

# Monthly Electricity Statistics (MES)

Transition from .CSV to .Stat (SDMX) Data  
Explorer Platform

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## What is changing?

- Starting In March 2026, the Monthly Electricity Statistics (MES) dataset will be available through the .Stat Data Explorer. The .Stat platform follows the SDMX standard for data and metadata exchange and allows users to view data and export it in Excel and CSV formats.
- The data in SDMX format will be available to download in CSV format from the IEA MES webpage (<https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/data-product/monthly-electricity-statistics>) or from the .Stat Data Explorer (links on the MES page under dataset 'Access' -> '.Stat Suite').
- For now, both the legacy CSV (MES\_MMY.csv) and the new CSVs in SDMX format will be available on the webpage. **However, in August 2026 we plan to stop publishing the legacy CSV and only the SDMX format CSV will be available on the webpage.**

## Key Changes

- **Two datasets instead of one.** To be consistent with SDMX, the dataset is split into a Balance and Generation dataset. However, the overall data coverage remains the same.
- **Naming/codes.** An Excel file mapping legacy CSV names/codes to the new SDMX codes is available on the MES webpage.
- **Total Fossil Fuels.** There is a new aggregate flow for total fossil fuels as the sum of coal, oil and natural gas.
- **Estimated countries.** In the legacy CSV estimated countries and months were shown as Balance = 'Remarks' and Product = 'Data is estimated for this month'. In the new SDMX format, estimated countries will be published and update each month in the file MES\_metadata\_MMY.csv available for download in the Documentation section of the MES webpage.
- **The new SDMX column QUALIFER/Qualifier will show 'A'/Normal Value'.** To find estimated countries and months please view the MES\_metadata\_MMY.csv and note that as previously 'Monthly electricity data is adjusted proportionately to maintain consistency with the most recent annual data for each generation source'.

## What is not changing?

- **The coverage.** The data coverage remains the same. The only additional flow is total fossil fuels which is only the sum of existing flows.
- **Definitions.** Even though codes have changed, the definitions remain the same as in the MES documentation available on the webpage.
- **Release schedule.** For the full release schedule please see the MES page.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the IEA Short-Term Energy Statistics team ([ces@iea.org](mailto:ces@iea.org))