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National experiences in end-use data collection and its use in policy

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Canada has been collecting and analyzing end-use data and creating energy efficiency metrics since the mid-1990s for the purpose of:

- Tracking energy efficiency performance & reporting progress to Parliament of Canada
- Providing a comprehensive source of energy-use and energy efficiency data to the people of Canada
- Informing Policy Analysts and Decision Makers

Policy Sphere

- Regulations under the Energy Efficiency Act 1992
- Building code development, guides and labels, retrofits
- Behavioral and information products
- Alternative fuels





Canada has unique endowments reflected in high level of energy use per capita and masks policy progress in intensity and efficiency

- Cold weather, long distances, low population densities, rugged geography
- Comparative advantage in resource industries, energy-intensive industries

Figure 2.1 • The IEA energy indicators pyramid



Reflected in Canada's energy use per capita masks substantial policy progress

Using the IEA Indicators pyramid, policy progress in the residential sector can be illustrated.

Notes: unless otherwise indicated, all tables and figures in this publication are derived from IEA data and analysis. TFC = total final consumption.

Source: Energy Efficiency Indicators: Essentials of Policy Making IEA, 2014



Metrics and Policy (Residential example)



Residential Energy Intensity per Household/and

Space Heating Energy Intensity GJ/m2



A significant reduction in intensity:

- Overall residential energy intensity declined 24% since 1990.
 Measurement requires Canada's Energy Balances (feeder surveys), Labour Force Survey, Housing stock estimates and building permit data as well as Household Energy Use Surveys.
- At the end-use level we can see that space heating (63% of energy use) intensity declined as consumers shifted toward more improved building shells and more efficient furnaces. Policy instrument includes regulation of furnace efficiency standards, building codes, retrofit programs



Energy Use and appliance Stock Index, 1990 and 2013



Unit Energy Consumption for new major electric appliances 1990 and 2013



- At a more detailed level we can breakout other policy influences
- Major appliances large drop in energy use coinciding with regulations and minimum efficiency standards adopted in the 1990s
- Minor appliances In contrast due to growth in TVs , VCRs, DVDs, VGCs and PCs energy use has more than doubled (187%) since 1990.
- Need to regulate standby power (2011).

Source: Association of Household Appliance Manufacturers



Overall the residential sector has been a Canadian success story

Energy Efficiency more than offset increases by activity 1990-2013



Residential energy use with and without energy efficiency



- Factorization isolates the impact of energy efficiency which improved by 45% since 1990 achieving:
 - Overall savings of 639 PJ or 27 MT of avoided GHG
 - Savings of \$12 billion for the sector OR
 - \$869 per household in 2013.

Source: National End-Use Models, Energy Efficiency Trends In Canada, 1990-2013



Challenges in end-use analysis

Grey Areas in Measurement

- Changing business models secondary distribution of petroleum products, electricity
- Measuring domestic and international energy use for air and marine transport
- How to separate out the role of light trucks in commercial businesses.
- Comparing estimates internationally if definitions, year ranges or methodology varies
- More work is needed across countries to standardize measurement, more open source methodology, fewer black boxes

Impact on Policy Formation

 Concepts can be difficult to convey to policy analysts generally – need to simplify, find new ways to express intensity, energy efficiency, benefits.



