

# Glossary: Primary energy consumption

Statistics Explained

**Primary energy consumption** measures the total energy demand of a country. It covers consumption of the energy sector itself, losses during transformation (for example, from oil or gas into electricity) and distribution of energy, and the final consumption by end users. It excludes energy carriers used for non-energy purposes (such as petroleum not used for combustion but for producing plastics).

## Related concepts

- [Primary energy production](#)
- [Final energy consumption](#)
- [Gross inland energy consumption](#)

## Statistical data

- [Energy statistics - an overview](#)