

# INTERMEDIATE ACTIVITY: Crunch the Numbers—Energy in the U.S.

## UNITED STATES OVERVIEW

World Population:	6.4 billion people
U.S. Population:	295.7 million people
U.S. People per Vehicle:	1.4



## ENERGY OVERVIEW—COAL

World Coal Reserves:	997.5 billion short tons
U.S. Coal Reserves:	267.3 billion short tons
U.S. Coal Production:	1,112 million short tons (Mmst)
U.S. Coal Consumption:	1,107 Mmst
U.S. Coal Exports (Net):	5 Mmst

## ENERGY OVERVIEW—NATURAL GAS

World Natural Gas Reserves:	6,043 trillion cubic feet (Tcf)
U.S. Natural Gas Reserves:	192.5 Tcf
U.S. Natural Gas Production:	18.8 Tcf
U.S. Natural Gas Consumption:	22.4 Tcf
U.S. Natural Gas Imports (net):	3.6 Tcf

## ENERGY OVERVIEW—PETROLEUM, CRUDE OIL, PRODUCTS

World Crude Oil Reserves:	1277.2 billion barrels (bbl)
U.S. Crude Oil Reserves:	21.4 billion bbl
U.S. Crude Oil Production:	5.1 million bbl/day
U.S. Petroleum Consumption:	20.7 million bbl/day
U.S. Petroleum Imports (net):	12.4 million bbl/day
U.S. Petroleum Stocks:	1.7 billion bbl

## ENERGY OVERVIEW—ELECTRICITY

U.S. Utility Generation:	2,263 billion kilowatt-hours (bkWh)
U.S. Non-utility Generation:	1,707 bkWh
U.S. Generation by Fuel:	Coal 50%, Uranium 20%, Natural Gas 18%, Hydropower 6%, Petroleum 3%, Other 3%

## ENERGY OVERVIEW—CONSUMPTION

World Energy Consumption:	446.6 quad (quadrillion Btu) ( <i>1 Btu is about the amount of energy in one wooden match.</i> )
U.S. Energy Consumption:	100.4 quad
U.S. Consumption by Sector:	Industrial (32%), Transportation (28%), Residential (22%), Commercial (18%)
U.S. Consumption by Fuel:	Oil (38.3%), Natural Gas (23.0%), Coal (22.5%), Uranium (8.2%), Propane (1.9%) Renewables (6.1%)

## CRUNCH THE NUMBERS—QUESTIONS TO ANSWER and GRAPHS TO MAKE

1. What percentage of the world's population lives in the United States?
2. How many passenger vehicles are there in the U.S.?
3. What percentage of world oil reserves does the U.S. have?
4. What percentage of U.S. petroleum consumption is supplied by imports?
5. If all production and imports stopped, how long would the U.S. petroleum stocks last?
6. What percentage of world natural gas reserves does the U.S. have?
7. What percentage of U.S. natural gas consumption is supplied by imports?
8. What percentage of world coal reserves does the U.S. have?
9. If the U.S. continues to produce 1,112 Mmst of coal a year, how long will U.S. reserves last?
10. What percentage of U.S. coal is exported to other countries?
11. What is the total electricity generation in the U.S.? What percentage is generated by utilities?
12. Make a bar graph of the fuels used to generate electricity.
13. What percentage of world energy does the U.S. consume each year?
14. Compare the percentage of world energy consumed by the U.S. with the percentage of world population that lives in the U.S.
15. Make a pie chart of U.S. energy consumption by sector of the economy.
16. Make a pie chart of U.S. energy consumption by fuel.

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