in expenditures on good  $i$  in year  $t$  and the resulting emissions. While unlikely, if  $\theta_{it} > 1$ , then an additional household member will require a more than proportional increase in household carbon dioxide emissions resulting from expenditures on good  $i$ , in other words, expenditures on good  $i$  generate diseconomies of scale in the household. Therefore, the scale relativity parameter  $\theta_{it}$  can be thought of as an estimation of the degree of rivalry inherent in the consumption of good  $i$  within the household. The two extremes,  $\theta_{it} = 0$  or  $\theta_{it} = 1$ , represent situations when good  $i$  is either a pure public good or pure private good, respectively, in household consumption.

The equivalence scale in equation 4.4.3 is a non-linear model, therefore I estimate the parameters,  $\gamma_{it}$ ,  $\alpha_{it}$ , and  $\theta_{it}$  using a non-linear least squares technique. Given the estimated value for  $S_{ait}$ , I choose the set of parameters  $(\widehat{\gamma}_{it}, \widehat{\alpha}_{it}, \widehat{\theta}_{it})$  such that the sum of squared residuals is minimized. Once estimates for the set of parameters have been produced, age-emissions profiles based on the equivalence scale could be reconstructed, so the equivalence scale now becomes

$$c_{ijt} = (n_{cj}\widehat{\gamma}_{it}CO2_{ijt} + n_{aj}CO2_{ijt} + n_{ej}\widehat{\alpha}_{it}CO2_{ijt})^{\widehat{\theta}_{it}} \quad (4.3.4)$$

where  $CO2_{ijt}$  is the average carbon contribution from consumption of good  $i$  by an adult in household  $j$  in year  $t$ . It can be retrieved as

$$CO2_{ijt} = \frac{c_{ijt}^{\left(\frac{1}{\widehat{\theta}_{it}}\right)}}{(n_{cj}\widehat{\gamma}_{it} + n_{aj} + n_{ej}\widehat{\alpha}_{it})} \quad (4.3.5)$$

For household  $j$  in year  $t$ , the average contribution of a child is  $CO2_{ijt}\widehat{\gamma}_{it}$ , and the average contribution of the elderly is  $CO2_{ijt}\widehat{\alpha}_{it}$ . In this chapter I focus on the values and dynamics of  $\theta_{it}$ , but additional research into the values and dynamic properties of these contribution parameters can provide additional insight. An analysis of the estimated values of the scale relativity parameter  $\theta$  will determine whether economies of scale exist in household expenditures, in which expenditure categories, and how this ability has changed, on average, as a result of demographic change over time.

#### 4.3.1 *Household Economies of Scale*

First, we must establish the existence of economies of scale in the household and further disaggregate the expenditure categories to determine the degree to which goods and services of different types can successfully be shared by household members to enjoy the economies of scale from cohabitation. Due to the inherent rivalry in consumption of many goods and services, a priori, we can make some statements about the potential results. We would expect households to have very strong economies of scale in direct uses of energy, specifically, expenditures on natural gas and fuel oil for home heating and electricity for lighting and the use of home electronics. Households share the heat provided from the burning of fuel oil and natural gas and as the size of the household increases, ceteris paribus, there is no reason to expect the amount of heating necessary to increase proportionally. While natural gas is also used in home water heaters, stoves, and clothes dryers, fuel oil is used almost exclusively to heat homes and not for other purposes; therefore we expect fuel oil to have a lower scale relativity parameter (less rival) than that of natural gas. Households with natural gas appliances need to increase hot water generation as households become large and additional members need to take showers and wash and dry their clothing. Electricity expenditures will behave in much the same manner;

households can share these expenditures by using the same light in the living room, watching the same television, and using the same computer. However, as with natural gas, there are also uses of electricity that are more rivalrous in their consumption than that of fuel oil, such as each household member needing their own bedroom light and personal electronics. On the other hand, some household goods and services have a very high degree of rivalry, such as clothing and indirect utilities (water, telephone, and other public services). With the exception of “hand-me-downs”, each household member needs their own clothing and footwear. Each member takes their own shower, flushes their own toilet, and makes their own phone calls. So these expenditures we would expect to rise nearly proportionally with the size of the household – the degree of economies of scale in these expenditures is very low.

The estimation of the equivalence scale model in equation 4.3.3 for total household emissions and the remaining 19 disaggregated expenditure categories listed in Appendix 3 for each year from 1996 to 2009 provides results on the existence and temporal dynamics of household economies of scale. In Table 4.3.1, the estimated mean scale relativity parameters ( $\theta$ ) and relative contribution parameters ( $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$ ) over the entire period are listed with their corresponding standard errors. Recall, a value of  $\theta$  equal to zero represents the situation when economies of scale are at their maximum, while of value of  $\theta$  equal to one signifies the situation where economies of scale do not exist in the emissions resulting from consumption of that good or service.

On average, household economies of scale from cohabitation do in fact exist, consistent with the historical estimates of Logan (2011). The scale relativity parameter for total household emissions (expenditures) is equal to 0.913 and is statistically different from one.<sup>39</sup> From the

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<sup>39</sup> 95% Confidence Interval = [0.912955, 0.913051].

table we can see, consistent with expectations, that the least rival of household expenditures is fuel oil with an estimated scale relativity parameter of 0.231, meaning expenditures on fuel oil provide the greatest opportunity for households to experience economies of scale resulting from cohabitation. However, also consistent with expectations, the most rivalrous of all household

**Table 4.3.1. Mean Scale Relativity and Contribution Parameters: 1996 – 2009**

Expenditure Category	$\theta$	se( $\theta$ )	$\alpha$	se( $\alpha$ )	$\gamma$	se( $\gamma$ )
Total	<b>0.913</b>	0.00002	<b>1.213</b>	0.01138	<b>0.366</b>	0.01422
Direct	<b>0.746</b>	0.00008	<b>1.483</b>	0.01456	<b>0.518</b>	0.01870
Natural Gas	<b>0.648</b>	0.00012	<b>1.361</b>	0.02685	<b>0.209</b>	0.01320
Electricity	<b>0.559</b>	0.00014	<b>1.832</b>	0.03471	<b>0.917</b>	0.04563
Gasoline and Motor Fuel	<b>0.883</b>	0.00004	<b>0.615</b>	0.00800	<b>0.037</b>	0.00831
Fuel oil and Other Fuels	<b>0.231</b>	0.00019	<b>1.872</b>	0.32377	0.008	0.06460
Indirect	<b>0.829</b>	0.00007	<b>1.113</b>	0.01948	<b>0.428</b>	0.02325
Indirect Utilities	<b>0.967</b>	0.00001	<b>1.193</b>	0.02171	<b>0.181</b>	0.00762
Food	<b>0.645</b>	0.00006	<b>0.818</b>	0.01057	<b>0.341</b>	0.01738
Housing	<b>0.769</b>	0.00015	<b>0.771</b>	0.03660	<b>-0.025</b>	0.00785
Domestic Services	<b>0.837</b>	0.00017	<b>1.585</b>	0.08525	<b>1.571</b>	0.08815
Household Equipment	<b>0.619</b>	0.00004	<b>0.806</b>	0.04817	0.036	0.04116
Transportation	<b>0.717</b>	0.00017	<b>0.710</b>	0.03160	-0.013	0.02286
Clothing and Footwear	<b>0.848</b>	0.00001	<b>0.740</b>	0.01439	<b>0.210</b>	0.02658
Personal Insurance	<b>0.918</b>	0.00018	<b>0.437</b>	0.03601	-0.014	0.00734
Healthcare	<b>0.929</b>	0.00010	<b>1.814</b>	0.05008	0.009	0.00804
Entertainment	<b>0.932</b>	0.00004	<b>0.811</b>	0.04194	<b>0.139</b>	0.03253
Education	<b>0.667</b>	0.00013	<b>0.255</b>	0.05613	<b>-0.058</b>	0.02089
Alcohol and Tobacco	<b>0.792</b>	0.00012	<b>0.773</b>	0.01507	<b>-0.117</b>	0.01758
Miscellaneous	<b>0.779</b>	0.00009	<b>1.817</b>	0.18528	<b>-0.076</b>	0.02769

Note: Parameters in bold are those statistically significant (different from zero) at 95% confidence.

expenditures is indirect utilities with an estimated scale relativity parameter of 0.967, meaning that expenditures on water, telephone, and other public services rise nearly proportionally with household size. Generally, the results are intuitively appealing and consistent with a priori notions of rivalry; however, some are surprising. Food is generally used as the classic example of a private good due to its high degree of excludability and rivalry. While an inspection of the

results shows that food expenditures have a scale relativity parameter of 0.645, nearly identical to that of natural gas. Significant economies of scale exist in emissions resulting from food expenditures. At first glance, this seems invalid and puzzling, as pointed out in previous empirical studies (Deaton and Paxson, 1998; Logan, 2011); however, it is rarely the case that cooking a meal for 4 or 5 people involves dramatically greater expenditures than a meal prepared for two people. It is possible for this to result in less waste (leftovers) and any additional expenditure may enable the household to take advantage of wholesale pricing by buying in bulk. With the presence of economies of scale and the validity of the results established we can proceed to analyze how these economies of scale have changed over time.

#### *4.3.2 Demographic Change and the Dynamics of Household Economies of Scale*

The United States has experienced significant demographic change over the past few decades, especially with regard to household formation. Much of this change is due to the aging of the baby boomers, in this sample the mean age of a head of household has increased from 47.27 to 49.01<sup>40</sup> over the period 1996 to 2009, many of whom have progressed through the period of family stability. Many baby boomers have seen their children leave home during this period resulting in “empty nest” two-person households. During this same period the United States has been undergoing a significant change in the timing and pace of household formation at the beginning of the life course. Young individuals are pursuing more advanced degrees<sup>41</sup>, partially out of economic and financial necessity resulting in the delay of marital onset and a dramatic increase in the number of single-person households. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the

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<sup>40</sup> Statistically significant difference. 1996, 95% confidence interval = [46.96, 47.58]; 2009, 95% confidence interval = [49.14, 49.67]. Adjusted Wald test for difference of means, p-value = 0.0000.

<sup>41</sup> Enrollment in degree granting institutions increased by 11 percent between 1990 and 2000 and increased 37 percent between 2000 and 2010 (U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2012). *Digest of Education Statistics, 2011* (NCES 2012-001), Chapter 3).

median age at first marriage increased to 28.2 for men and 26.1 for women in 2010, an increase from 26.8 and 25.1 in 2000 and the proportion of one-person households rose from 25 percent in 2000 to 27 percent in 2010, more than double the percentage in 1960 (13 percent).<sup>42</sup> Young couples also are choosing to wait until later in life to start a family for a variety of cultural, social, financial, or personal reasons contributing to the rise in two-person households and the increasing proportion of adult-only households (Stevenson and Wolfers, 2007). The proportion of adult-only households in the U.S. population has increased from 63.3 to 66.4 percent<sup>43</sup> and the proportion of two-person households has increased from 30.6 to 32.7 percent<sup>44</sup> from 1996 to 2009. Overall, average household size has decreased from 2.54 to 2.49 members over the same period, a decrease of nearly two percent<sup>45</sup>. Among households with children the average number of children per household has decreased from 1.85 to 1.80 children, a decrease of 2.7 percent<sup>46</sup>. The number of adults per household has remained relatively constant over the period at 1.62.<sup>47</sup> The average number of elderly people, ages 64 to 80, per household has also remained relatively constant over the period at 0.233.<sup>48</sup>

The size and composition of households is crucial to the ability to experience economies of scale in their expenditures and the resulting emissions. These demographic shifts are changing this ability which has implications for mean household carbon dioxide emissions and

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<sup>42</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, "America's Families and Living Arrangements: 2010". Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Fertility & Family Statistics Branch.

<sup>43</sup> Statistically significant difference. 1996, 95% confidence interval = [62.44, 64.12]; 2009, 95% confidence interval = [65.72, 67.17]. Adjusted Wald test for difference of means, p-value = 0.0000.

<sup>44</sup> Statistically significant difference. 1996, 95% confidence interval = [29.79, 31.44]; 2009, 95% confidence interval = [31.93, 33.38]. Adjusted Wald test for difference of means, p-value = 0.0003.

<sup>45</sup> Statistically significant difference. 1996, 95% confidence interval = [2.517, 2.568]; 2009, 95% confidence interval = [2.474, 2.519]. Adjusted Wald test for difference of means, p-value = 0.0077.

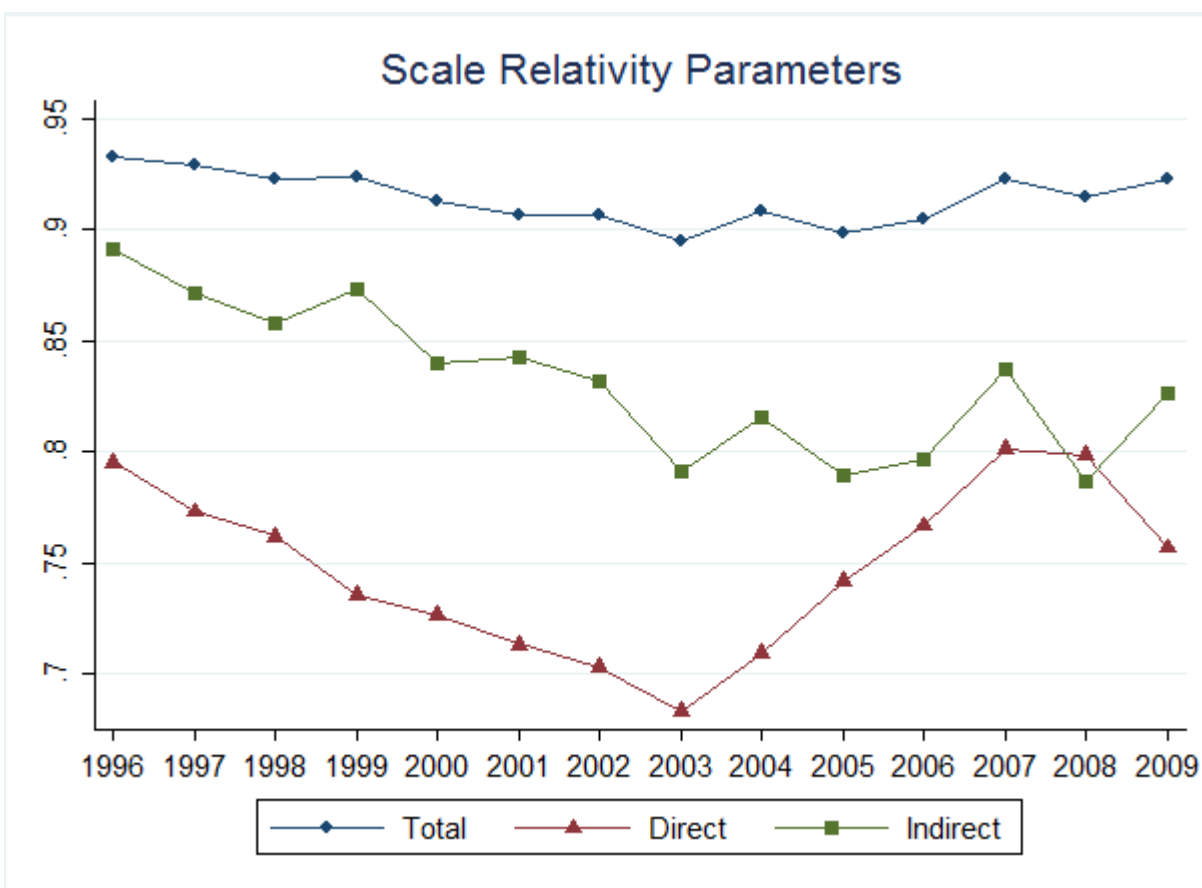
<sup>46</sup> Statistically significant difference. 1996, 95% confidence interval = [1.823, 1.879]. 2009, 95% confidence interval = [1.773, 1.823]. Adjusted Wald test for difference of means, p-value = 0.0054.

<sup>47</sup> Adjusted Wald test for difference of means between 1996 and 2009, shows an insignificant change, p-value = 0.2597.

<sup>48</sup> Adjusted Wald test for difference of means also shows an insignificant change, p-value = 0.8756.



the way in which population growth will impact total emissions in the United States. To determine how this demographic change has had an effect on economies of scale I examine how the scale relativity parameters have changed over time and for which expenditures categories the change has been most dramatic. The ability of households to scale their total expenditures (emissions) has remained relatively constant until 2003, but since has been declining. There have been significant changes in the ability to scale direct and indirect expenditures. These trends are shown in Figure 4.3.1. Household economies of scale in indirect expenditures and the resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have generally been increasing over the period, as reflected in the fairly consistent decrease in the scale relativity parameter. However, the scale relativity parameter for direct expenditures experienced steady declines until 2003 when it began to rapidly increase.



**Figure 4.3.1 Household Economies of Scale, 1996 – 2009**

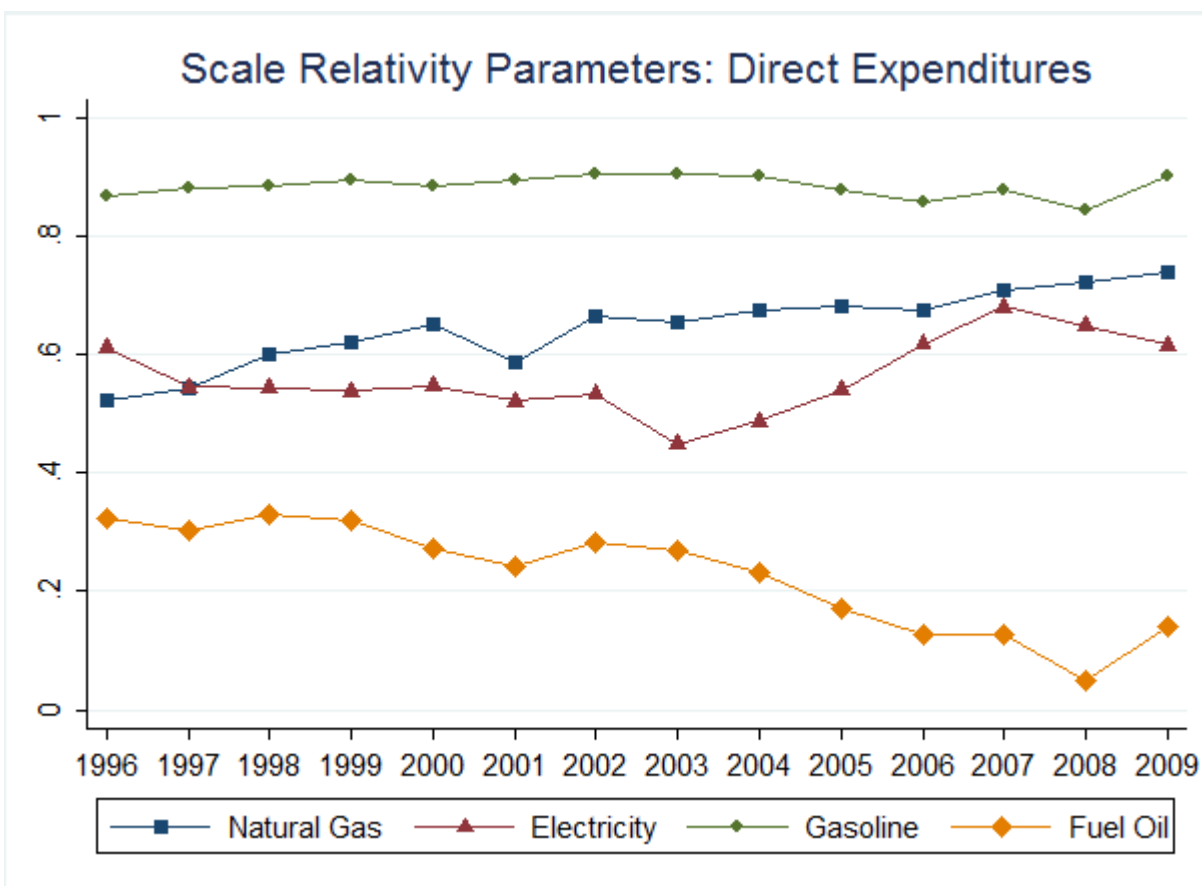
Interestingly, from 2003 until 2009 the scalability of indirect expenditures was essentially constant which coincided with the dramatic decrease in scalability of direct expenditures, resulting in a net increase in the scale relativity parameter for total expenditures and emissions.

To fully understand these changes I further disaggregate these expenditures to determine changes in the scalability of which expenditure categories are driving these changes in direct and indirect economies of scale. In Figure 4.3.2 direct expenditures, which, on average, account for 8 percent of total household expenditures and 45 percent of total household emissions, are disaggregated into its four components: natural gas, electricity, gasoline, and fuel oil and other fuels. The most dramatic increase in the scale relativity parameter is in natural gas expenditures, which is the smallest component of direct expenditures and emissions, accounting for, on average, 7.6 percent of total direct emissions. However, the use of natural gas has been declining over the period, from 10.8 to 4.6 percent of total direct emissions. Electricity, however, accounts for 69 percent of total direct emissions, on average, increasing from 64.6 to 74.7 percent<sup>49</sup> over the period. The dramatic increase in the scalability of direct expenditures prior to 2003 was driven by the increase in the scalability of electricity. The subsequent decrease in scalability post-2003 was driven by the decreases in economies of scale in both natural gas and electricity which account for, on average, over 75 percent of household emissions resulting from direct expenditures. Since 2003 the ability of households to experience economies of scale in total emissions is declining; fueled by these decreases in direct scalability, but this effect would be less dramatic if the ability to scale indirect expenditures had continued to increase as it did prior to 2003.

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<sup>49</sup> Statistically significant difference. 1996, 95% confidence interval = [64.11, 65.05]; 2009, 95% confidence interval = [74.31, 75.03]. Adjusted Wald test for difference of means, p-value = 0.0000.

From 1996 to 2003 the United States greatly improved its ability to scale indirect expenditures, but has remained relatively constant since. To determine which indirect expenditure categories have experienced the most dramatic changes in their scalability resulting from demographic change, Figure 4.3.3 disaggregates indirect emissions into the top five expenditure categories in terms of their average contribution to total indirect emissions: food

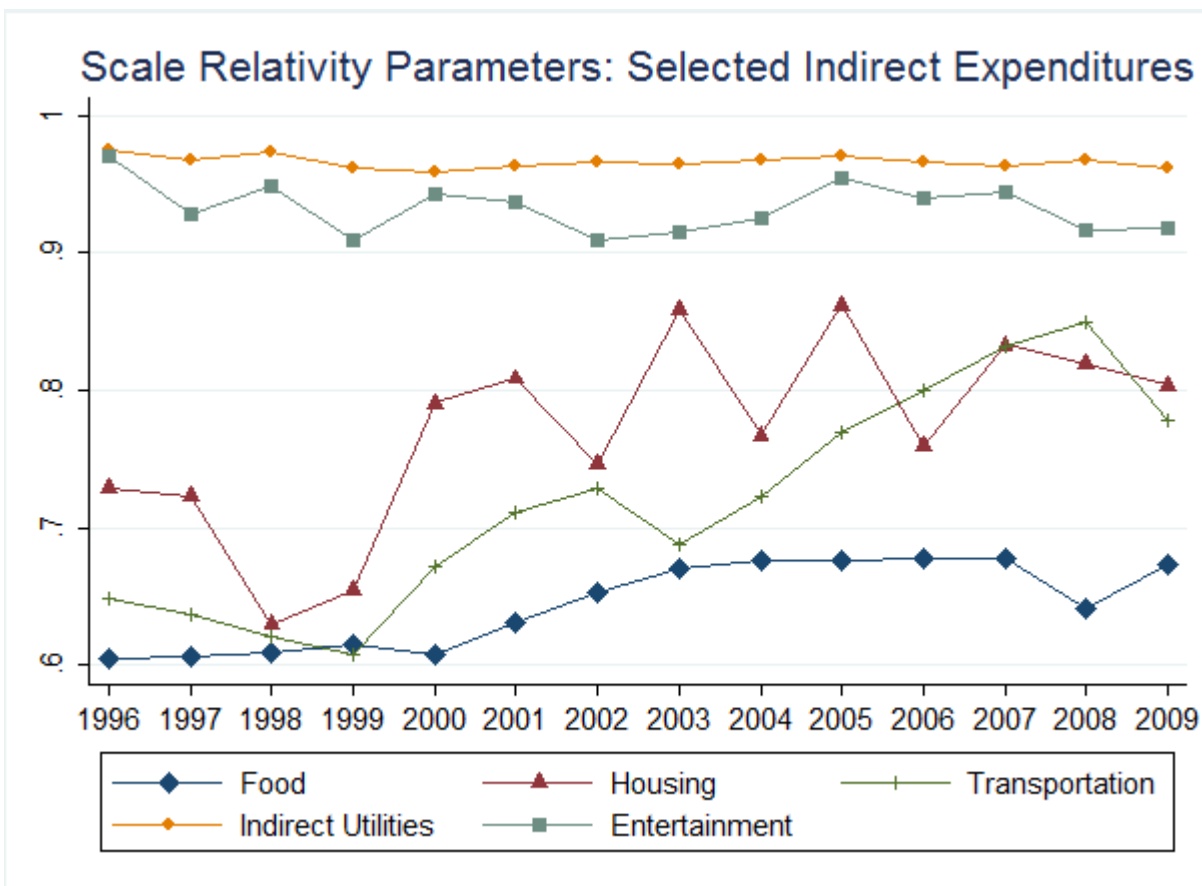


**Figure 4.3.2 Household Economies of Scale: Direct Expenditures, 1996 – 2009**

(44.3%), housing (18.2%), transportation (6.6%), indirect utilities (6.4%), and entertainment (5.1%). From the figure we can see that the scalability of indirect utilities and entertainment have remained relatively constant, while after slight improvements in the first few years of the period food, housing, and transportation have seen their scalability decline. Food and housing

have remained relatively constant since 2003, but the ability of households to scale emissions resulting from transportation expenditures (excluding gasoline) has continued to decline.

There has been substantial demographic change in the United States over the period from 1996 to 2009 which has led to significant changes in the ability of households to experience economies of scale in carbon dioxide emissions resulting from their expenditures, especially for

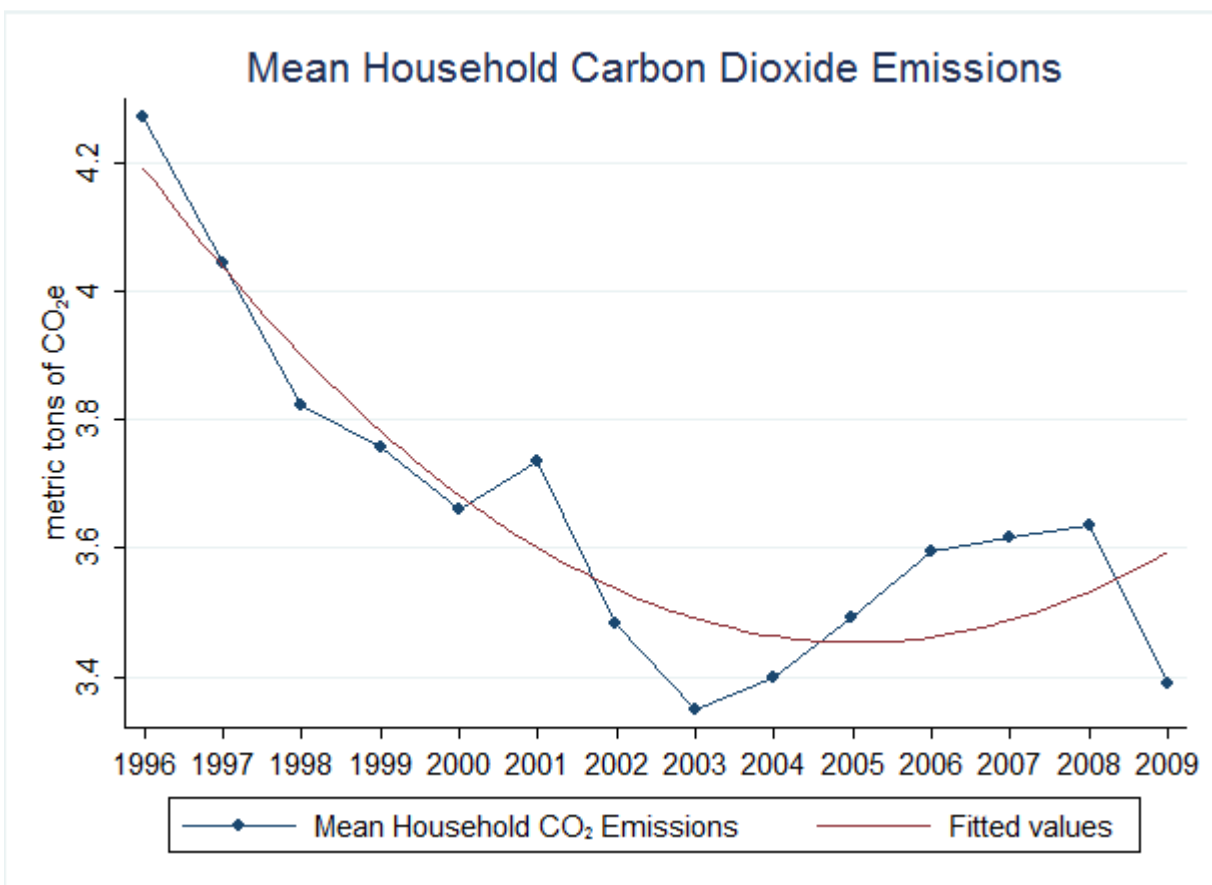


**Figure 4.3.3. Household Economies of Scale: Selected Indirect Expenditures, 1996 – 2009**

certain expenditure categories that are more sensitive to these demographic changes, such as natural gas, electricity, food, and transportation. Ultimately, the reason it is so important to understand the impact of demographic change on these household economies of scale is that it has implications for how mean household carbon emissions change over time and impacts the

shape of the age-emissions profile by changing the carbon contributions of children, adults, and elderly household members.

The United States has experienced dramatic improvements in energy efficiency (as measured by quadrillion BTUs per million dollars of real GDP) over the period 1996 to 2003, from 11.81 to 9.80, a decrease of 17 percent. As a result, despite rising mean household expenditures, mean household carbon dioxide emissions resulting from those expenditures were falling until 2003, see Figure 4.3.4. However, while energy efficiency continued to improve to 8.68 by 2009, starting in 2003 mean household carbon dioxide emissions began to increase, at quite an alarming rate. As seen in Figure 4.3.4, after increasing over the five year period



**Figure 4.3.4. Mean Household Carbon Dioxide Emissions, 1996 – 2009**

between 2003 and 2008 mean household emissions decrease in 2009 which is the result of decreased expenditures due to the Great Recession. Energy efficiency improved by 9.4 percent from 2003 to 2008, but mean household carbon dioxide emissions increased by 7.2 percent. This reversal of trend is a result of the decreased ability of households to experience economies of scale since 2003 (see Figure 4.3.1). Over the period from 2003 to 2008, the scale relativity parameter for total household carbon dioxide emissions increased from 0.894 to 0.915, an increase of 2.35 percent while mean household carbon dioxide emissions increased by 7.2 percent. This result can be strengthened by estimating a modified version of the least squares regression in Equation 3.4.1 using the entire pooled cross-section from 1996 to 2009:

$$\ln C_j = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \ln \theta_j + \alpha_3 \ln realinc_j + \gamma X + u_j \quad (4.3.1)$$

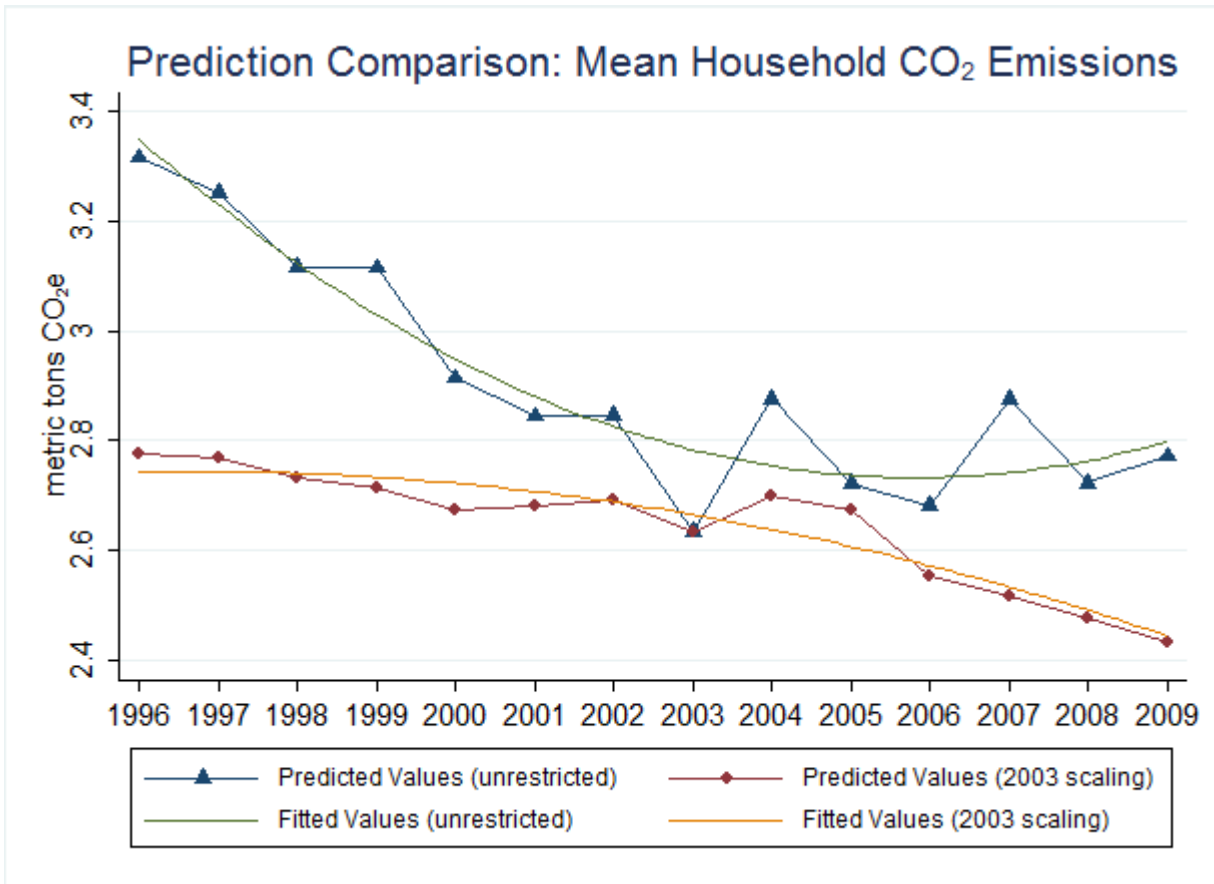
where  $X$  is a vector of regional and household characteristics, the results of which are presented in Table 4.3.1. The scale relativity parameter ( $\theta_{co2}$ ) subsumes the variables for household size, age of household head, and household composition; as it itself is a function of these household characteristics. The remaining variables are defined as in Table 3.4.1. I implement a log-log functional form on the continuous variables ( $real\_co2$ ,  $\theta_{co2}$ , and  $realincat_{tax}$ ) and the dummy variables and time trend variable are included in linear form. Therefore the estimated parameter on the scaling variable can be interpreted to mean that for every one percent increase in the scale relativity parameter, household carbon dioxide emissions will increase by 4.24 percent, independent of the income effect. This result substantiates the more anecdotal result we found earlier when simply comparing the mean growth rates of the scale relativity parameter and mean household carbon dioxide emissions.

**Table 4.3.1 Modified Regression Results: Total Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**

<b>VARIABLES</b>	<b>l_realco2</b>
l_realincatax	0.116*** (0.00424)
l_theta_co2	4.235*** (0.306)
northe	0.0157 (0.0243)
midwest	-0.0476* (0.0255)
south	0.0765*** (0.0241)
ownhome	0.515*** (0.0110)
sexref	0.0677*** (0.00625)
whiteref	0.0112 (0.00927)
college	0.195*** (0.00726)
year	-0.0141*** (0.00162)
Constant	-0.155*** (0.0557)
Observations	232,723
R-squared	0.225

Standard errors in parentheses  
 \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

To further illuminate the importance of this result I use the above regression model to predict mean household carbon dioxide emissions from 1996 to 2009. Initially, I predict household emissions while allowing all regressors to vary in time (unrestricted prediction). Then, to determine the impact of decreasing economies of scale since 2003 I predict mean household emissions while holding the scale relativity parameter constant at 2003 levels and allowing all other regressors to vary (2003 scaling). The comparison of these predictions is displayed in Figure 4.3.5. In the absence of demographic change resulting in the diminished ability of households to experience economies of scale since 2003, mean household carbon dioxide



**Figure 4.3.5. Prediction Comparison: Mean Household CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**

emissions are estimated to be 10.68% lower in 2009, relative to the unrestricted prediction.<sup>50</sup> In the presence of rising household expenditures and continued improvements in energy efficiency since 2003, mean household carbon dioxide emissions are increasing. This increase is a result of the diminished ability of households to enjoy economies of scale from cohabitation driven by changes in household size and composition.

#### 4.4. Conclusion

Changes in household formation patterns alter the way in which household members can share their expenditures to experience economies of scale in the resulting emissions. These

<sup>50</sup> The estimated 2009 value in the unrestricted prediction is 2.724 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e with a 95% confidence interval = [2.710, 2.738]. The estimated 2009 value in the restricted 2003 scaling prediction is 2.433 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e with a 95% confidence interval = [2.420, 2.446].



benefits of cohabitation entail energy savings and reduce household emissions. As more people choose to wait until later in life to cohabitate or get married, young couples continue to delay or forego reproduction, and baby boomers continue to age and form “empty nests”, the ability of the average United States household to experience economies of scale in their expenditures and resulting emissions will continue to diminish. Despite ongoing improvements in energy efficiency and continued conservation efforts, mean household carbon dioxide emissions are rapidly increasing since 2003. This increase has been attenuated by decreased expenditures, as a result of the Great Recession. In addition, people seeking to take advantage of the cost savings provided by cohabitation may have stabilized mean household size. However, a sustained economic recovery and growth period may lead to continued increases in household emissions.

This chapter shows that a household’s needs are determined by their position in the life course, revealed by the age composition of the household, and progression through the life course has more profound impacts on household expenditure decisions than do changing household incomes. Changes in the population age structure and household formation patterns change the composition and size of the average U.S. household, decrease the ability of households to experience economies of scale, and increase the mean household carbon dioxide emissions of the U.S. population. On average, household carbon dioxide emissions were over 10 percent higher in 2009 as a result of reductions in the scalability of household expenditures and emissions.

These results are significant and seem to be fairly large in magnitude; as a result it is natural to be somewhat skeptical of these results. One potential limitation of this empirical methodology is the possible endogeneity arising from the two-stage analysis. In this

methodology, due mainly to limited computational capacity, I estimated the equivalence scale model to obtain estimates of the scale relativity parameters and then controlled for other household and regional characteristics in the second stage. Using the estimated scale relativity parameters as a regressor in the second stage creates potential endogeneity, as these parameters are themselves a function of household carbon dioxide emissions, the logged value of which is the dependent variable in the second stage. This potential endogeneity may explain the seemingly large estimated coefficient on the scale relativity parameter variable in the second stage.

To address this issue, in the future, I plan to combine the first and second stage into a single econometric model. By including the other household and regional control variables linearly in the equivalence scale model, the estimated scale relativity and contribution parameters will be robust to differences in household income and other characteristics. While this adjustment is not likely to change the implications and directionality of the results, it will make for a more robust and reliable set of estimates on which to base conclusions and develop policy implications.

It is important to point out that demographic changes such as those described herein are an inevitable stage of development, so no policy recommendation can be made to reverse this trend. However, these demographic changes have, and continue to, eliminate the gains we have achieved through energy efficiency and conservation, so if we are to attempt to dramatically change the trajectory of total U.S. carbon dioxide emissions into the future, gains must be made in the carbon intensity of production, especially with respect to the most carbon intensive direct expenditures. The gains in energy efficiency are becoming increasingly smaller and are no longer substantial enough to outweigh the losses in economies of scale resulting from

demographic change. The only path to dramatically lower household carbon dioxide emissions is through dramatic reductions in the carbon intensity of direct expenditures.

Climate projections using naïve models of population size and growth that fail to account for household size and composition effects may be inaccurately projecting energy use and emissions in the future. Much of the developing world can be expected to undergo similar demographic and cultural transitions. To develop accurate projections of carbon dioxide emissions in the developing world, elements of household size and composition must be considered.

## CHAPTER V

### Conclusion

As discussed in Chapter 1, increasing evidence from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the world's leading body on climate change, which includes over 2500 scientists from 150 countries, indicates that global warming is occurring, mostly due to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions related to human activities (IPCC, 2007a). Most of this warming is very likely due to GHG emissions with a confidence level of over 90 percent (IPCC, 2007a). Considerable progress has been made in developing a better understanding of how human actions lead to global climate change, in particular, the anthropogenic drivers of this change. This literature focuses on two main themes: land use changes and human activities. Studies regarding land use changes focus primarily on changes in albedo<sup>51</sup>, the supply of ecosystem services, including carbon sequestration, and GHG emissions resulting from agriculture (Rosa & Dietz, 2012). As there have been several excellent reviews of this literature, I will not discuss these findings here (DeFries et al., 2010; Rudel et al., 2005; Williams, 2008).

The human drivers of GHG emissions have been discussed and debated for centuries, dating back to the writings of Thomas Malthus in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries: population, affluence, technology, institutional structure, and culture. Growing human population puts stress on the environment through both its sheer size and its rate of growth. The degree of environmental impact resulting from population increases will depend upon the patterns of consumption within the population. While cultural differences may have a mitigating impact on the pattern of consumption, over the course of many decades, varying patterns of consumption tend to converge towards a Western pattern of affluence increases (Wilk, 1997;

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<sup>51</sup> The amount of solar radiation reflected from the earth's surface, typically expressed as a percentage.

2002). However, the degree of environmental impacts produced by a rising population and its corresponding consumption also depend on the technologies used in production. This point, that population, affluence, and technology act jointly, in a multiplicative fashion, in driving environmental impact, was elucidated decades ago by Ehrlich and Holdren (1971) in the I-PAT model and its extended Kaya Identity (Kaya, 1990). However, these models assume unit elasticity with respect to the three components, meaning that an equal percent change in any component produces an equal change in environmental impact. The STIRPAT model (Dietz & Rosa, 1994; 1997), based on both the I-PAT model and Kaya Identity, is somewhat more sophisticated by allowing researchers to test statistically the elasticity of each component with respect to emissions; yet interactions between population dynamics, economic growth, and technology are not considered. In a cross-national panel study of carbon dioxide emissions from 1960-2005, Jorgenson and Clark (2010) found population elasticities ranging from 1.27 to 1.86, indicating an elastic impact on carbon dioxide emissions which is consistent with the bulk of previous studies finding population elasticities between one and two (Cole & Neumayer, 2004; Dietz & Rosa, 1997; Rosa et al., 2004; Shi, 2003; York et al., 2003). However, these analyses conducted mainly by economists, demographers, sociologists, or ecologists do not use the type of language or “integrated assessment models” familiar to climatologists and have therefore been largely ignored or not taken seriously by the climate research community.

Even the IPCC’s Special Report on Emission Scenarios (SRES) identifies population growth, economic growth, technological change, and changes in the patterns of energy and land use as the major drivers of the growth in GHG emissions. In nearly all integrated assessment models, population size is the only demographic variable considered. The implied assumption is that each individual in a population shares the same productive and consumptive behavior – an

assumption that, as I have shown in the previous few chapters – is inaccurate and potentially misleading. These behavioral attributes differ among various population groups and as the proportion of these various groups in a population change, the amount of GHG emissions that a population emits will also change. Over the past two decades many studies have been conducted to determine whether or not different consumption and emissions behaviors exist in population groups with various characteristics (Cole & Neumayer, 2004; Dietz et al., 2007; York et al., 2003) and whether the proportion of these different groups will change significantly in the future (Jiang & O'Neill, 2007; Lutz et al., 2001; Mackellar et al., 1995; Zagheni, 2011;). Fan et al. (2006) find that the effect of population dynamics, especially the percentage of the population aged 15 to 64, on carbon dioxide emissions vary greatly with the level of economic development, highlighting the importance of considering the role that productive and consumptive behaviors play at various income levels when constituting long-term strategies for emission reductions.

The consideration of both heterogeneous consumption behaviors among population groups and how the proportion of these groups within the population will change in the future is crucial to predications of future carbon dioxide emissions, both in the United States and globally. For example, it would not be necessary to consider the impact of urbanization if there are no substantial differences in productive and consumptive behavior between rural and urban populations. It would be sufficient to use mean per capita emissions when estimating or predicting the total emissions of a given population. Furthermore, even if significant behavioral differences are found between rural and urban populations, it would not be necessary to account for these differences in the analysis if urban/rural proportions of the population are not expected to change in the future (Jiang & Hardee, 2011).

According the United Nations' most recent population projections, the global population will increase from 6.97 billion in 2011 to 9.31 billion in 2050, with 97 percent of this growth occurring in the developing world (UN, 2011). Urban areas of the world are expected to absorb all of this expected population growth while at the same time drawing in some from rural populations and this growth will be concentrated in cities and towns of less developed regions (UN, 2012). Therefore, the percentage of the world's population living in urban areas is expected to increase from 52 percent in 2011 to about 67 percent in 2050. Furthermore, the demographic consequence of expected fertility decline and life expectancy increases associated with global development is population aging, a process through which the proportion of older persons in the population will increase and that of younger persons will decrease. As a result the median age of the world population is expected to increase from 29.4 years in 2011 to 37.9 in 2050 and the proportion of persons aged 60 years or older in the world's population is expected to increase from 11.2 percent to 22 percent. Lastly, household projections for major developed and developing countries also show that an increasing proportion of these populations will be living in smaller households (Dalton et al., 2008; Jiang & O'Neill, 2007; Pachauri & Jiang, 2008; Zeng et al., 2008).

As I and an increasing number of other studies have shown, households, rather than individuals, should be used as the unit of analysis when analyzing the impact of demographic trends on carbon dioxide emissions, as households are the units of consumption (Cramer 1997, 1998; Jiang, 1999; Liu et al., 2003; Mackellar et al., 1995; O'Neill & Chen, 2002). A study of energy consumption in developed countries from 1970 to 1990 shows that using either the number of households or population size as the demographic variable leads to significantly different results regarding the demographic impact on energy use. This study decomposes total

energy consumption into demographic, economic, and technological effects and finds that when population size is used as the demographic variable in the analysis, demographic factors account for only one-third of total energy consumption (Mackeller et al., 1995). However, when the number of households is used, demographic factors contribute to 76 percent of the total increase in energy consumption. This difference stems mainly from the compositional changes of the population, especially with respect to the proportion of smaller households – which has increased. Therefore, the number of households has increased more rapidly than the increases in the population. As I have shown in Chapter 4, this reduction in household size results in a loss of economies of scale meaning that per capita energy consumption (or emissions) is higher for smaller households than that of larger households. As a result, total energy consumption (emissions) has increased in the developed world even though the rate of population increase has slowed and energy efficiency has continued to improve.

To highlight the importance of these changes in population composition I will use a simplified illustrative example using data from the United States. For simplicity, I will assume that per capita emissions across household size are constant at their respective mean levels over the period 1996 to 2009 (i.e. efficiency is constant over the period). Notice the reduction in per capita emissions as household size increases (Table 5.1). Using sample proportions of

**Table 5.1. Per Capita CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Household Size**

	Household Size					
	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Mean CO <sub>2</sub>	2.17	3.72	4.19	4.76	4.96	4.90
Mean CO <sub>2</sub> per capita	2.17	1.86	1.40	1.19	0.99	0.75
Proportions 1996	0.285	0.309	0.154	0.148	0.066	0.037
Proportions 2009	0.288	0.328	0.148	0.137	0.059	0.040

*Note: Carbon dioxide emissions measured as metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions*



households of different sizes obtained from my data and total population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, I estimate total carbon dioxide emissions in the United States for 1996 and 2009, using the corresponding yearly proportions (Table 5.2). Over this period the U.S. population

**Table 5.2. Illustrative example of emissions under different compositional scenarios**

	U.S. population (thousands)	Total Emissions (thousand metric tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)	Total Emissions (1996 proportions)	Percent difference
1996	269,386	452,182.7	452,182.7	-
2009	307,206	520,259.4	515,666.2	-0.88%
% Change	14.04%	15.06%	14.04%	

increases by 14 percent and total estimated carbon dioxide emissions increase by 15 percent, a population elasticity of 1.07. If however, these changing population demographics were ignored in estimating total emissions in 2009, in other words, if 1996 proportions were used, then estimated total emissions in the United States would be nearly a full percent (0.88%) lower than the actual value in 2009. While this scenario is over-simplified and does not consider interactions with affluence and technology, given the changes in total population and population composition over this short period, inaccuracy in emission projections will compound over longer time horizons. In the context of the dramatic global demographic changes expected over the next century, the failure of climate researchers and policymakers to incorporate these changes in modeling global emissions may result in drastic inaccuracies of projections and will impede attempts to mitigate and adapt to the effects of changes in the climate system.

Strong evidence exists showing that demographic change is closely associated with greenhouse gas emissions and future trends in population dynamics will play a key role in attempts to develop mitigation and adaptation strategies in a changing global climate. The social science literature on the drivers of anthropogenic climate change is relatively fixed across

disciplines. As the group of researchers in any one discipline examining the human drivers of greenhouse gas emissions is relatively small, a multi-disciplinary and cooperative dialogue is warranted. While many aspects of this literature are reasonably robust, with many studies converging on the same conclusion regarding the importance of population and demographic dynamics, there seems to be little evidence that this growing body of literature has had any impact on the development of emissions scenarios – a key component in all climate assessments, including the IPCC. In mapping plausible climate futures, these assessments could be dramatically enhanced if emissions calculations were based on well-founded empirical estimates of driver weights (affluence, technology, and population) rather than the *a priori* proportionality assumptions stemming from the I-PAT model.

The population and economic growth anticipated in the next century will tend to push greenhouse gas emissions ever upward – a scale effect. As shown herein, based off data from the United States, improvements in energy efficiency and the demographic forcing resulting from development, especially changes in household economies of scale tend to act as countervailing forces. Most policy proposals for limiting the magnitude of climate change address only strategies for improvements in technological efficiency, while taking the scale effect as given. However, it has yet to be demonstrated that these technological and compositional changes can consistently produce such a strong counteracting effect as to neutralize the scale effect. In fact, as suggested by the demographic changes in the United States discussed in this dissertation, it is possible that at a certain point in global development demographic pressures will overwhelm the mitigating effects of efficiency improvements and compositional changes in consumption. Indeed, much of the resistance to climate change mitigation policy, beyond its incidence on different groups in the population, stems from the

large-scale changes in technology and forms of consumption that will be required to stabilize the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The dramatic changes in population and affluence over the next century will occur primarily in the developing world necessitating these huge changes, but also highlighting the resistance to these changes in the developed world. Regardless, it is clear that reductions in greenhouse gas emissions need to occur, but adopting these policies in the face of this scale effect will be extremely difficult in the context of the institutional, political, and cultural forces that have prevailed so far.

Nonetheless, it is clear, in addition to population size, that analyzing the compositional changes of the population, specifically the age composition, the distribution of people living in urban and rural areas, and household size and composition, is very important in understanding current carbon intensities of, and total emissions resulting from, consumption behaviors and for understanding future needs and potential mitigation strategies.

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## APPENDICES

## Appendix 1. Raw Sectoral Carbon Intensities

Broad Production Sector		tCO <sub>2</sub> e per \$mil	
Detailed Production Sector	Sector ID	1997 (1997\$)	2002 (2002\$)
Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, and Fisheries			
Oilseed Farming	1	2540	2760
Grain Farming	2	4950	3240
Vegetable & Melon Farming	3	1120	856
Tree Nut Farming	4	1230	1010
Fruit Farming	5	1080	886
Greenhouse & Nursery Production	6	659	667
Tobacco Farming	7	2140	3400
Cotton Farming	8	3370	3540
Sugarcane & Sugar Beet Farming	9	2160	2250
All Other Crop Farming	10	2410	2440
Milk Production	11	NA	3930
Cattle Ranching & Farming	12	6270	7390
Poultry & Egg Production	13	2420	2260
Other Animal Production	14	3900	3440
Logging	15	654	669
Forest Nurseries, Forest Products & Timber Tracts	16	823	1050
Fishing	17	996	1200
Hunting & Trapping	18	758	604
Agriculture & Forestry Support Activities	19	1730	1450
Mining and Utilities			
Oil & Gas Extraction	20	1880	2170
Coal Mining	21	3080	3150
Iron Ore Mining	22	2740	2350
Copper, Nickel, Lead, & Zinc Mining	23	1490	1460
Gold, Silver, & Other Metal Ore Mining	24	1390	1640
Stone Mining & Quarrying	25	1350	1250
Sand, Gravel, Clay & Refractory Mining	26	1550	1360
Other Nonmetallic Mineral Mining	27	2310	1600
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	28	766	984
Support Activities for Oil & Gas Operations	29	591	649
Support Activities for Other Mining	30	1200	977
Power Generation & Supply	31	9530	9370
Natural Gas Distribution	32	4160	2430
Water, Sewage, & Other Systems	33	2330	1780
Construction			
Nonresidential, Commercial, & Health Care Structures*	34	599	589

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Nonresidential Manufacturing Structures*</i>	35	588	437
<i>Other Nonresidential Structures*</i>	36	602	612
<i>Residential, Permanent, Single &amp; Multi-Family Structures**</i>	37	602	659
<i>Other Residential Structures*</i>	38	602	580
<i>Nonresidential Maintenance &amp; Repair*</i>	39	430	624
<i>Residential Maintenance &amp; Repair*</i>	40	743	698
<b>Food, Beverage, &amp; Tobacco</b>			
<i>Dog &amp; Cat Food Manufacturing</i>	41	1050	1530
<i>Other Animal Food Manufacturing</i>	42	2400	2030
<i>Flour Milling &amp; Malt Manufacturing**</i>	43	3290	2050
<i>Wet Corn Milling</i>	44	3970	3650
<i>Fats &amp; Oils, Refining &amp; Blending</i>	45	1960	2060
<i>Soybean &amp; Other Oilseed Processing**</i>	46	2420	2340
<i>Breakfast Cereal Manufacturing</i>	47	1160	713
<i>Beet Sugar Manufacturing</i>	48	NA	2330
<i>Sugarcane Mills &amp; Refining*</i>	49	1780	2050
<i>Confectionary Manufacturing from Cacao Beans</i>	50	874	1050
<i>Confectionary Manufacturing from Purchased Chocolate</i>	51	646	707
<i>Non-chocolate Confectionary Manufacturing</i>	52	659	769
<i>Frozen Food Manufacturing</i>	53	873	1000
<i>Fruit &amp; Vegetable Canning, Pickling, &amp; Drying*</i>	54	810	745
<i>Cheese Manufacturing</i>	55	2600	1760
<i>Dry, Condensed, &amp; Evaporated Dairy Products</i>	56	1670	1350
<i>Fluid Milk &amp; Butter Manufacturing**</i>	57	2390	1650
<i>Ice Cream &amp; Frozen Dessert Manufacturing</i>	58	1550	1070
<i>Poultry Processing</i>	59	1310	1120
<i>Animal (except poultry) Slaughtering &amp; Processing</i>	60	2553	2870
<i>Seafood Product Preparation &amp; Packaging</i>	61	992	970
<i>Bread &amp; Bakery Product Manufacturing**</i>	62	700	656
<i>Cookie, Cracker, &amp; Pasta Manufacturing</i>	63	833	763
<i>Tortilla Manufacturing</i>	64	981	870
<i>Snack Food Manufacturing**</i>	65	853	744
<i>Coffee &amp; Tea Manufacturing</i>	66	682	609
<i>Flavoring Syrup &amp; Concentrate Manufacturing</i>	67	537	411
<i>Seasoning &amp; Dressing Manufacturing**</i>	68	770	771
<i>All Other Food Manufacturing</i>	69	1090	838
<i>Soft Drink &amp; Ice Manufacturing</i>	70	709	651
<i>Breweries</i>	71	569	568
<i>Distilleries</i>	72	421	316
<i>Wineries</i>	73	544	450

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Tobacco Product Manufacturing**</i>	74	830	309
<b>Textiles, Apparel, &amp; Leather</b>			
<i>Fiber, Yarn, &amp; Thread Mills</i>	75	1670	1500
<i>Broad woven Fabric Mills</i>	76	1310	1180
<i>Narrow Fabric Mills &amp; Schiffli Embroidery</i>	77	916	806
<i>Nonwoven Fabric Mills</i>	78	1130	1140
<i>Knit Fabric Mills</i>	79	1240	1180
<i>Textile &amp; Fabric Finishing Mills</i>	80	1340	1040
<i>Fabric Coating Mills</i>	81	914	899
<i>Carpet &amp; Rug Mills</i>	82	819	735
<i>Curtain &amp; Linen Mills</i>	83	677	552
<i>Textile Bag &amp; Canvas Mills</i>	84	721	550
<i>All Other Miscellaneous Textile Product Mills</i>	85	638	807
<i>Hosiery &amp; Sock Mills**</i>	86	745	424
<i>Cut &amp; Sew Apparel Contractors*</i>	87	557	375
<i>Men's &amp; Boys' Cut &amp; Sew Apparel Manufacturing</i>	88	NA	381
<i>Women's &amp; Girls Cut &amp; Sew Apparel Manufacturing</i>	89	NA	403
<i>Other Cut &amp; Sew Apparel Manufacturing</i>	90	NA	383
<i>Accessories &amp; Other Apparel Manufacturing</i>	91	585	437
<i>Leather &amp; Hide Tanning &amp; Finishing</i>	92	2270	2350
<i>Footwear Manufacturing</i>	93	614	504
<b>Wood, Paper, &amp; Printing</b>			
<i>Sawmills &amp; Wood Preservation**</i>	94	725	695
<i>Reconstituted Wood Product Manufacturing</i>	95	1190	1250
<i>Veneer &amp; Plywood Manufacturing</i>	96	759	717
<i>Engineered Wood Member &amp; Truss Manufacturing</i>	97	541	522
<i>Wood Windows, Doors, &amp; Millwork*</i>	98	535	558
<i>Wood Container &amp; Pallet Manufacturing</i>	99	708	675
<i>Manufactured Home, Mobile Home, Manufacturing</i>	100	553	710
<i>Prefabricated Wood Building Manufacturing</i>	101	636	567
<i>Miscellaneous Wood Product Manufacturing</i>	102	600	577
<i>Pulp Mills</i>	103	2000	1670
<i>Paper Mills*</i>	104	1750	1520
<i>Paperboard Mills</i>	105	NA	1790
<i>Paperboard Container Manufacturing</i>	106	1180	1010
<i>Coated &amp; Laminated Paper, Packaging Materials, &amp; Plastic Films*</i>	107	910	813
<i>All Other Paper Bag &amp; Coated and Treated Paper*</i>	108	1120	952
<i>Stationery Product Manufacturing**</i>	109	796	711
<i>Sanitary Paper Product Manufacturing</i>	110	875	631
<i>All Other Converted Paper Product Manufacturing</i>	111	791	809

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Printing**</i>	112	648	542
<i>Support Activities for Printing**</i>	113	433	389
<b>Petroleum, Coal, &amp; Basic Chemical</b>			
<i>Petroleum Refineries</i>	114	1200	1260
<i>Asphalt Paving Mixture &amp; Block Manufacturing</i>	115	1900	1450
<i>Asphalt Shingle &amp; Coating Materials Manufacturing</i>	116	1250	1090
<i>Petroleum Lubricating Oil &amp; Grease Manufacturing</i>	117	2340	1530
<i>All Other Petroleum &amp; Coal Products Manufacturing</i>	118	1720	2160
<i>Petrochemical Manufacturing</i>	119	1920	2690
<i>Industrial Gas Manufacturing</i>	120	7930	4640
<i>Synthetic Dye &amp; Pigment Manufacturing</i>	121	2650	1880
<i>Alkalis &amp; Chlorine Manufacturing</i>	122	NA	2100
<i>Carbon Black Manufacturing</i>	123	NA	3780
<i>All Other Basic Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing*</i>	124	1970	2060
<i>Other Basic Organic Chemical Manufacturing</i>	125	1820	2540
<b>Resin, Rubber, Artificial Fibers, Agricultural Chemicals, &amp; Pharmaceuticals</b>			
<i>Plastics Material &amp; Resin Manufacturing</i>	126	1650	2380
<i>Synthetic Rubber Manufacturing</i>	127	1750	1780
<i>Artificial &amp; Synthetic Fibers &amp; Filaments Manufacturing**</i>	128	2190	1700
<i>Fertilizer Manufacturing**</i>	129	6610	5750
<i>Pesticide &amp; Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing</i>	130	987	776
<i>Medicinal &amp; Botanical Manufacturing</i>	131	NA	409
<i>Pharmaceutical Preparation Manufacturing*</i>	132	420	304
<i>In-Vitro Diagnostic Substance Manufacturing</i>	133	NA	361
<i>Biological Product (except diagnostic) Manufacturing</i>	134	NA	300
<b>Paint, Adhesives, Cleaning, &amp; Other Chemicals</b>			
<i>Paint &amp; Coating Manufacturing</i>	135	1110	988
<i>Adhesive Manufacturing</i>	136	1200	1180
<i>Soap &amp; Cleaning Compound Manufacturing*</i>	137	608	569
<i>Toilet Preparation Manufacturing</i>	138	456	481
<i>Printing Ink Manufacturing</i>	139	1190	1130
<i>All Other Chemical Product &amp; Preparation Manufacturing**</i>	140	1192	960
<b>Plastic, Rubber, &amp; Nonmetallic Mineral Products</b>			
<i>Plastics Packaging Materials, Film &amp; Sheet</i>	141	1050	1240
<i>Unlaminated Plastics Profile Shape Manufacturing*</i>	142	884	915
<i>Plastics Pipe &amp; Pipe Fitting Manufacturing*</i>	143	884	1060
<i>Laminated Plastics, Plate, Sheet, &amp; Shapes</i>	144	786	799
<i>Polystyrene Foam Product Manufacturing*</i>	145	851	1150
<i>Urethane &amp; Other Foam Product Manufacturing (except Polystyrene)*</i>	146	851	966

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Plastics Bottle Manufacturing</i>	147	1050	1330
<i>Other Plastics Product Manufacturing**</i>	148	834	748
<i>Tire Manufacturing</i>	149	933	565
<i>Rubber &amp; Plastics Hose &amp; Belting Manufacturing</i>	150	834	845
<i>Other Rubber Product Manufacturing</i>	151	915	836
<i>Pottery, Ceramics, &amp; Plumbing Fixture Manufacturing**</i>	152	793	624
<i>Brick, Tile, and Other Structural Clay Product Manufacturing**</i>	153	1125	1220
<i>Clay &amp; Non-Clay Refractory Manufacturing**</i>	154	1165	1190
<i>Flat Glass Manufacturing*</i>	155	839	1650
<i>Other Pressed &amp; Blown Glass &amp; Glassware Manufacturing*</i>	156	839	1070
<i>Glass Container Manufacturing</i>	157	1610	1510
<i>Glass Product Manufacturing Made of Purchased Glass</i>	158	NA	904
<i>Cement Manufacturing</i>	159	6020	9220
<i>Ready-Mix Concrete Manufacturing</i>	160	1980	2150
<i>Concrete Pipe, Brick, &amp; Block Manufacturing**</i>	161	1215	1470
<i>Other Concrete Product Manufacturing</i>	162	1090	1140
<i>Lime &amp; Gypsum Product Manufacturing**</i>	163	5635	4200
<i>Abrasive Product Manufacturing</i>	164	807	645
<i>Cut Stone &amp; Stone Product Manufacturing</i>	165	653	629
<i>Ground or Treated Minerals &amp; Earths Manufacturing</i>	166	1200	1360
<i>Mineral Wool Manufacturing</i>	167	1280	1340
<i>Miscellaneous Nonmetallic Mineral Products</i>	168	1440	1770
<b>Ferrous &amp; Nonferrous Metal Production</b>			
<i>Iron &amp; Steel Mills</i>	169	2160	3110
<i>Iron, Steel Pipe, &amp; Tube Manufacturing from Purchased Steel**</i>	170	2135	1780
<i>Secondary Smelting &amp; Alloying of Aluminum</i>	171	NA	3490
<i>Alumina Refining &amp; Primary Aluminum Production**</i>	172	3375	3220
<i>Aluminum Product Manufacturing from Purchased Aluminum**</i>	173	1565	1450
<i>Primary Smelting &amp; Refining of Copper</i>	174	1120	1200
<i>Primary Smelting &amp; Refining of Nonferrous Metal (except Cu &amp; Al)*</i>	175	2080	2070
<i>Copper Rolling, Drawing, Extruding, &amp; Alloying*</i>	176	835	880
<i>Nonferrous metal (except Cu &amp; Al) Rolling, Drawing, Extruding, &amp; Alloying*</i>	177	971	999
<i>Ferrous Metal Foundries</i>	178	928	1030
<i>Nonferrous Foundries</i>	179	NA	1170
<i>Custom Roll Forming</i>	180	1160	1440
<i>All Other Forging, Stamping, &amp; Sintering</i>	181	1060	1450
<i>Crown, Closure, &amp; Metal Stamping Manufacturing</i>	182	NA	1010
<b>Cutlery, Hand tools, Structural &amp; Metal Containers</b>			
<i>Cutlery, Utensils, Pots, &amp; Pans Manufacturing**</i>	183	526	453



<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Hand tool Manufacturing**</i>	184	588	648
<i>Platework &amp; Fabricated Structural Product Manufacturing**</i>	185	890	932
<i>Ornamental &amp; Architectural Metal Products Manufacturing**</i>	186	755	735
<i>Power Boiler &amp; Heat Exchanger Manufacturing</i>	187	711	784
<i>Metal Tank, Heavy Gauge, Manufacturing</i>	188	816	945
<i>Metal Can, Box, &amp; Other Container Manufacturing</i>	189	1410	1230
<b>Other Metal Hardware and Ordnance Manufacturing</b>			
<i>Hardware Manufacturing</i>	190	615	600
<i>Spring &amp; Wire Product Manufacturing</i>	191	852	906
<i>Machine Shops</i>	192	541	529
<i>Turned Product &amp; Screw, Nut, &amp; Bolt Manufacturing</i>	193	542	602
<i>Coating, Engraving, Heat Treating &amp; Allied Activities</i>	194	1020	1140
<i>Plumbing Fixture Fitting &amp; Trim Manufacturing*</i>	195	504	440
<i>Valve &amp; Fittings Other than Plumbing*</i>	196	504	541
<i>Ball &amp; Roller Bearing Manufacturing</i>	197	606	665
<i>Fabricated Pipe &amp; Pipe Fitting Manufacturing</i>	198	806	796
<i>Ammunition Manufacturing</i>	199	753	407
<i>Ordnance &amp; Accessories Manufacturing**</i>	200	524	362
<i>Other Fabricated Metal Manufacturing**</i>	201	765	699
<b>Machinery &amp; Engines</b>			
<i>Farm Machinery &amp; Equipment Manufacturing</i>	202	606	576
<i>Lawn &amp; Garden Equipment Manufacturing</i>	203	531	412
<i>Construction Machinery Manufacturing</i>	204	680	617
<i>Mining &amp; Oil &amp; Gas Field Machinery Manufacturing**</i>	205	614	656
<i>Plastics &amp; Rubber Industry Machinery</i>	206	448	581
<i>Semiconductor Machinery Manufacturing</i>	207	573	496
<i>Other Industrial Machinery Manufacturing</i>	208	523	571
<i>Optical Instrument &amp; Lens Manufacturing</i>	209	409	397
<i>Photographic &amp; Photocopying Equipment Manufacturing</i>	210	446	423
<i>Other Commercial &amp; Service Industry Machinery</i>	211	542	456
<i>Vending, Commercial, Industrial, &amp; Office Machinery*</i>	212	574	339
<i>Heating Equipment (except warm air furnaces) Manufacturing</i>	213	519	508
<i>Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, &amp; Warm Air Heating Equipment</i>	214	609	493
<i>Air Purification &amp; Ventilation Equipment Manufacturing**</i>	215	642	640
<i>Industrial Mold Manufacturing</i>	216	551	626
<i>Special Tool, Die, Jig, &amp; Fixture Manufacturing</i>	217	530	610
<i>Cutting Tool &amp; Machine Tool Accessory Manufacturing</i>	218	607	566
<i>Metal Cutting &amp; Forming Machine Tool Manufacturing**</i>	219	497	531
<i>Rolling Mill &amp; Other Metalworking Machinery Manufacturing</i>	220	461	491
<i>Turbine &amp; Turbine Generator Set Units Manufacturing</i>	221	535	408

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Speed Changer, Industrial High-Speed Drive, &amp; Gear*</i>	222	608	548
<i>Mechanical Power Transmission Equipment Manufacturing*</i>	223	608	601
<i>Other Engine Equipment Manufacturing</i>	224	622	597
<i>Pump &amp; Pumping Equipment Manufacturing**</i>	225	591	530
<i>Air &amp; Gas Compressor Manufacturing</i>	226	487	509
<i>Material Handling Equipment Manufacturing**</i>	227	689	702
<i>Power-Driven Hand tool Manufacturing</i>	228	449	409
<i>Packaging Machinery Manufacturing</i>	229	411	458
<i>Industrial Process Furnace &amp; Oven Manufacturing</i>	230	496	508
<i>Fluid Power Process Machinery**</i>	231	614	582
<i>Process &amp; Oven, Not Fluid Power Machinery**</i>	232	533	559
<b>Computers, Audio-Video, &amp; Communications Equipment</b>			
<i>Electronic Computer Manufacturing</i>	233	403	276
<i>Computer Storage Device Manufacturing</i>	234	333	347
<i>Computer Terminals &amp; Other Computer Peripheral Equipment**</i>	235	449	330
<i>Telephone Apparatus Manufacturing</i>	236	315	313
<i>Broadcast &amp; Wireless Communications Equipment</i>	237	327	319
<i>Other Communications Equipment Manufacturing</i>	238	366	340
<i>Audio &amp; Video Equipment Manufacturing</i>	239	502	446
<i>Electron Tube Manufacturing</i>	240	846	685
<i>Bare Printed Circuit Board Manufacturing</i>	241	NA	542
<b>Semiconductors, Electronic Equipment, Media Reproduction</b>			
<i>Semiconductor &amp; Related Device Manufacturing</i>	242	435	557
<i>Electronic Connector Manufacturing</i>	243	NA	582
<i>Printed Circuit Assembly (Electronic Assembly) Manufacturing</i>	244	NA	390
<i>Other Electronic Component Manufacturing*</i>	245	469	416
<i>Electronic Capacitor, Resistor, Coil, Transformer, &amp; Other Inductor Manufacturing</i>	246	NA	536
<i>Electro-medical Apparatus Manufacturing</i>	247	385	346
<i>Search, Detection, &amp; Navigation Instruments</i>	248	320	312
<i>Automatic Environmental Control Manufacturing</i>	249	443	453
<i>Industrial Process Variable Instruments</i>	250	354	448
<i>Totalizing Fluid Meters &amp; Counting Devices</i>	251	563	454
<i>Electricity &amp; Signal Testing Instruments</i>	252	295	298
<i>Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing</i>	253	381	337
<i>Irradiation Apparatus Manufacturing</i>	254	402	377
<i>Watch, Clock, &amp; Other Measuring &amp; Controlling Device Manufacturing</i>	255	408	310
<i>Magnetic and Optical Recording Media Manufacturing</i>	256	779	489
<i>Software, Audio, &amp; Video Reproduction**</i>	257	402	575

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>	<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>		
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<b>Lighting, Electrical Components, Batteries</b>			
<i>Electric Lamp, Bulb, &amp; Part Manufacturing</i>	258	499	422
<i>Lighting Fixture Manufacturing</i>	259	595	511
<i>Small Electrical Appliance Manufacturing**</i>	260	586	463
<i>Household Cooking Appliance Manufacturing</i>	261	609	597
<i>Household Refrigerator &amp; Home Freezer Manufacturing</i>	262	744	584
<i>Household Laundry Equipment Manufacturing</i>	263	689	554
<i>Other Major Household Appliance Manufacturing</i>	264	666	533
<i>Electric Power &amp; Specialty Transformer Manufacturing</i>	265	768	733
<i>Motor &amp; Generator Manufacturing</i>	266	630	582
<i>Switchgear &amp; Switchboard Apparatus Manufacturing</i>	267	483	400
<i>Relay &amp; Industrial Control Manufacturing</i>	268	459	305
<i>Storage Battery Manufacturing</i>	269	816	950
<i>Primary Battery Manufacturing</i>	270	513	422
<i>Communication &amp; Energy Wire &amp; Cable Manufacturing**</i>	271	668	668
<i>Wiring Device Manufacturing</i>	272	564	541
<i>Carbon &amp; Graphite Product Manufacturing</i>	273	840	1100
<i>Miscellaneous Electrical Equipment Manufacturing</i>	274	546	370
<b>Vehicles &amp; Other Transportation Equipment</b>			
<i>Automobile Manufacturing*</i>	275	611	488
<i>Light Truck &amp; Utility Vehicle Manufacturing*</i>	276	611	562
<i>Heavy Duty Truck Manufacturing</i>	277	676	642
<i>Motor Vehicle Body Manufacturing</i>	278	888	546
<i>Truck Trailer Manufacturing</i>	279	852	748
<i>Motor Home Manufacturing</i>	280	622	518
<i>Travel Trailer &amp; Camper Manufacturing</i>	281	654	632
<i>Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing</i>	282	769	710
<i>Aircraft Manufacturing</i>	283	464	373
<i>Aircraft Engine &amp; Engine Parts Manufacturing</i>	284	442	365
<i>Other Aircraft Parts &amp; Equipment</i>	285	544	522
<i>Guided Missile &amp; Space Vehicle Manufacturing</i>	286	408	310
<i>Other Guided Missile &amp; Space Vehicle Parts &amp; Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing*</i>	287	578	352
<i>Railroad Rolling Stock Manufacturing</i>	288	787	518
<i>Ship Building &amp; Repairing</i>	289	621	443
<i>Boat Building</i>	290	531	468
<i>Motorcycle, Bicycle, &amp; Parts Manufacturing</i>	291	645	543
<i>Military Armored Vehicles &amp; Tank Parts Manufacturing</i>	292	1500	538
<i>All Other Transportation Equipment Manufacturing</i>	293	578	500
<b>Furniture, Medical Equipment, &amp; Supplies</b>			

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Wood Kitchen Cabinet &amp; Countertop Manufacturing</i>	294	479	489
<i>Upholstered Household Furniture Manufacturing</i>	295	552	469
<i>Non-upholstered Wood Household Furniture Manufacturing</i>	296	509	433
<i>Institutional Furniture Manufacturing</i>	297	555	613
<i>Metal &amp; Other Household Non-upholstered Furniture**</i>	298	623	613
<i>Custom Architectural Woodwork &amp; Millwork</i>	299	456	601
<i>Showcases, Partitions, Shelving, &amp; Lockers</i>	300	742	910
<i>Office Furniture Manufacturing**</i>	301	537	535
<i>Mattress Manufacturing</i>	302	529	481
<i>Blind &amp; Shade Manufacturing</i>	303	582	548
<i>Laboratory Apparatus &amp; Furniture Manufacturing</i>	304	522	387
<i>Surgical &amp; Medical Instrument Manufacturing</i>	305	357	384
<i>Surgical Appliance &amp; Supplies Manufacturing</i>	306	425	483
<i>Dental Equipment &amp; Supplies Manufacturing</i>	307	477	624
<i>Ophthalmic Goods Manufacturing</i>	308	379	288
<i>Dental Laboratories</i>	309	558	273
<b>Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing</b>			
<i>Jewelry &amp; Silverware Manufacturing</i>	310	570	532
<i>Sporting &amp; Athletic Goods Manufacturing</i>	311	543	451
<i>Doll, Toy, &amp; Game Manufacturing</i>	312	509	447
<i>Office Supplies (except paper) Manufacturing</i>	313	497	391
<i>Sign Manufacturing</i>	314	752	614
<i>Gasket, Packing, &amp; Sealing Device Manufacturing</i>	315	805	686
<i>Musical Instrument Manufacturing</i>	316	425	328
<i>Broom, Brush, &amp; Mop Manufacturing</i>	317	613	519
<i>All Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing**</i>	318	629	505
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Communications Media</b>			
<i>Wholesale Trade</i>	319	279	192
<i>Air Transportation</i>	320	1780	1980
<i>Rail Transportation</i>	321	1120	1200
<i>Water Transportation</i>	322	1430	2780
<i>Truck Transportation</i>	323	2100	1400
<i>Transit &amp; Ground Passenger Transportation</i>	324	NA	1870
<i>Pipeline Transportation</i>	325	4010	4400
<i>Scenic &amp; Sightseeing Transportation &amp; Support Activities for Transportation</i>	326	837	505
<i>Postal Service</i>	327	257	256
<i>Couriers &amp; Messengers</i>	328	1040	1230
<i>Warehousing &amp; Storage</i>	329	1330	483
<i>Retail Trade</i>	330	382	265

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Newspaper Publishers</i>	331	407	325
<i>Periodical Publishers</i>	332	385	309
<i>Book Publishers</i>	333	370	257
<i>Directory, Mailing List, &amp; Other Publishers*</i>	334	370	277
<i>Software Publishers</i>	335	151	108
<i>Motion Picture &amp; Video Industries</i>	336	281	156
<i>Sound Recording Industries</i>	337	281	248
<i>Radio &amp; Television Broadcasting</i>	338	242	176
<i>Cable &amp; Other Subscription Programming*</i>	339	192	182
<i>Internet Publishing &amp; Broadcasting</i>	340	NA	238
<i>Telecommunications</i>	341	179	213
<i>Internet Service Providers &amp; Web Search Portals</i>	342	NA	172
<i>Data Processing, Hosting, &amp; Related Services*</i>	343	153	160
<i>Other Information Services*</i>	344	225	225
<b>Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental &amp; Leasing</b>			
<i>Non-depository Credit Intermediation &amp; Related Activities</i>	345	211	110
<i>Securities, Commodity Contracts, Investments</i>	346	219	100
<i>Insurance Carriers</i>	347	85.1	66.2
<i>Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, &amp; Related</i>	348	71.6	117
<i>Funds, Trusts, &amp; Other Financial Vehicles</i>	349	231	97.9
<i>Monetary Authorities &amp; Depository Credit Intermediation</i>	350	116	72.6
<i>Real Estate</i>	351	476	285
<i>Automotive Equipment Rental &amp; Leasing</i>	352	308	137
<i>Video Tape &amp; Disc Rental</i>	353	336	439
<i>Commercial &amp; Industrial Machinery &amp; Equipment Rental &amp; Leasing*</i>	354	152	245
<i>General &amp; Consumer Goods Rental Except Video Tapes &amp; Discs</i>	355	198	230
<i>Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets</i>	356	7.33	175
<b>Professional &amp; Technical Services</b>			
<i>Legal Services</i>	357	134	98.9
<i>Accounting &amp; Bookkeeping Services</i>	358	146	118
<i>Architectural &amp; Engineering Services</i>	359	144	186
<i>Specialized Design Services</i>	360	198	155
<i>Custom Computer Programming Services</i>	361	149	183
<i>Computer Systems Design Services</i>	362	150	173
<i>Other Computer Related Services, Including Facilities Management</i>	363	150	132
<i>Management Consulting Services</i>	364	167	129
<i>Environmental &amp; Other Technical Consulting Services</i>	365	194	143
<i>Scientific Research &amp; Development Services</i>	366	284	346

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Advertising &amp; Related Services</i>	367	326	239
<i>Photographic Services</i>	368	252	233
<i>Veterinary Services</i>	369	408	294
<i>All Other Miscellaneous Professional &amp; Technical Services</i>	370	133	117
<b>Management, Administrative, &amp; Waste Services</b>			
<i>Management of Companies &amp; Enterprises</i>	371	259	170
<i>Office Administration Services</i>	372	142	159
<i>Facilities Support Services</i>	373	178	236
<i>Employment Services</i>	374	41.2	88.1
<i>Business Support Services</i>	375	328	186
<i>Travel Arrangement &amp; Reservation Services</i>	376	548	245
<i>Investigation &amp; Security Services</i>	377	183	159
<i>Services to Buildings &amp; Dwellings</i>	378	447	491
<i>Other Support Services</i>	379	315	237
<i>Waste Management &amp; Remediation Services</i>	380	7620	2570
<b>Education &amp; HealthCare Services</b>			
<i>Elementary &amp; Secondary Schools</i>	381	401	374
<i>Colleges, Universities, &amp; Junior Colleges</i>	382	286	768
<i>Other Educational Services</i>	383	262	194
<i>Home Health Care Services</i>	384	197	235
<i>Offices of Physicians, Dentists, &amp; Other Health Practitioners</i>	385	169	157
<i>Healthcare &amp; Social Assistance*</i>	386	378	243
<i>Hospitals</i>	387	400	366
<i>Nursing &amp; Residential Care Facilities</i>	388	443	366
<i>Community Food, Housing, &amp; Other Relief Services, Rehabilitation* Services</i>	389	585	325
<i>Child Day Care Services</i>	390	525	309
<i>Individual &amp; Family Services*</i>	391	585	253
<b>Arts, Entertainment, Hotels, &amp; Food Services</b>			
<i>Performing Arts Companies</i>	392	248	164
<i>Spectator Sports</i>	393	198	223
<i>Independent Artists, Writers, &amp; Performers</i>	394	212	91.6
<i>Promoters of Performing Arts &amp; Sports &amp; Agents for Public Figures</i>	395	170	274
<i>Museums, Historical Sites, Zoos, &amp; Parks</i>	396	559	496
<i>Fitness &amp; Recreational Sports Centers</i>	397	515	566
<i>Bowling Centers</i>	398	711	791
<i>Amusement Parks &amp; Arcades*</i>	399	401	394
<i>Other Amusement, Gambling, &amp; Recreation Industries*</i>	400	401	671
<i>Hotels &amp; Motels, including Casino Hotels</i>	401	400	559

<b>Broad Production Sector</b>		<b>tCO<sub>2</sub>e per \$mil</b>	
<i>Detailed Production Sector</i>	<b>Sector ID</b>	<b>1997 (1997\$)</b>	<b>2002 (2002\$)</b>
<i>Other Accommodations</i>	402	809	565
<i>Food Services &amp; Drinking Places</i>	403	813	580
<b>Other Services, Except Public Administration</b>			
<i>Car Washes</i>	404	398	569
<i>Automotive Repair &amp; Maintenance, Except Car Washes</i>	405	233	328
<i>Electronic Equipment Repair &amp; Maintenance</i>	406	233	190
<i>Commercial Machinery Repair &amp; Maintenance</i>	407	311	263
<i>Household Goods, Repair &amp; Maintenance</i>	408	324	306
<i>Personal Care Services</i>	409	321	284
<i>Death Care Services</i>	410	387	445
<i>Dry-cleaning &amp; Laundry Services</i>	411	674	323
<i>Other Personal Services</i>	412	359	220
<i>Religious Organizations</i>	413	224	176
<i>Grantmaking, Giving, &amp; Social Advocacy Organizations</i>	414	294	242
<i>Civic, Social, Professional, &amp; Similar Organizations</i>	415	428	398
<b>Government &amp; Special Services</b>			
<i>Other Federal Government Enterprises</i>	416	283	257
<i>Other State &amp; Local Government Enterprises</i>	417	852	923
<i>Scrap</i>	418	361	145
<i>Used &amp; Secondhand Goods</i>	419	159	164

Source: Carnegie Mellon University Green Design Institute. (2011) Economic Input-Output Life Cycle Assessment (EIO-LCA) US 2002 (428) model [Internet], Available from: <<http://www.eiolca.net/>> [Accessed 30 Sep, 2011]

\*defined and labeled differently in 1997 model; \*\*averaged from multiple sectors in 1997; NA: not available

## Appendix 2. Estimated Sectoral Carbon Intensities in Current Prices

Note: Sector IDs correspond to those listed in Appendix 1.

Sector ID	Carbon Intensity of Production Sector in Current Year Dollars (tCO <sub>2</sub> e per \$mil)													
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1	2498	2540	2564	2604	2675	2734	2760	2805	2862	2941	3017	3084	3182	3151
2	5389	4950	4514	4143	3846	3552	3240	2976	2743	2547	2361	2181	2033	1820
3	1182	1120	1054	997	955	910	856	811	771	739	706	673	647	597
4	1280	1230	1174	1127	1095	1058	1010	971	936	910	882	853	832	779
5	1124	1080	1030	989	961	928	886	851	821	798	773	747	729	683
6	658	659	656	657	665	670	667	668	672	681	689	694	706	690
7	1951	2140	2330	2554	2831	3122	3400	3729	4105	4550	5037	5554	6185	6608
8	3337	3370	3378	3408	3478	3530	3540	3574	3622	3696	3766	3824	3919	3855
9	2143	2160	2162	2177	2218	2248	2250	2268	2294	2338	2378	2410	2466	2422
10	2404	2410	2398	2402	2433	2451	2440	2445	2460	2492	2521	2540	2585	2524
12	6068	6270	6432	6640	6933	7202	7390	7635	7917	8268	8621	8956	9394	9455
13	2454	2420	2370	2335	2327	2308	2260	2229	2206	2199	2189	2170	2173	2087
14	4000	3900	3775	3678	3624	3553	3440	3354	3282	3234	3182	3120	3088	2933
15	651	654	652	654	664	671	669	672	677	687	697	704	717	702
16	784	823	858	900	954	1007	1050	1102	1161	1232	1305	1377	1468	1501
17	960	996	1026	1064	1116	1164	1200	1245	1297	1360	1425	1487	1566	1583
18	793	758	719	686	663	637	604	577	553	534	515	495	480	447
19	1792	1730	1658	1599	1559	1513	1450	1399	1355	1322	1288	1250	1224	1151
20	1827	1880	1921	1974	2053	2124	2170	2233	2305	2398	2490	2576	2690	2696
21	3067	3080	3071	3082	3128	3158	3150	3163	3189	3237	3280	3313	3377	3304
22	2826	2740	2638	2555	2504	2441	2350	2278	2217	2173	2126	2072	2040	1927
23	1496	1490	1473	1466	1475	1476	1460	1454	1453	1462	1469	1471	1487	1442
24	1345	1390	1426	1473	1538	1598	1640	1695	1758	1836	1915	1990	2087	2101
25	1371	1350	1320	1298	1292	1278	1250	1231	1216	1210	1202	1190	1189	1141
26	1591	1550	1499	1459	1436	1406	1360	1325	1295	1275	1253	1227	1213	1151
27	2486	2310	2131	1978	1857	1734	1600	1486	1386	1301	1220	1140	1075	973
28	729	766	799	840	892	943	984	1034	1091	1159	1230	1300	1387	1420
29	580	591	598	608	626	642	649	661	676	696	715	733	758	752
30	1251	1200	1143	1096	1063	1025	977	937	903	876	848	818	797	745
31	9564	9530	9428	9387	9452	9469	9370	9336	9336	9403	9455	9473	9582	9301
32	4633	4160	3708	3327	3019	2725	2430	2182	1966	1784	1617	1460	1330	1164
33	2459	2330	2192	2075	1986	1892	1780	1686	1603	1535	1468	1398	1345	1241
34	601	599	593	590	594	595	589	587	587	591	594	596	602	585
35	624	588	550	518	493	467	437	412	389	371	353	334	319	293
36	600	602	600	601	609	614	612	614	618	627	634	640	651	637
37	591	602	608	619	637	652	659	671	685	705	725	742	767	760



38	607	602	593	588	590	589	580	576	573	575	576	575	579	560
39	399	430	460	495	539	583	624	672	727	791	860	931	1018	1068
40	752	743	728	719	717	712	698	689	683	682	679	674	676	650
41	974	1050	1124	1211	1319	1429	1530	1649	1784	1944	2115	2292	2509	2634
42	2482	2400	2304	2226	2175	2114	2030	1963	1905	1861	1816	1766	1733	1632
43	3617	3290	2971	2700	2482	2270	2050	1864	1702	1565	1436	1313	1213	1075
44	4038	3970	3875	3807	3782	3738	3650	3588	3541	3518	3491	3451	3444	3298
45	1941	1960	1965	1983	2023	2054	2060	2080	2108	2152	2193	2226	2282	2245
46	2437	2420	2386	2368	2376	2373	2340	2324	2316	2325	2330	2327	2346	2269
47	1279	1160	1045	947	868	792	713	647	589	540	494	451	415	367
49	1731	1780	1818	1868	1941	2007	2050	2108	2176	2262	2348	2428	2535	2539
50	843	874	900	933	978	1019	1050	1089	1134	1188	1244	1297	1366	1380
51	635	646	653	664	683	699	707	720	735	757	777	796	822	815
52	639	659	675	695	724	751	769	793	821	855	890	923	966	970
53	850	873	890	914	949	980	1000	1027	1059	1100	1140	1178	1228	1229
54	824	810	791	777	772	763	745	732	723	718	713	705	703	674
55	2811	2600	2387	2206	2061	1916	1760	1627	1510	1412	1318	1225	1150	1036
56	1743	1670	1589	1521	1473	1419	1350	1293	1244	1205	1165	1122	1092	1019
57	2574	2390	2203	2044	1917	1790	1650	1532	1427	1339	1255	1171	1104	998
58	1669	1550	1429	1325	1243	1161	1070	993	926	868	814	760	716	647
59	1352	1310	1260	1220	1195	1164	1120	1085	1055	1034	1011	985	969	914
60	2495	2553	2595	2653	2744	2824	2870	2937	3017	3121	3223	3317	3446	3436
61	997	992	980	975	981	981	970	965	964	970	975	975	985	955
62	709	700	686	676	675	669	656	647	641	640	637	632	633	609
63	848	833	812	798	792	782	763	750	739	734	728	719	717	686
64	1005	981	951	927	915	898	870	849	832	821	808	793	786	747
65	877	853	824	801	787	770	744	724	707	695	682	667	659	625
66	698	682	662	646	638	627	609	595	584	577	569	559	555	528
67	567	537	505	479	458	437	411	389	370	355	339	323	311	287
68	770	770	765	764	772	776	771	771	774	782	789	794	806	785
69	1149	1090	1027	973	933	890	838	795	757	726	695	662	638	589
70	721	709	692	680	675	667	651	640	631	627	622	615	613	587
71	569	569	565	564	569	572	568	568	569	575	580	583	592	576
72	446	421	395	372	355	337	316	298	283	270	257	244	234	215
73	565	544	520	500	486	471	450	433	418	407	395	383	374	351
74	1011	830	676	554	460	379	309	254	209	173	143	118	99	79
75	1706	1670	1623	1587	1569	1544	1500	1468	1442	1426	1408	1385	1376	1312
76	1338	1310	1273	1246	1233	1214	1180	1155	1135	1124	1110	1093	1086	1036
77	940	916	886	863	850	833	806	785	768	757	744	729	721	685
78	1128	1130	1124	1125	1138	1146	1140	1142	1148	1162	1174	1183	1202	1173
79	1253	1240	1219	1206	1206	1200	1180	1168	1160	1161	1160	1155	1160	1119
80	1410	1340	1264	1201	1153	1102	1040	988	943	906	869	830	801	741
81	917	914	904	900	907	908	899	896	896	902	907	909	920	893

82	837	819	796	778	769	756	735	719	706	698	689	678	674	642
83	705	677	645	619	600	579	552	530	510	495	480	463	451	422
84	761	721	678	642	614	585	550	521	495	474	453	431	415	383
85	609	638	664	695	736	775	807	846	889	942	996	1050	1117	1140
86	834	745	661	590	532	478	424	379	339	306	276	248	225	196
87	603	557	511	472	440	409	375	346	321	300	280	260	243	219
91	620	585	548	516	492	467	437	412	390	372	354	336	321	295
92	2255	2270	2269	2283	2322	2350	2350	2366	2390	2432	2471	2502	2557	2507
93	639	614	586	563	546	528	504	484	467	454	440	425	415	389
94	731	725	714	707	708	706	695	689	686	687	687	685	689	666
95	1179	1190	1193	1204	1228	1247	1250	1262	1279	1305	1330	1350	1384	1361
96	768	759	745	736	735	730	717	709	703	702	701	696	699	673
97	545	541	533	529	531	530	522	518	516	518	519	518	522	505
98	531	535	536	540	550	557	558	563	569	580	590	598	613	602
99	715	708	696	689	689	686	675	668	664	665	665	662	665	642
100	526	553	577	606	644	680	710	746	787	836	887	937	1000	1024
101	651	636	617	602	595	584	567	554	543	537	529	520	516	491
102	605	600	591	586	587	586	577	572	570	571	572	571	575	555
103	2074	2000	1915	1845	1798	1744	1670	1610	1559	1519	1479	1434	1404	1319
104	1800	1750	1689	1640	1611	1575	1520	1477	1441	1416	1389	1358	1340	1268
106	1217	1180	1135	1100	1077	1049	1010	979	952	933	912	889	875	826
107	931	910	883	863	852	837	813	795	780	770	760	747	741	706
108	1157	1120	1076	1041	1018	990	952	921	895	875	855	832	818	771
109	814	796	773	755	745	732	711	695	682	674	664	653	648	617
110	934	875	814	761	721	678	631	591	555	526	497	468	445	406
111	788	791	789	792	803	811	809	812	819	831	843	851	867	849
112	672	648	621	598	583	566	542	523	506	494	481	466	457	429
113	442	433	421	411	407	400	389	381	374	370	365	359	357	340
114	1189	1200	1203	1213	1238	1257	1260	1272	1289	1315	1340	1360	1394	1371
115	2006	1900	1787	1691	1619	1542	1450	1373	1306	1250	1195	1138	1094	1010
116	1285	1250	1207	1174	1154	1128	1090	1060	1035	1018	999	977	965	915
117	2548	2340	2134	1958	1817	1678	1530	1405	1295	1202	1114	1029	959	858
118	1644	1720	1787	1868	1976	2079	2160	2260	2374	2510	2651	2789	2963	3020
119	1795	1920	2039	2179	2355	2533	2690	2877	3088	3339	3604	3875	4208	4384
120	8828	7930	7072	6347	5760	5202	4640	4167	3757	3410	3091	2792	2545	2227
121	2839	2650	2456	2291	2161	2028	1880	1755	1644	1551	1461	1371	1300	1182
124	1953	1970	1973	1989	2027	2056	2060	2078	2104	2145	2184	2215	2268	2229
125	1703	1820	1931	2062	2227	2393	2540	2714	2912	3145	3392	3645	3955	4117
126	1534	1650	1762	1895	2060	2228	2380	2560	2764	3006	3263	3530	3855	4040
127	1744	1750	1743	1747	1771	1787	1780	1786	1798	1823	1846	1862	1896	1853
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380	9471	7620	6086	4892	3977	3217	2570	2067	1669	1357	1102	891	728	570
381	407	401	393	387	385	382	374	369	365	364	362	359	359	345
382	235	286	346	421	518	635	768	935	1144	1408	1731	2121	2622	3112
383	278	262	245	230	219	207	194	183	173	164	156	148	141	129
384	190	197	203	210	219	228	235	243	253	265	277	288	303	306
385	172	169	165	163	162	160	157	155	153	152	151	150	150	144
386	413	378	343	314	291	267	243	222	204	189	175	161	149	133
387	407	400	390	383	380	375	366	359	354	352	349	344	343	329
388	460	443	423	407	396	383	366	352	340	331	321	311	304	285
389	658	585	516	459	412	368	325	289	258	232	208	186	168	145
390	584	525	469	421	383	346	309	278	251	228	207	187	171	150
391	692	585	491	415	354	301	253	214	182	155	132	113	97	80
392	269	248	227	208	194	179	164	151	139	130	120	112	104	93
393	193	198	201	206	213	219	223	228	235	243	251	258	268	268
394	251	212	178	150	128	109	92	77	66	56	48	41	35	29
395	155	170	186	204	227	251	274	301	333	370	411	454	507	543
396	573	559	542	528	521	512	496	484	474	468	461	453	448	426
397	505	515	521	530	546	559	566	577	590	607	624	640	662	657
398	696	711	721	736	759	780	791	808	828	855	881	905	938	933
399	402	401	397	395	398	398	394	393	392	395	397	398	403	391
400	362	401	441	489	547	610	671	744	827	926	1036	1155	1299	1402
401	374	400	425	454	490	527	559	598	641	693	747	803	872	908
402	869	809	747	695	653	611	565	526	491	462	434	406	383	347



403	870	813	754	704	665	625	580	542	508	480	453	425	404	367
404	371	398	424	455	494	534	569	611	659	715	775	836	912	954
405	218	233	248	265	287	309	328	351	377	408	441	475	516	538
406	243	233	222	213	207	199	190	182	176	170	165	159	155	145
407	322	311	299	288	282	274	263	254	247	241	235	229	224	211
408	328	324	318	314	314	312	306	302	300	300	299	297	298	287
409	329	321	311	303	299	293	284	277	271	268	263	258	256	243
410	376	387	395	406	422	436	445	457	472	491	509	526	549	550
411	781	674	578	498	434	377	323	279	241	211	183	159	139	117
412	396	359	323	293	268	244	220	199	181	166	152	139	128	113
413	235	224	212	202	194	186	176	168	160	154	148	142	138	128
414	306	294	281	270	262	253	242	233	225	218	212	205	200	187
415	434	428	419	412	411	407	398	392	388	386	384	381	381	365
416	289	283	276	270	268	264	257	252	248	246	243	240	239	228
417	839	852	859	872	896	915	923	938	956	982	1007	1028	1060	1049
418	433	361	299	249	209	175	145	121	101	85	71	60	51	41
419	158	159	159	160	162	164	164	165	167	169	172	174	178	174

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Note: Sectors missing from this list are those for which no data could be obtained in one of the model years.

### Appendix 3. Matching of Expenditure Categories and Resulting Intensities

Expenditure Category		Mean Carbon Intensity (1996-2009)	
		Production Sector ID(s)	metric tons CO <sub>2</sub> e / 1 million 2002US\$      lb CO <sub>2</sub> e / 2002US\$
Direct Expenditures			
Natural gas	32	2469.832	5.445
Electricity	31	9142.816	20.156
Gasoline and motor fuel	114, 117	1379.261	3.041
Fuel oil and other fuels	20	2157.866	4.757
Indirect Expenditures			
Food			
Food at home (weighted mean)		1204.626	2.656
Cereal	47	736.017	1.623
Bakery products	62, 63	711.064	1.568
Beef	60	2945.115	6.493
Pork	60	2945.115	6.493
Other meat	60	2945.115	6.493
Poultry	59	1119.492	2.468
Seafood	61	976.183	2.152
Eggs	13	2266.115	4.996
Milk products	57	1671.025	3.684
Other dairy	55, 56, 58	1407.010	3.102
Fresh fruit	5	885.827	1.953
Fresh vegetables	3	858.398	1.892
Processed fruit	53, 54	888.114	1.958
Processed vegetables	53, 54	888.114	1.958
Sweets	49, 50, 51, 52	1180.754	2.603
Non-alcoholic beverages	66, 70	630.697	1.390
Oils	45	2090.860	4.610
Miscellaneous food	69	840.035	1.852
Food away from home	403	569.985	1.257
Housing			
Mortgage interest	349	109.651	0.242
Property taxes	417	909.344	2.005
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, and other expenses	40	109.651	0.242
Rent payments	351	288.134	0.635
Other lodging	401, 402	568.279	1.253
Indirect Utilities			
Telephone	341	212.936	0.469
Water and other public services	33	1737.983	3.832
Domestic services and household operations			

Domestic services excluding child care	411	346.499	0.764
Babysitting and child care	390	313.543	0.691
Other household expenses	406, 408	241.351	0.532
Household equipment and supplies			
Household textiles	83	536.984	1.184
Furniture	294, 295, 296, 298, 299, 300, 302	564.277	1.244
Floor coverings	76, 82	930.568	2.052
Major appliances	261, 262, 263, 264	552.436	1.218
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	156, 183, 260 184, 203, 228, 233, 236, 255, 258, 259, 301, 303	658.694	1.452
Miscellaneous household equipment		428.292	0.944
Transportation			
New and used cars and trucks	275, 276	510.829	1.126
Other vehicles	291	527.742	1.163
Vehicle finance charges	345	115.041	0.254
Maintenance and repairs	149, 282, 405	533.780	1.177
Vehicle insurance	347	64.555	0.142
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges	352	150.735	0.332
Public transportation	326	509.744	1.124
Clothing and footwear			
Apparel and services	86, 87, 91	410.766	0.906
Footwear	93	490.171	1.081
Personal Insurance			
Life and other personal insurance	347	64.555	0.142
Retirement, pensions, and Social Security	349	109.651	0.242
Healthcare			
Health insurance	347	64.555	0.142
Medical services	385, 386, 387, 388	276.707	0.610
Prescription drugs	132	298.660	0.658
Medical supplies	305, 306, 307, 308	443.700	0.978
Personal care	409, 412	248.660	0.548
Entertainment			
Fees and admissions	393, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 415	509.849	1.124
Televisions, radios, and sound equipment	237, 238, 239, 257, 316, 338, 339, 353, 406	297.181	0.655
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	41, 312, 369 280, 281, 291,	776.464	1.712
Other entertainment	311, 318, 352, 368	422.098	0.931
Education and reading			

Reading	331, 332, 333, 334	285.383	0.629
Education	313, 381, 382, 383	501.805	1.106
Alcohol and tobacco			
Alcoholic beverages	71, 72, 73	433.795	0.956
Tobacco and smoking supplies	74	364.905	0.804
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous expenditures	345, 357, 358, 410	166.509	0.367
Cash contributions	414, 415	311.255	0.686

## Appendix 4. List of Broad and Detailed Expenditure Categories

Broad Expenditure Category	
Detailed Expenditure Category	
<b>Food and Beverage</b>	<b>Clothing and footwear</b>
Food at home (weighted mean)	Apparel and services
Food away from home	Footwear
<b>Housing</b>	<b>Personal Insurance</b>
Mortgage interest	Life and other personal insurance
Property taxes	Retirement, pensions, and Social Security
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, and other expenses	<b>Healthcare</b>
Rent payments	Health insurance
Other lodging	Medical services
<b>Utilities</b>	Prescription drugs
Natural gas	Medical supplies
Electricity	Personal care
Fuel oil and other fuels	<b>Entertainment</b>
Telephone	Fees and admissions
Water and other public services	Televisions, radios, and sound equipment
<b>Domestic services and household operations</b>	Pets, toys, and playground equipment
Domestic services excluding child care	Other entertainment
Babysitting and child care	<b>Education and reading</b>
Other household expenses	Reading
<b>Household equipment and supplies</b>	Education
Household textiles	<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>
Furniture	Alcoholic beverages
Floor coverings	Tobacco and smoking supplies
Major appliances	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	Miscellaneous expenditures
Miscellaneous household equipment	Cash contributions
<b>Transportation</b>	
New and used cars and trucks	
Other vehicles	
Gasoline and motor fuel	
Vehicle finance charges	
Maintenance and repairs	
Vehicle insurance	
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges	
Public transportation	