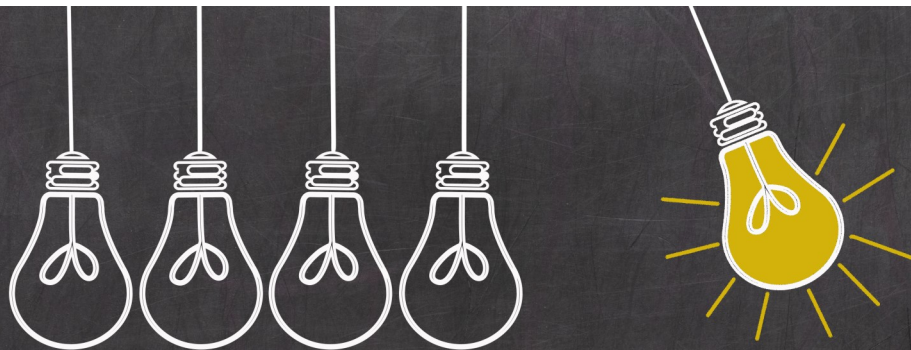


# Weekly Briefing

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## The Value of Government Statistics on Energy

- *U.S. federal government agencies like the Department of Energy produce valuable statistics, analysis, and forecasts.*
- *Economic measurement of the energy sector is vital for business decision making and for crafting the appropriate public policy.*
- *Global developments and advancing technology mean that the return on investing in these treasured assets is growing.*

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), the statistical and analytics unit of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), was created during the 1970s when oil price shocks and the increasing power of the OPEC cartel loomed over the U.S. economy. Congressional legislation during the 30-year period since the mid-1970s refined and expanded EIA activities into collection, analysis, policy evaluation, and forecasting. Its purview over renewable fuels and estimation of greenhouse gas emissions was initiated in the 1990s.

- Congress gave the EIA broad powers to collect data from energy companies. It has enforcement authority to obtain information about production, pricing, inventories, costs, and distribution. Unusual across the statistical agencies of the U.S. government, the EIA is independent (i.e., unencumbered) from the DOE in its publication of these government statistics.
- These two attributes — enforcement authority and independence — augment the quality and timeliness of energy statistics.
- The table to the right provides a brief summary of EIA products and services. Their annual conferences, not described here, bring together experts from across the world to discuss key energy topics.
- A team of about 370 employees and a budget of about \$120 million, the EIA is one of the most respected and high quality statistical agencies in the world. In order to drive great business decisions and policymaking, EIA provides valuable resources in an open data environment.

The GovLab at New York University's Open Data 500 includes valuable information on what types of companies use data from federal statistical agencies (see <http://www.opendata500.com/us/>).

- DOE is one of the largest statistical agencies providing data flows to companies.
- In turn, these businesses use many of these statistics and projections as benchmarks to understanding their performance against the industry as a whole.
- The transparency of these data at a zero direct cost augment our ability to grow and innovate, especially as EIA has upgraded over time its measurement of alternative fuels and the renewables sector. Time to get on board to support this statistical agency!

## EIA Products

### Daily Product

[Today in Energy](#)

### Weekly Products

[Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report](#)  
(principal Federal economic indicator)  
[This Week in Petroleum](#)  
[Natural Gas Weekly Update](#)  
[Weekly Coal Production Report](#)  
[Weekly Petroleum Status Report](#)  
[Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Update](#)

### Monthly Products

[Short-Term Energy Outlook](#)  
[Natural Gas Monthly](#)  
[Drilling Productivity Report](#)  
[Electric Power Monthly](#)  
[Electricity Monthly Update](#)  
[Monthly Energy Review](#)  
[Petroleum Supply Monthly](#)  
[Petroleum Marketing Monthly](#)  
[Monthly Biodiesel Production](#)  
[U.S. Movements of Crude Oil by Rail](#)

### Quarterly Products

[Quarterly Coal Report](#)  
[Quarterly Coal Distribution Report](#)  
[Domestic Uranium Production Quarterly Report](#)

### Annual Products

[Annual Energy Outlook](#)  
[International Energy Outlook](#)  
[Natural Gas Annual](#)  
[Annual Coal Report](#)  
[U.S. Crude Oil and Natural Gas Proved Reserves](#)  
[Electric Power Annual](#)  
[U.S. Energy-Related Carbon Dioxide Emissions](#)  
[Petroleum Supply Annual](#)

### Other Products, Tools, and Services

[State Energy Portal](#)  
[Country Energy Portal](#)  
[U.S. Energy Mapping System](#)  
[Electricity Data Browser](#)  
[Petroleum Imports Browser](#)  
[Coal Data Browser](#)

### Special Analyses (examples)

[Analysis of the Clean Energy Standard Act of 2012](#)  
[The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran](#)  
[Sales of Fossil Fuels Produced from Federal and Indian Lands, FY 2003 through FY 2013](#)  
[Potential Impacts of Reductions in Refinery Activity on Northeast Petroleum Product Markets](#)  
[Effect of Increased Natural Gas Exports on Domestic Energy Markets](#)



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