Section 1. Documentation guide

This section describes the common data identification codes used in the State Energy Data System (SEDS). Sections 2 through 5, one for each fossil fuel energy source and total energy, provide: descriptions of all SEDS data series, including all of the intermediate variable codes; and the SEDS formulas used to estimate additional data series.

The energy indicators technical notes provide the resident population data used in per capita calculations and gross domestic product (GDP) data used to calculate total energy CO2 emissions per dollar of GDP. Appendix A is an alphabetical listing of all the variable names and formulas used in CO2 emissions estimation.

There are thousands of variables in SEDS, each identified by a unique five-character mnemonic series name, or MSN. All published MSNs are listed in the Codes and Descriptions file on the SEDS website here: https://www.eia.gov/state/seds/CDF/Codes and Descriptions.xlsx.

In the following example, CLICE is the identifying code for data on coal CO2 emissions for the industrial sector in million metric tons:

Energy activity or energy-consuming sector



Type of energy Type of data

The first two characters in the SEDS CO2 emissions variable names usually represent energy sources and products:

AB = aviation gasoline blending components

AR = asphalt and road oil
AV = aviation gasoline
BQ = normal butane
BY = butylene

CC = coal coke net imports (U.S. only)

CL = coal

CO = crude oil, including lease condensate
DM = distillate fuel oil, excluding biofuels

EQ ethane ΕY ethylene FF fossil fuels FΝ petrochemical feedstocks, naphtha less than 401°F FO petrochemical feedstocks, other oils equal to or greater than 401°F FS petrochemical feedstocks, still gas HL hydrocarbon gas liquids IQ isobutane ΙY isobutylene JF = jet fuel KS kerosene LG liquefied petroleum gases (LPG) LU lubricants MB motor gasoline blending components = motor gasoline, excluding fuel ethanol MM MS = miscellaneous petroleum products NA natural gasoline/isopentane (historical) NN natural gas, excluding supplemental gaseous fuels OM other petroleum products, excluding biofuels PC petroleum coke PL plant condensate (historical) PM all petroleum products, excluding biofuels PP natural gasoline PΩ propane PY propylene RF residual fuel oil SG still gas

The third and fourth characters in the SEDS variable names have several meanings and some are specific to only certain energy sources, but usually represent the energy-consuming sectors:

unfractionated streams (historical)

AC = transportation sector CC = commercial sector

special naphthas

unfinished oils

= total energy

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EI = electric power sector
IC = industrial sector
RC = residential sector
TC = total (all sectors)

Other third and fourth characters in the SEDS variable names represent fuel-specific activities:

KC = coke plants (coking coal) within the industrial sector

NF = non-combustion (nonfuel) use of fossil fuels

NI = net imports (U.S. industrial sector coal coke only)

OC = other than coal coke plants within the industrial sector

SQ = nonfuel carbon sequestration factor

The fifth character in the SEDS variable names identifies the units or type of data:

B = energy consumption in British thermal units (Btu)

E = CO2 emissions in metric tons

F = CO2 emissions factor in million metric tons CO2 per

quadrillion Btu

S = share (number between 0 and 1)

There are a few special variables that do not follow the conventions above, such as:

CDEGR = carbon intensity of the economy (CO2 emissions

divided by real GDP);

CDTCR = carbon intensity of energy supply (CO2 emissions

divided by total energy consumption less interstate flow

of electricity);

CDTPR = per capita energy-related CO2 emissions;

ELISB = net interstate flow of electricity and associated losses

(negative indicates flow out of state);

GDPRX = real gross domestic product (GDP); and TPOPP = resident population including Armed Forces.

Throughout the technical notes, SEDS often describes the variables with a two-character geographic identification attached to them (ZZ). Geographic areas used in SEDS are the 50 states and the District of Columbia (represented by the U.S. Postal Service state abbreviations) and the United States as a whole. In SEDS, the term "state" includes the District of Columbia. SEDS calculates some estimates of electricity sales and losses using only the contiguous 48 states and the District of

Columbia, and the variables used in those calculations are identified by "48."