

Adjusted Sales of Fuel Oil and Kerosene in 1996

The following tables contain estimates of distillate fuel oil that have been adjusted at the PAD district level to equal published EIA volume estimates of petroleum products supplied in the U.S. marketplace. The kerosene and residual fuel oil sales estimates have been adjusted at the national level. Historically, kerosene estimates have always been adjusted at the PAD district level. However, in 1992, certain kerosene estimates at the PAD district level resulted in negative numbers. Hence, the adjustment procedure was changed to display positive sales volumes of kerosene for all PAD districts.

The products supplied estimates can be found in the 1994 through 1996 issues of the *Petroleum Supply Annual*. For certain sales categories, data obtained from alternate sources are used instead of the adjusted numbers. See "Technical Note 3" in the Appendix for further explanation of data adjustments.

Total domestic adjusted sales of fuel oil and kerosene increased 4.2 percent from 63.0 billion gallons in 1995 to 65.7 billion gallons in 1996. While adjusted sales of distillate increased 5.2 percent in 1996, residual fuel oil dropped 0.1 percent. Kerosene adjusted sales increased by 14.6 percent.