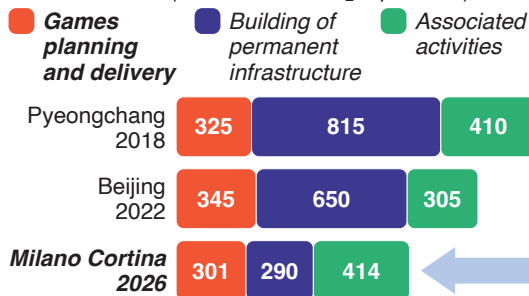


A legacy of sustainable Olympics

The IOC claims the *Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Games* is one of the cleanest ever, emitting some 35% less greenhouse gas emissions than the 2018 *Pyeongchang Games* – although sceptics disagree

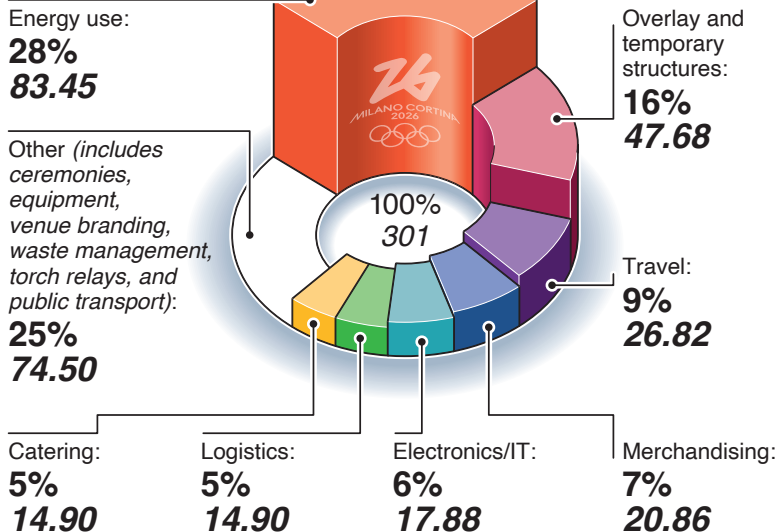
GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS COMPARISON (kilotonnes of CO₂ equivalent)



SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES

- Use of 100% certified renewable electricity
- Reduction in climate-altering gas emissions
- Reduction in use of disposable materials
- Recycling as many materials possible
- Carefully monitored water consumption
- Sustainable local economic development
- Promotion of sustainable tourism

HIGHEST CONTRIBUTORS TO GHG EMISSIONS FROM 2026 WINTER GAMES' PLANNING AND DELIVERY (% and kilotonnes of CO₂ equivalent)



Naysayers believe Milano Cortina 2026 is more harmful than is being admitted, citing average February temperatures in region of **4.2°C**, meaning artificial snow and refrigeration are no longer backups, but necessary – and that travel and accommodation for teams and spectators have biggest impact

Figures rounded and may not add up to exact totals. 1 kilotonne = 1,000 tonnes (1,102 U.S. tons)

Sources: CBC, GreenMarked, IOC

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