

2.A.3 - Glass Production

Short description

Category Code	Method					AD					EF				
2.A.3	T2					AS					CS				
Key Category	SO ₂	NO _x	NH ₃	NM VOC	CO	BC	Pb	Hg	Cd	Diox	PAH	HCB	TSP	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
2.A.3	L/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	-	-/-	-/-	-/-

T = key source by Trend **L** = key source by Level

Methods	
D	Default
T1	Tier 1 / Simple Methodology *
T2	Tier 2*
T3	Tier 3 / Detailed Methodology *
C	CORINAIR
CS	Country Specific
M	Model

* as described in the EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook - 2019, in the group specific chapters.

AD - Data Source for Activity Data	
NS	National Statistics
RS	Regional Statistics
IS	International Statistics
PS	Plant Specific data
As	Associations, business organisations
Q	specific Questionnaires (or surveys)
M	Model / Modelled
C	Confidential
EF - Emission Factors	
D	Default (EMEP Guidebook)
C	Confidential
CS	Country Specific
PS	Plant Specific data
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Germany's glass industry produces a wide range of different glass types that differ in their chemical composition. Germany's glass sector comprises the following sub-sectors: container glass, flat glass, domestic glass, special glass and mineral fibres (glass and stone wool). The largest production quantities are found in the sectors of container glass and flat glass. Further processing and treatment of glass and glass objects are not considered.

Methodology

The emissions are calculated via a higher Tier method resembling a Tier 2 method, as the activity rates are tied to specific emission factors for different glass types.

Activity data

The production figures are taken from the regularly appearing annual reports of the [Federal Association of the German Glass Industry](#) (Bundesverband Glasindustrie; BV Glas). "Production" refers to the amount of glass produced, which is considered to be equivalent to the amount of glass melted down.

Emission factors

The procedure used to determine emission factors for the various glass types involved and the pertinent emissions is described in detail in reports of two research projects (2008: Report-No. 001264¹⁾, 2021: Texte 45/2021²⁾). The emission factors were calculated for the various industry sectors. The factors vary over time in keeping with industry monitoring, not only as steady trends, but falling in most cases. The most recently EF are for different glass types the following:

Table 1: Overview of most recently applied emission factors

Pollutant	Unit	Container glass	flat glass	domestic glass	special glass	glass wool	stone wool
NO _x	kg/ t	10.766	17.708	28.602	35.558	0.5883	1.877
SO ₂	kg/ t	0.759	15.677	0.0599	0.1157	0.1847	2.229
NM VOC	kg/ t	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.6	0.657
CO	kg/ t	0.0732	0.0241	0.0661	0.1195	0.06	0.185
NH ₃	kg/ t	0.0026	0.0191	NA	0.0295	1.10	1.163
TSP	kg/ t	0.00863	0.01681	0.015	0.00765	0.01096	0.643
PM ₁₀	kg/ t	0.00742	0.01429	0.0129	0.0065	0.00932	0.0234
PM _{2.5}	kg/ t	0.00483	0.00773	0.0069	0.00352	0.00504	0.0128
As	g/ t	0.0279	0.0104	0.0023	0.1143	0.0354	NE
Pb	g/ t	0.1237	0.0104	0.0076	0.1158	0.1571	NE
Cd	g/ t	0.0032	0.0005	0	0.0028	0.0041	NE
Cr	g/ t	0.0186	0.0029	0.0007	0.0148	0.0236	NE
Cu	g/ t	0.0035	0.02	0.0002	0.0085	0.0056	NE
Ni	g/ t	0.0048	0.0061	0.0003	0.0142	0.0061	NE
Se	g/ t	0.2794	0.0427	0.1273	0.0454	0.01	NE

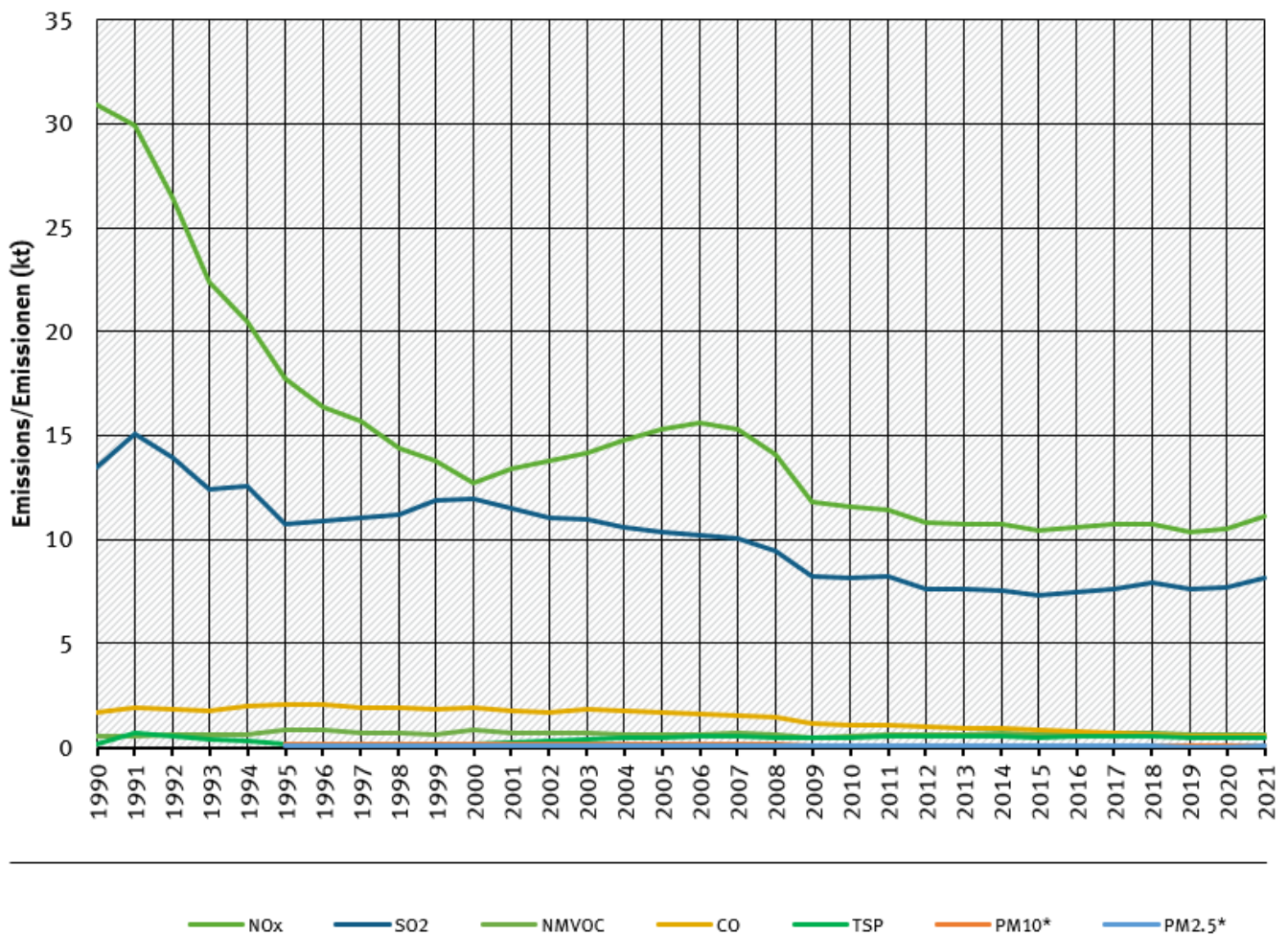
For each glass type the estimated EF are explained in 'Texte 45/2021' with an expert votum and uncertainty estimation.

Trends in emissions

Trends in emissions correspond to trends of emission factors and of production development. The resulting trends are not constant, as a result of different EF for various glass types. So emissions of NO_x and SO₂ couldn't decrease last years due to increased production Level of relevant products.

trends of emissions of glass industry

Emissions by pollutant / Emissionen nach Schadstoff



* Base Year for PM = 1995 / Basisjahr für Feinstäube (PM) ist 1995

Source: German Emission Inventory (15.01.2023)

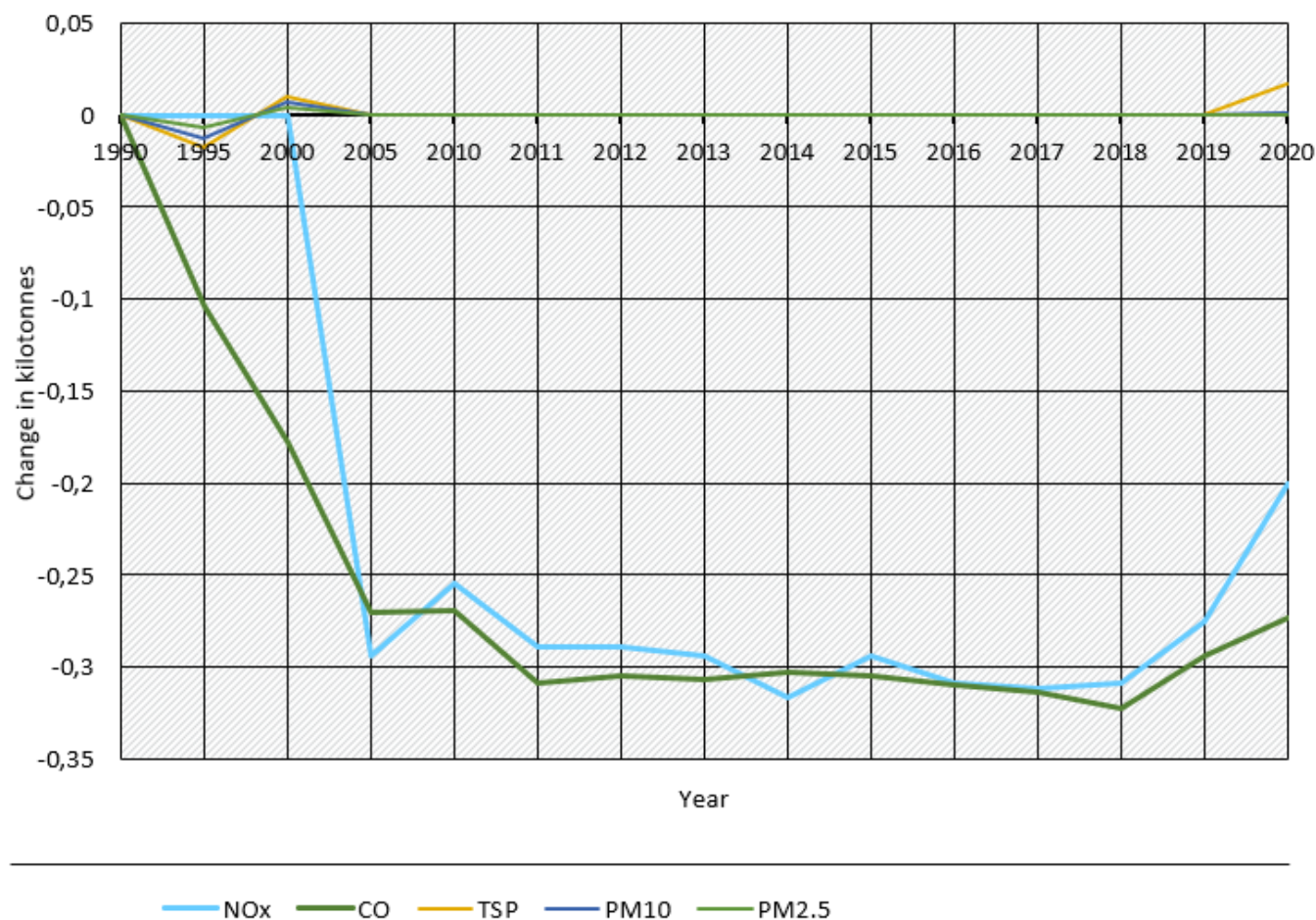
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Recalculations

Recalculations were necessary due to updated emission factors for all years. The significant changes can be shown as an absolute difference over time as follows:

Emissions in Germany in glass industry

Absolute changes compared to last year's submission



Quelle: German Environment Agency, National inventory for the German reporting on atmospheric emissions since 1990, (03/2023)

Recalculations in NFR 2.A.3

More details are shown with 5-year-steps here:

Pollutant	unit	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2019
NO _x	kt	0.00	0.00	0.15	3.25	0.63	-0.58	-0.47
NM VOC	kt	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.18	-0.21	-0.28	-0.30
SO ₂	kt	0.00	0.11	0.70	2.40	-1.45	-2.63	-2.24
NH ₃	kt	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.09	0.48	0.57	0.47
TSP	kt	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.34	0.29	0.29	0.27
PM ₁₀	kt	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02	-0.03	-0.06	-0.07
PM _{2.5}	kt	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.04	-0.04
As	t	0.21	0.19	0.19	0.06	0.05	-0.07	-0.13
Cd	t	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.14	-0.15	-0.16
Cu	t	0.09	0.10	-0.22	-0.54	-0.29	-0.30	-0.35
Cr	t	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.01	-0.05	-0.07
Ni	t	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.02
Pb	t	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.07	-0.52	-0.89	-1.04
Se	t	0.13	0.15	0.16	-0.83	-2.97	-3.98	-4.39



For pollutant-specific information on recalculated emission estimates for



Base Year and 2019, please see the pollutant specific recalculation tables following [chapter 8.1 - Recalculations](#).

Planned improvements

No further improvements are planned.

¹⁾ UFoPlan FKZ 206 42 300/02: Teilvorhaben 02: „Providing up-to-date emission data for the glass and mineral fiber industry“ downloading via search “UBA-FB 001264” in (<https://doku.uba.de> ⇒ OPAC ⇒ use parameter ‘Signatur’)

²⁾ ReFoPlan FKZ – 3719 52 1010: „Revision of emission factors for air pollutants in the cement clinker production and glass manufacturing sectors“ downloading via https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/sites/default/files/medien/5750/publikationen/2021-03-18_texte_45-2021_luftschadstoff_glasindustrie.pdf