

Energy Industry Fundamentals

Energy 101: Terminology & Factors

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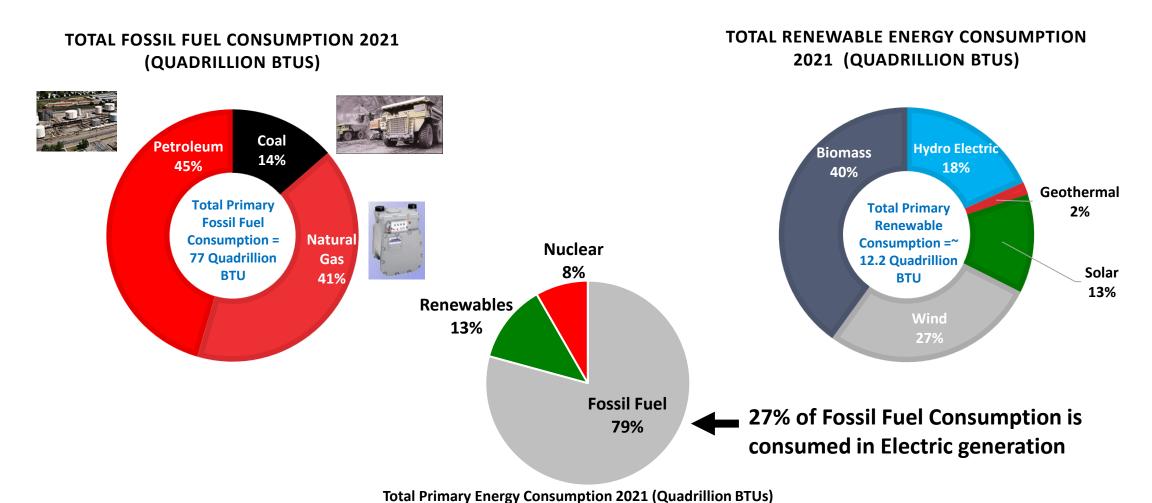
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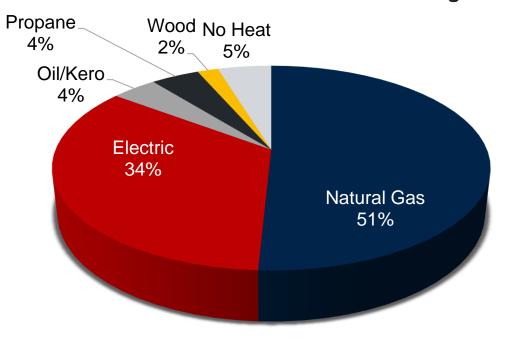
Primary Sources of Energy





Residential Main Heating Fuel

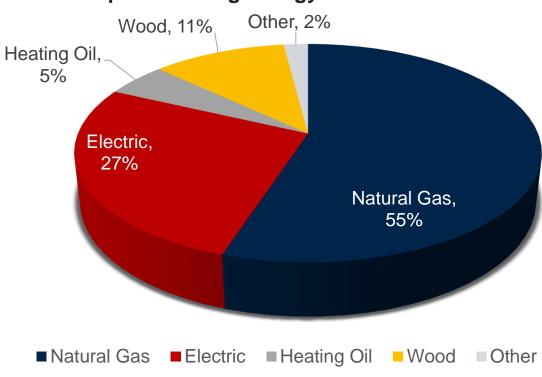
U.S. # Residential Houses Main Heating Fuel



■ Natural Gas ■ Electric ■ Oil/Kero ■ Propane ■ Wood ■ No Heat

Source: 2020 Residential Energy Consumption Survey, Table HC6.1 https://www.eia.gov/consumption/residential/data/2020/hc/pdf/HC%206.1.pdf

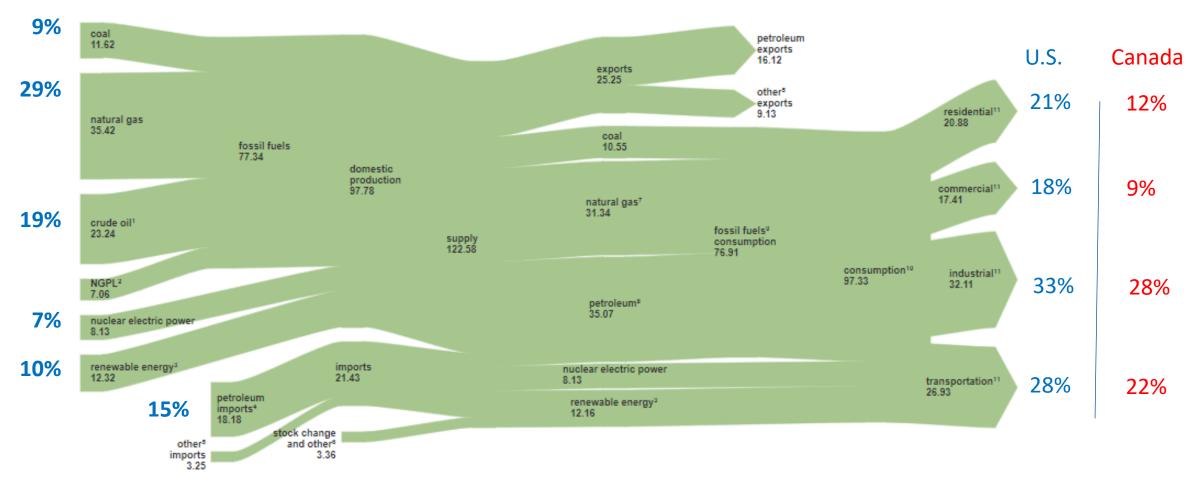
Space Heating Energy Use in Canada



Source: Natural Resources Canada — Energy Fact Book 2022-2023, Pg 47 https://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection 2022/rncan-nrcan/M136-1-2022-eng.pdf



U.S. Energy Flow (quadrillion BTU)

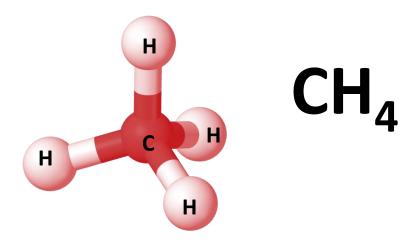




Terminology

What is Natural Gas

- Natural gas is a fossil fuel formed when layers of buried plants, gases, and animals are exposed to intense heat and pressure over thousands of years
- The energy that the plants originally obtained from the sun is stored in the form of chemical bonds in natural gas





General Energy Terminology

Gas

Oil

Coal

BTU

Gallons

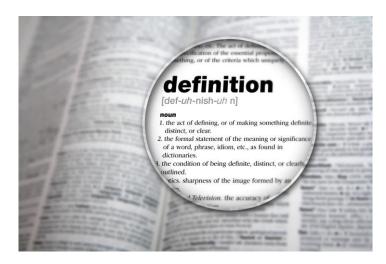
Tons

MCF

Barrel

■Therm

Gallons (Propane)





Terms: Natural Gas Units of Measure

Natural Gas

A domestic product that is mostly methane, CH₄

CF

1 Cubic Foot of Natural Gas, Usage Component

CFH

Cubic Feet per Hour, Demand Component

CCF

100 Cubic Feet of Natural Gas

MCF

1,000 Cubic Feet of Natural Gas

BTU

British Thermal Unit

Tip

The Natural Gas industry uses Roman Numerals.

C = 100

M = 1,000



Terms: Natural Gas Units of Measure

MBH

1,000 BTU per Hour
Typically Natural Gas is sold in CCF, MCF, Therm or DTH

Therm

100,000 BTU's

DTh

Deca Therm 1,000,000 BTU's

LDC

Local Distribution Company or gas utility

■ W.C.

Pressure in inches of water column (27.68 Inch w.c. = 1 PSI)

PSI

Pounds Per Square Inch





Terms: Natural Gas Distribution

Henry Hub

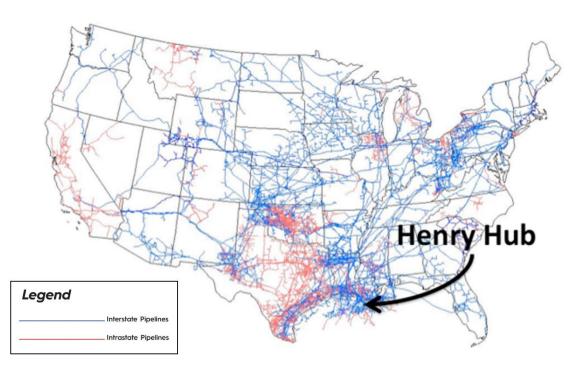
 Central location where natural gas from the Well Heads is managed, sold, and re-distributed to the LDC's

City Gate

Location point where the transmission lines end,
 and the local utility gas mains begin

Basis

 Differential pipeline costs associated with various entry points along the transcontinental pipeline.
 Often used to describe the pipeline transportation cost to City Gate including differential costs.





Terms: Natural Gas Purchasing

■1,037 BTU/CF (per EIA for 2021)

- The heating value fluctuates daily and varies differently at different gate stations across varying regions
- The gas industry buys gas in BTUs and sells in volume

NYMEX

New York Mercantile Exchange is the place where futures contracts for natural gas are traded daily

Contract

■ 10,000 Deca Therms of Natural Gas

Transportation Charges

Typical charge to transport gas from the city gate to the end user or 'Burner Tip'



Terms: Natural Gas Transportation

Bundled Service

The LDC buys, pays basis and transports the gas to the end user for a bundled cost

• Un-Bundled Service

The end user buys their own gas and pays all cost to have it delivered to the City Gate, and pays the LDC only for transportation service from city gate to their facility





Miscellaneous Terms / Definitions

BTU

- The most common denominator in energy
- One British Thermal Unit is the amount of energy required to raise 1 pound of water by 1
 Degree Fahrenheit at base pressure and temperature conditions

Horsepower

- Horsepower can be a relationship to boiler heating output capability or brake horsepower in an electric motor
- 1 Boiler Horsepower is equal to 33,472 BTU's of output energy off of the boiler

CHP

Combined Heat and Power, also known as Co-Generation



Miscellaneous Terms / Definitions

HVAC

Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning

Cooling Ton

- The equivalent of melting one ton of ice over 24 hours
- The term originated during the transition from stored natural ice to mechanical refrigeration
- One ton = 12,000 BTU's

Life Cycle Costing

a way to view two different options where the total costs for each option are reviewed side by side over the expected life of the equipment (typically 20 years). Included in the analysis are: Capital Costs (including interest rates), Energy Costs (including inflation factors) and Maintenance Costs expected for each option



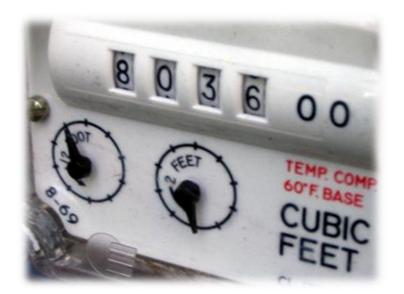
Factors that Impact the Number of BTUs in a CF of Gas

Pressure

■ Natural gas is very compressible, More gas can be fit in the same cubic foot of space by a pressure factor =~ (gas pressure + 14.73 atmospheric pressure) / 14.73

Temperature

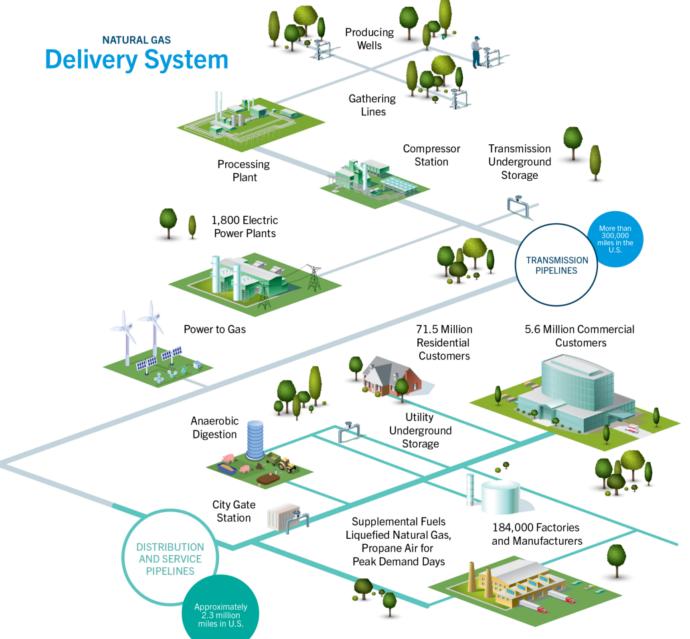
Natural Gas also compresses with colder temperatures, but minimally





The Natural Gas System

Natural Gas Transportation System





A Vast Network of Pipelines Provides Interstate Gas Transportation

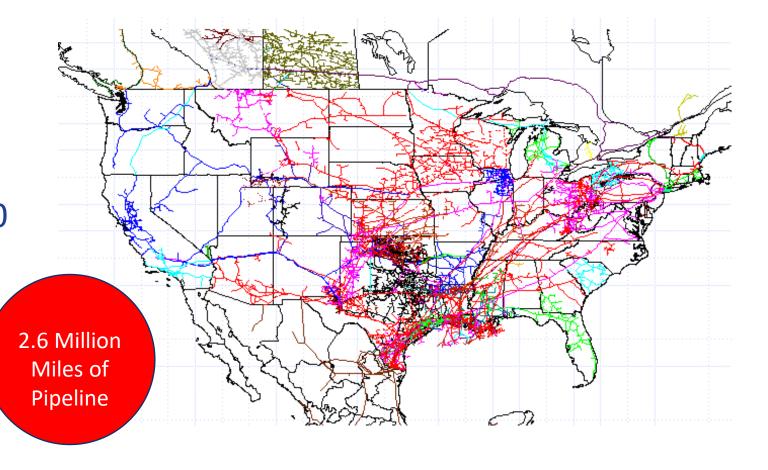
Miles of Pipelines

• Gathering: 17,700

Transmission: 300,300

Distribution: 1,286,100

Services: 922,500



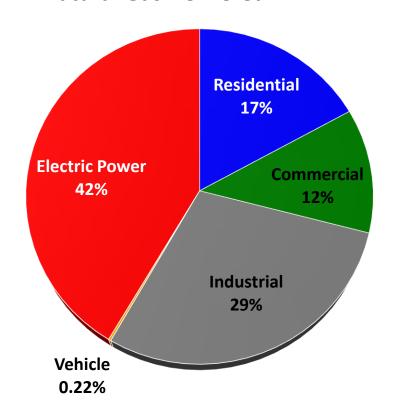
Source: AGA Gas Facts and 2021 Playbook



Natural Gas Usage by Sector

Total =29,193,090 Million CF

Natural Gas Delivered





Other Energy Sources

Crude Oil

- America is extremely dependent on Foreign Crude Oil
- Refineries in America separate 'Crack' the crude into many more usable fuels:
 - The lightest fuels derived are gaseous ethane & methane
 - Next Propane and Gasoline in liquid form
 - A number of different grades of oil are then derived from Kerosene the lightest then #2 oil (Diesel) through #6 oil which is the heaviest oil
 - Lastly comes a product called coke which is either cracked further or used as a solid form of fuel similar to coal



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Crude Oil

Barrel

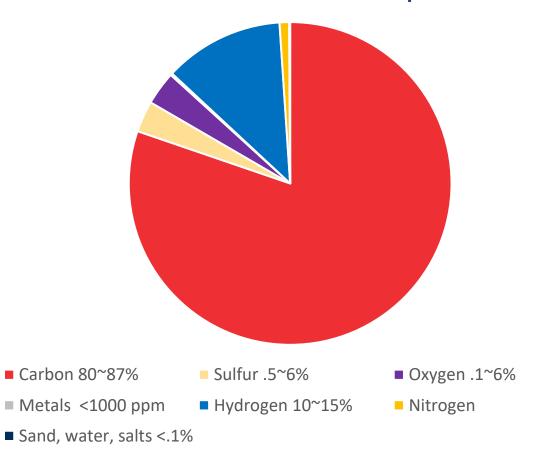
■One barrel = 42 Gallons



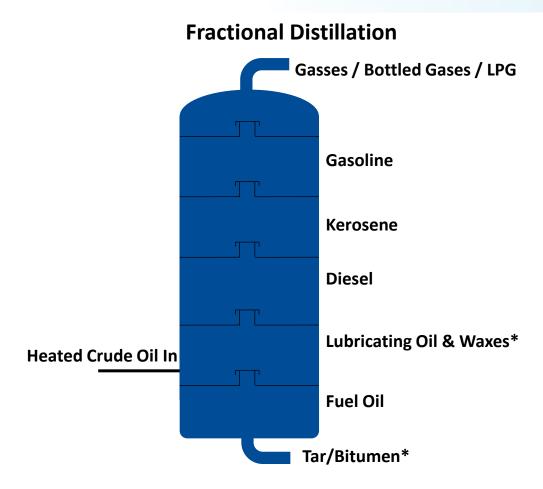
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ESC

Crude Oil Element Composition

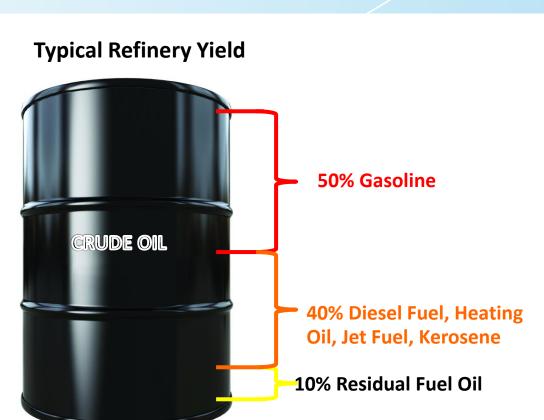


Crude Oil Refining



^{*} These are typically distilled in a separate tower under vacuum





Oil Grades



•Grades: #2, #4, #5, or #6

- #2 Oil (Heating Oil)
 - The lightest oil used for residential, commercial and light industrial
 - Most popular grade used in Boilers predominately
 - Used in commercial market sector, retail, offices, etc.
- #6 Oil
 - The heaviest and thickest oil typically industrial fuel
 - Less expensive than #2 oil has higher BTU content
 - Requires that it be kept hot during storage and additional heating before burning
 - Used in larger boilers or industrial applications, hospitals, etc.



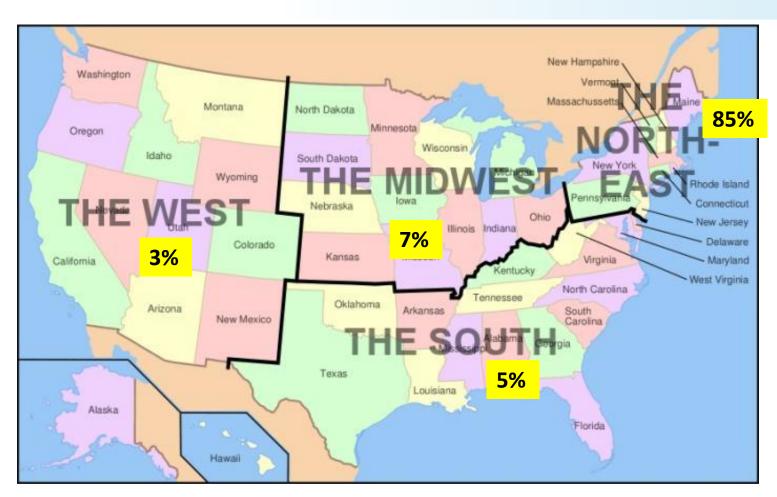
- Used to power diesel engines
- Same characteristics as #2 oil (difference being taxation of the different fuels and #2 oil is dyed a different color for government monitoring)
- Used for back up generators and transportation fuel



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Where is Heating Oil Being Used?



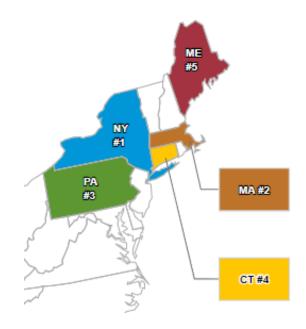
https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/heating-oil/use-of-heating-oil.php



5.2 Million homes heated with oil during 2020/2021 heating Season

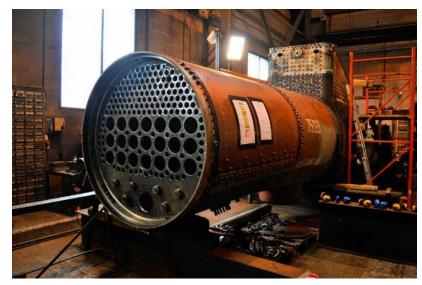
(Was 8.6 Million in 2008)

Top 5 states using heating oil:



Oil Operating & Maintenance Costs

- There are significant O&M cost associated with burning oil in comparison to natural gas:
 - Approximately 2.8% of cost for #2 oil
 - Approximately 6.6% of cost for #6 oil
- Efficiencies degrade when burning oil as soot builds up in boilers versus fairly constant efficiency with natural gas



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Assumed Oil Operating Costs

Loss From	Description	#2 Oil	#6 Oil
Oil Pumping	Cost of electric required to pump oil from tank to boiler.	.32 %	.32%
Oil Inventory	Oil is paid for and stored before use compared to being billed after use	.6%	.6%
Atomization	The cost to atomize oil into small droplets & mix with combustion air	1.88%	1.88%
Oil Pre-Heating	Heating oil to 200 – 250 deg F so that it may be atomized		.78%
Storage Heating	Cost to heat and keep heavier grades of oil at 125 Deg F or more		2.0%
Make up Water	Water used for storage heating, soot blowing, etc.		.22%
Oil Additives	Additives to the heavier oils to boilers operate properly		.8%
	Total	2.8%	6.6%

Data taken from "An Analysis of the Losses and Costs Associated with Oil Versus natural gas Firing, an Update on a Nationwide Boiler program", 6/18/90



Propane

 Propane is stored in liquid form, but burned in a gaseous form and has similar characteristics to that of Natural Gas when burned

■L.P.

 Liquid Propane, One of the many byproducts that results in the cracking process of crude oil to turn it into Gasoline

Gallon

- Unit of measure that Propane is sold at
- Propane is often used when natural gas is not available

Air Blending

- A process where air is blended with propane
- to give the characteristics of natural gas





Coal

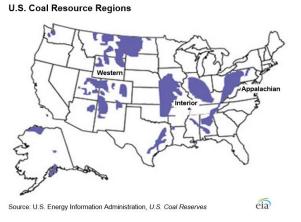
- Anthracite contains 86-98% carbon, and has a heating value of about 15,000 BTUs/lb.
- Bituminous Coal contains 45-86% carbon and is the most abundant form found in the U.S. although sulfur content tends to be high. Heating value: 15,500 BTUs/lb.
- Subbituminous Coal contains 35 to 45% carbon with a heating value of 8,300 13,000 BTUs/lb
- Lignite Coal contains 25-35% carbon, is generally high in ash and has a heating value of 4,000 8,300 BTUs/lb

Coal CO₂ Emissions are Twice that of Natural Gas



Coal Facts

- In the US, ~92 %* of the ~ 501 million short tons of coal consumed in 2021 was used for electricity generation
- Coal is environmentally challenged in terms of CO2, sulfur, mercury, particulates, and coal ash discharges
- 1 Short Ton = 2,000 Pounds
- 1 Tonne (metric ton) = 2205 pounds



Six states had 77% of the *demonstrated reserve base* (DRB) of coal as of January 1, 2022:

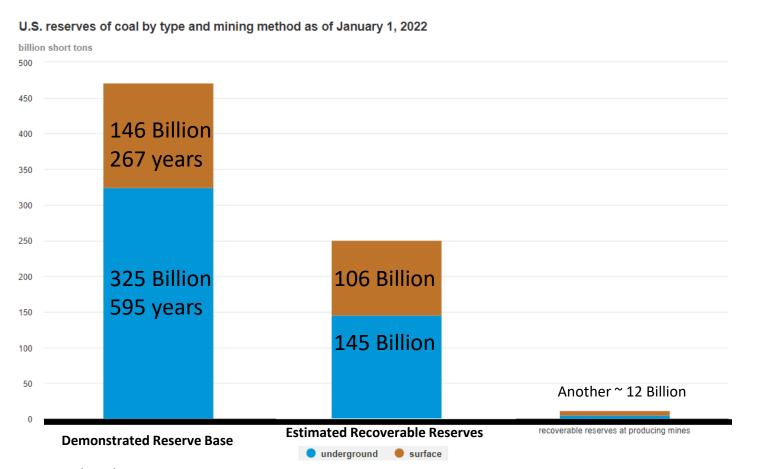
- Montana—25%
- •Illinois—22%
- •Wyoming—12%
- •West Virginia—6%
- •Kentucky—6%
- Pennsylvania—5%

Twenty five other states had the remaining 23% of the DRB.



https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/coal/how-much-coal-is-left.php

Coal Reserves



Total 546 million short tons consumed in 2021.

Recoverable reserves alone have an estimated 435 years of coal at current usage.

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Electricity

Mostly A Secondary Source of Energy

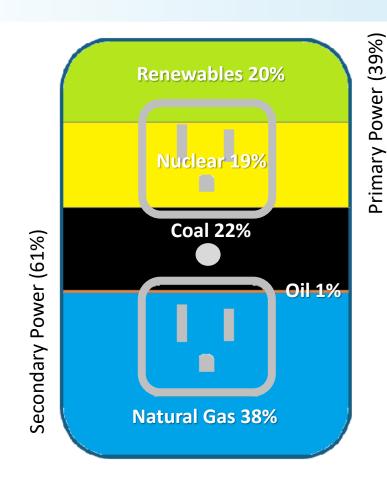
Secondary Generation Mix	% Mix
Coal	21.9%
Gas	38.4%
Oil	.6%
Other	.5%
Total Secondary	61.4%

Secondary electric produced with

Combustion Turbines

Engines

Fuel Cells

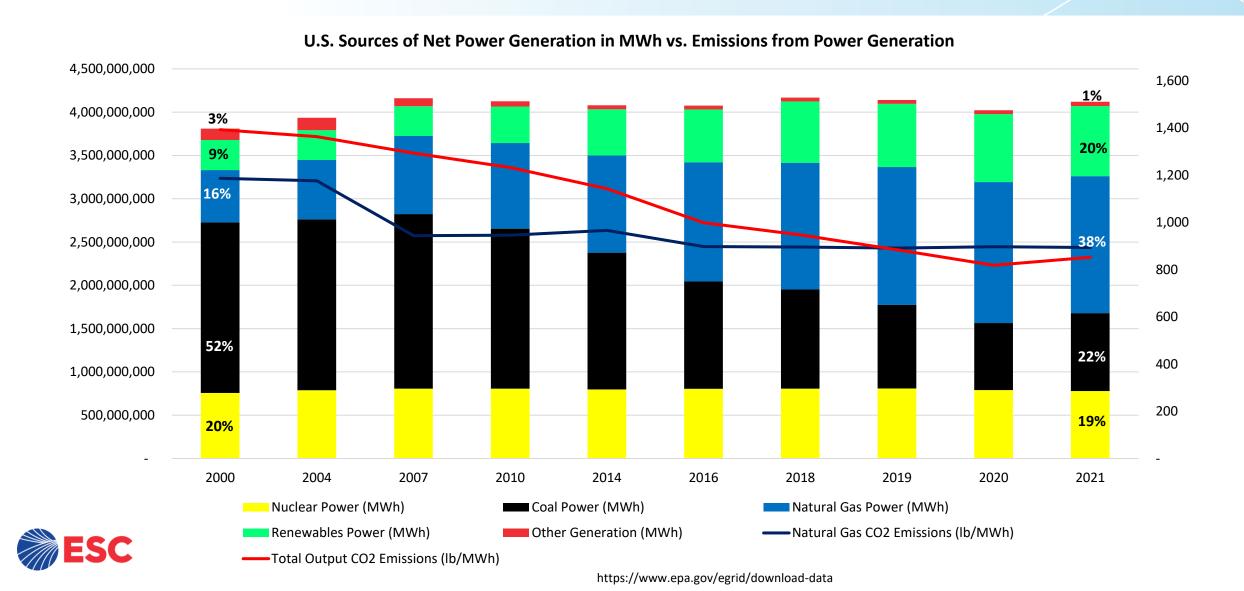


Primary Generation Mix	% Mix
Nuclear	18.9%
Hydro	6%
Wind	9.2%
Solar	2.8%
Biomass	1.3%
Geo-thermal	.4%
Total Primary	38.6%

E-GRID 2023, using 2021 data, https://www.epa.gov/egrid/download-data



Historical Generation Mix vs. Emissions

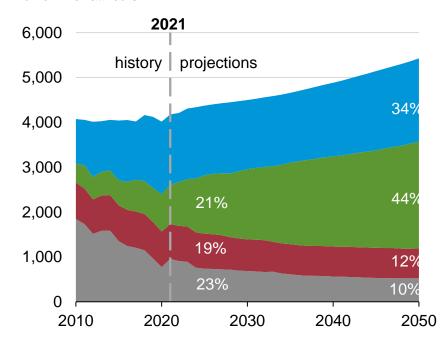


Future Electric Mix Outlook

Natural Gas is expected to continue to play a significant role in power generation in the future.

U.S. electricity generation from selected fuels AEO2022 Reference case

billion kilowatthours



https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/

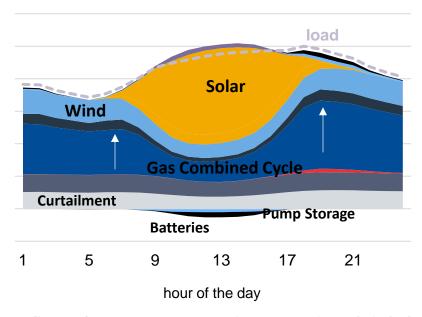
Hourly U.S. electricity generation and load by fuel for selected cases and years

billion kilowatthours

natural gas

renewables nuclear

coal



curtailment battery storage pumped storage solar wind hydroelectric natural gas combined-cycle natural gas and oil peakers nuclear coal

Significant renewables growth leads to additional battery storage & Gas picks up much of this load in future.



Electric Factors

- •kW Kilo Watt, 1,000 Watts, Demand Component
 - 1 kW is equivalent to 3,412 BTUs
- kWh Kilo Watt Hour, Usage Component
- ■MW Mega Watts, 1,000,000 Watts
- Peak Time of day when electric usage is at highest level, hours determined by local electric utility
- Load Factor Relationship of one's usage to their demand
- Power Factor calculation related to 'spikes' caused by end user motors etc. These may require a tremendous draw until up to speed, and the cure is typically to add capacitors



Terms: Electric Generation

Spark Spread

■ The difference between the price of power & the cost to produce it at a given facility

Simple Cycle

• One pass generation, where waste heat is not recovered to generate additional power

Combined Cycle

- Producing additional electricity from otherwise lost waste heat exiting from gas turbines. This process increases the total efficiency.
- Capacity the maximum load that a generating station can carry under specific conditions for a given period of time



Terms: Electric Generation

Synchronous / Parallel

 Generated power must synchronize with the grid power if the customer wants to work in tandem with grid power

RTP

 Real Time Pricing - Buying electric on hourly basis the day before it is expected to be used





Misc. Electric Terms

- **ISO** Independent System Operator
 - Coordinates, controls and monitors the operation of the electric power system
- RTO Regional Transmission Organization
 - Local grid who controls all power flow for a given region

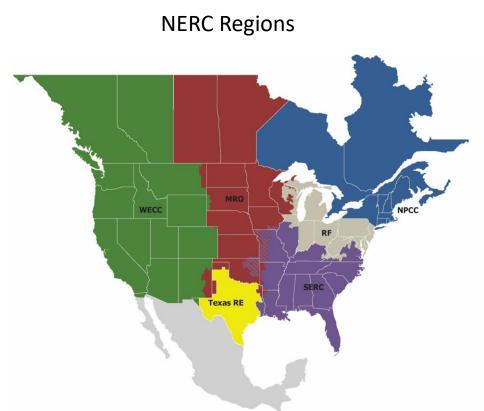
Stranded Costs

Those costs prior to de-regulation that may not be able to be recovered after de-regulation

CTC

 Competitive Transition Charges, way to recover of stranded costs





Terms: Buying Deregulated Electric

- **EGS** Energy Generation Supplier
 - where to buy de-regulated power
- Price to Compare
 - Utility price for energy and capacity if customer decided to remain with Utility –
 what is shopped against
- Default Provider of Last Resort
 - Local electric utility will supply power if customer does not wish to participated in de-regulated electric or is dropped by their EGS



Terms: De-regulated Electric Bill Components

Energy and Capacity

- Charge for generated electric
- This is the piece that is bought separately from the utility in the deregulated market

■ T&D

Transmission and Distribution

Variable Distribution Charges

Cost to deliver power to end user

Customer Number	Rate Category Standard Residential ME-RESF
0001000010 00000000	Messages Messages
Your current PRICE TO C from Met-Ed is listed below be lower.	Payment Charge being added to your bill be by the Due Date. COMPARE for generation and transmission of the Source

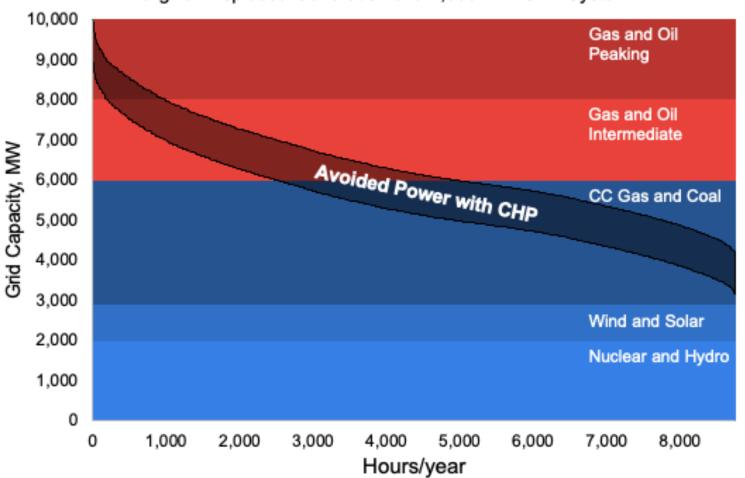


Generation Pros & Cons

	Pro	Con
Nuclear	No site Greenhouse gas emissionsDomestic Fuel supply	Radioactive wasteUranium miningTransportation
Coal	Domestic supply	Highest greenhouse gas emissionsCoal mining
Wind	No emissionsNo fuel or water consumed	Intermittent supplyCan be far from customers
Natural Gas	 Least land required, mostly domestic supply 	Greenhouse gas emissionsDrilling



Marginal Displaced Generation of a 1,000 MW CHP System



Marginal Load.
Gas fills peak
demand swings
and meets
intermittent
power loads.

Base Load, On when available



Source: Combined Heat and Power Potential for Carbon Emission Reductions, National Assessment, 2020-2050. ICF, July 2020

Heating Values/BTUs

Oil Factors

- Heating oil BTU values vary by quality & grade of fuel
- Oil today likely has less BTU's per gallon than years ago primarily due to additives and government requirements of lower sulfur/gallon
 - Distillate Fuel (#2 oil) = 5.817 MMBtu per barrel = 138,500 BTU/Gallon
 - Residual Fuel (#6 oil) = 6.287 MMBtu per barrel = 149,690 BTU/Gallon
- Natural Gas averages 1,037 BTU/Cubic Foot



Gas Factors

- ■1 Gallon Propane = 91,600 BTU's on average
- ■1 Pound Propane = 21,500 BTU



■ Natural Gas = 1,037,000 BTU/MCF





Coal Factors

- ■1 Ton Coal (Anthracite) = 27,000,000 BTU
- ■1 Ton Coal (Bituminous) = 26,000,000 BTU



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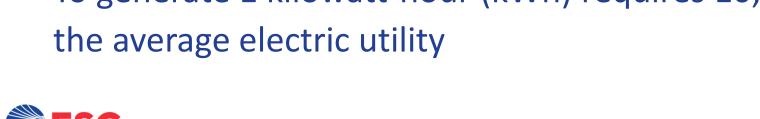


Electric Factors

- **■1 KWH** = 3,412 BTU
- Monthly Load Factor =

{Total Usage kWh / Registered Demand kW} {#days/month X 24hrs/day}

- **■1 kW** = 1.341 horsepower
- ■1 Horsepower-hour = 2,545 BTU
- To generate 1 kilowatt-hour (kWh) requires 10,000 BTU of fuel burned by the average electric utility





Converting Gas to \$ Equivalent

Natural Gas to #2 Oil

- \$/MCF Gas X 138,500 BTU/Gal#2 1,037,000 BTU/MCF = \$/Gallon equivalent
- #2 Oil = 7.41 gallon per MCF

Natural Gas to #6 Oil

- \$/MCF Gas X 149,690 BTU/Gal#6 1,037,000 BTU/MCF = \$/Gallon equivalent
- #6 Oil = 6.86 gallon per MCF

Propane

* \$/MCF Gas X 91,700 BTU/Gal LP 1,037,000 BTU/MCF = \$/Gallon equivalent



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Energy Storage & Reliability

Natural Gas Storage

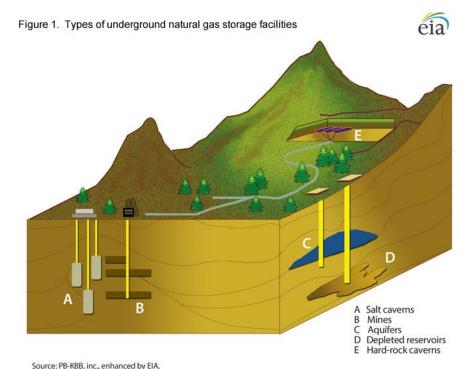
Natural Gas

- Can be stored in its natural gaseous state, compressed at high pressures or stored in large quantities in liquid form
- Natural Gas is not typically stored at a customer's premises
- Stored gas is injected to the local utility's system to balance out demand issues

LNG Gaseous form











Energy Storage

Oil/Propane

Typically stored by dealers in large tank farms, and smaller quantities are stored locally

at the customer facility





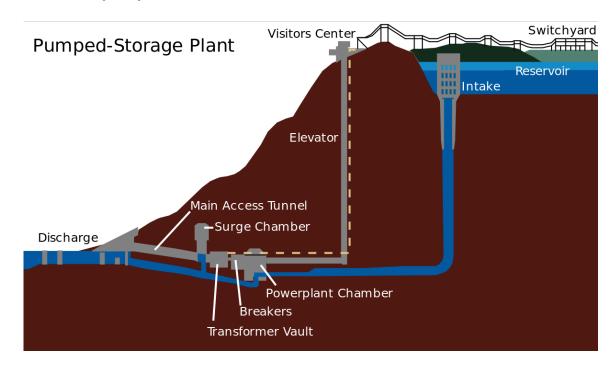


Energy Storage

• Electric Storage

- Grid generated power must be used instantaneously by end users.
- Some storage methods include
 - Batteries
 - Pump Storage
 - Gas Generator





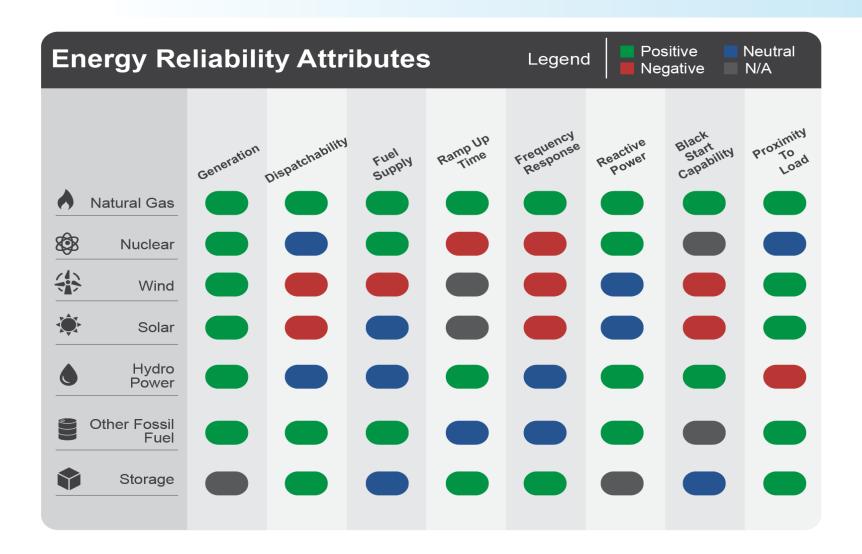


Costs of Various Storage Systems

Technology	Primary Application	Capital Costs (\$/kW)	O&M Costs (\$/kW-year)	Fuel Cost to Operate (\$/kWh)			
	Short-Duration Technologies						
Flywheel Energy Storage	Small-scale frequency and voltage stabilization	\$2,000 – 4,000	\$10 – 20	\$0.08 – 0.10			
Lithium-Ion Battery 2020	Small-to-large demand response, ancillary services,	\$900 – 1,700	\$10 – 20	\$0.08 – 0.09			
Lithium-lon Battery 2030	frequency/ voltage stabilization	\$450 – 900	\$5 – 10	\$0.08 - 0.09			
Long-Duration Technologies							
Redox Flow Battery	Industrial-scale peak shaving, frequency/ voltage stabilization	\$1,400 – 1,600	\$10 – 12	\$0.08 – 0.11			
Compressed Air to Power	Utility-scale baseload generation and peak shaving	\$1,000 – 1,200	\$16 – 18	\$0.09 – 0.17			
Pumped Hydro-electric Storage	Utility-scale baseload generation and peak shaving	\$1,500 – 1,700	\$13 – 17	\$0.08 - 0.09			
Gas-Fueled Technologies							
Industrial CHP	Industrial-scale demand response, spinning reserve	\$1,200 – 1,800	\$30-\$45/kW-year (FOM), ~\$10/MWh (VOM)	\$0.015 – 0.020			
Modular Gas Engines	Demand response, spinning reserve, balancing renewables	\$1,300 – 1,800	\$35/kW-year (FOM), ~\$6/MWh (VOM)	\$0.03 – 0.05			
Power-to-Gas Fuel Cell	Convert excess electricity to hydrogen for time shifting	\$2,900 – 5,600	\$30 – 40/kW-year, plus stack replacement	\$0.03 – 0.04			



Energy Reliability



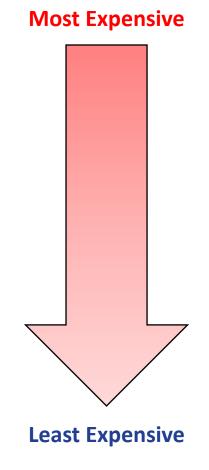


Energy Pricing

Energy Pricing

Typical pricing from highest cost to lowest cost/BTU is:

- Electric
- Propane
- Kerosene
- Diesel
- #2 Oil
- #4 Oil
- ■#6 Oil
- Natural Gas
- Coal

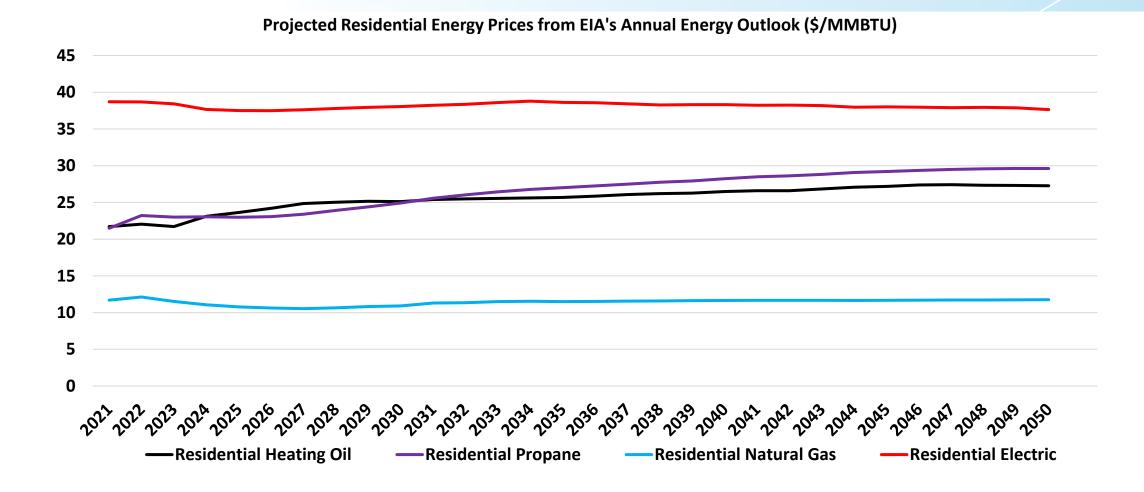




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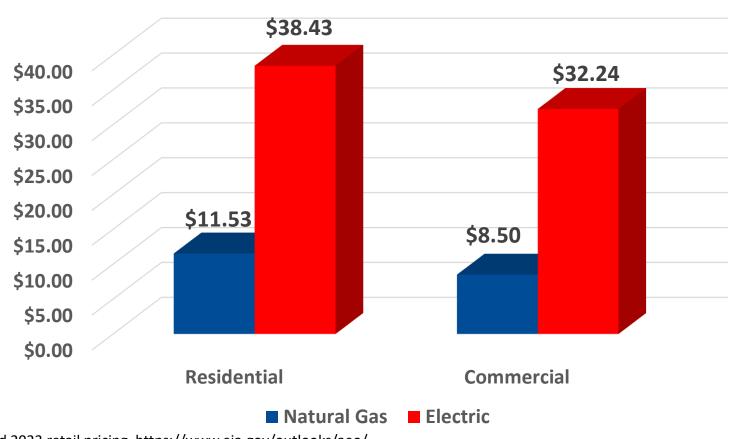
Future Residential Energy Pricing





Current Average Retail Energy Prices (\$/MMBTU)

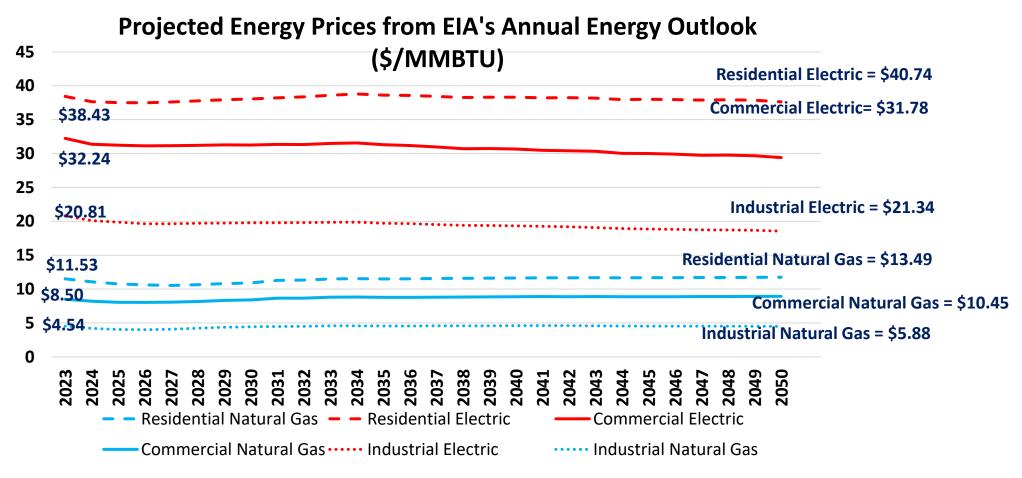
Projected Average Retail Price of Gas & Electric



Source: EIA AEO 2022, projected 2023 retail pricing, https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/



Current Average Retail Energy Prices (\$/MMBTU)



Source: EIA AEO 2022, projected 2023 retail pricing, https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/



Efficiencies and Environmental Issues

Typical Efficiency

Efficiency

The related energy output or effect as a result of energy input

• Heating

- With Natural Gas, Oil or Propane the standard efficiency today is around 80-82%
- Higher efficiency models are also available > 90 %
- Gas Heat Pumps are approx. 140% efficient

• Electric Resistance Heating or Gas Infra Red

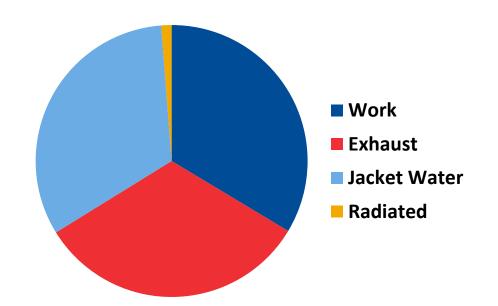
- There is no energy lost in the form of waste heat and is typically 99% efficient
- Electric Heat pumps work differently and have efficiencies well over 100%. Electric heat pumps are typically rated in Heating Seasonal Performance Factors (HSPF)



Typical Engine Efficiency

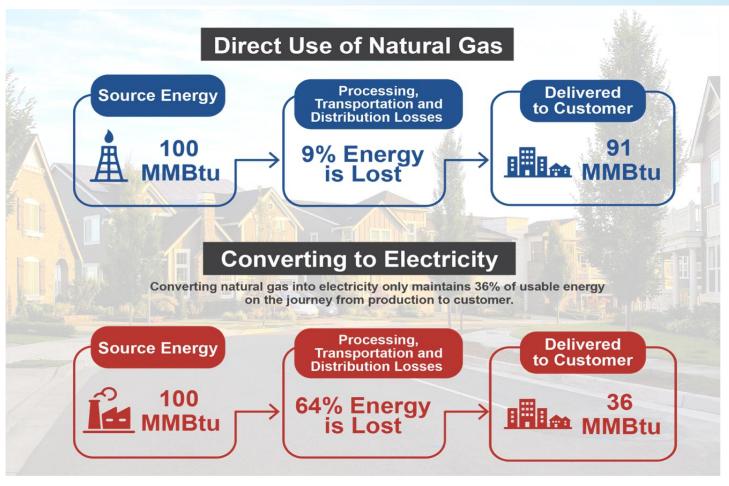
Engines

■ Natural Gas & Diesel engines are typically only around 30% efficient, but have tremendous amounts of waste heat which can be re-captured and utilized





Source to Site Efficiency

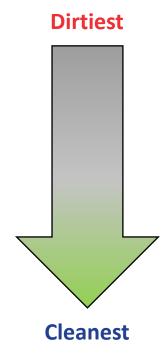


Source of data: 2020 AGA Playbook



Environmental Cleanliness

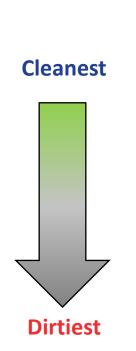
- Typical air emissions that are created by utilizing various fuels and contribute to Global Warming and Acid Rain :
 - Electric (Generation Source)
 - Coal
 - #6 Oil
 - **4**4 Oil
 - #2 Oil / Diesel / Kerosene
 - Natural Gas / Propane
 - Electric (Site)





Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Combustion of Fossil Fuels

Carbon dioxide emitted per quantity of energy for various fuels



Fuel Type	CO ₂ Emitted (lbs/10 ⁶ Btu)	CO ₂ Emitted (kg/10 ⁶ Btu)
Natural Gas	117.00	53.07
Propane	139.05	63.07
Automobile Gasoline	157.20	71.30
Kerosene	159.40	72.30
Fuel Oil	161.30	73.16
Coal (bituminous)	205.70	93.30

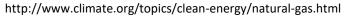
EIA CO2 Emissions Coefficients



Other Fossil Fuel Emissions

	Pounds per Billion Btu's of Energy Input			
Pollutant	Natural Gas	Oil	Coal	
Carbon Dioxide	117,000	161,300*	205,700*	
Carbon Monoxide	40	33	208	
Nitrogen Oxides	82	448	457	
Sulfur Dioxide	1	1,122	2,591	
Particulates	7	84	2,744	
Mercury	0.000	0.007	0.016	

The amount of CO₂ produced far exceeds any other harmful pollutant Natural Gas has much lower emissions of greenhouse gases than oil or coal



^{*} Adjusted to more current data available



Thank You



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