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Results for August 2014

Table A – Selected key figures regarding electricity generated and available for distribution

Actual estimates	August 2014	% change between August 2013 and August 2014	% change between June to August 2013 and June to August 2014	% change between January to August 2013 and January to August 2014
Electricity available for distribution (Gigawatt-hours)	20 044	-3,1	-3,0	-0,6
Index of the physical volume of electricity production (2010=100)	101,2	-2,9	-3,0	-1,6

Seasonally adjusted estimates	August 2014	% change between July and August 2014	% change between March to May 2014 and June to August 2014
Electricity available for distribution (Gigawatt-hours)	19 142	-0,1	-1,0
Index of the physical volume of electricity production (2010=100)	96,4	0,0	-1,6

Consumption of electricity

The actual estimated volume of electricity consumption decreased by 3,1% year-on-year in August 2014. Seasonally adjusted electricity consumption decreased by 0,1% month-on-month in August 2014, following a month-on-month increase of 0,4% in July 2014. Seasonally adjusted electricity consumption decreased by 1,0% in the three months ended August 2014 compared with the previous three months.

Production of electricity

Electricity production decreased by 2,9% year-on-year in August 2014, contributing to the 1,6% decrease in the first eight months of 2014 compared with the same period of 2013. Seasonally adjusted electricity production showed no growth month-on-month in August 2014, following a month-on-month increase of 0,2% in July 2014.

Electricity delivered by Eskom to the provinces

The total volume of electricity delivered by Eskom to the provinces decreased by 3,5% (-681 Gigawatt-hours) in August 2014 compared with August 2013. Decreases were reported in eight of the nine provinces.

Table B – Comparison of the seasonally adjusted volume of electricity generated and available for distribution between the three months ended August 2014 and the previous three months

Gigawatt-hours	Seasonally adjusted volume March to May 2014	Seasonally adjusted volume June to August 2014	% change between March to May 2014 and June to August 2014	Quantity difference between March to May 2014 and June to August 2014
Electricity produced	63 559	62 556	-1,6	-1 003
Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	57 944	57 375	-1,0	-569

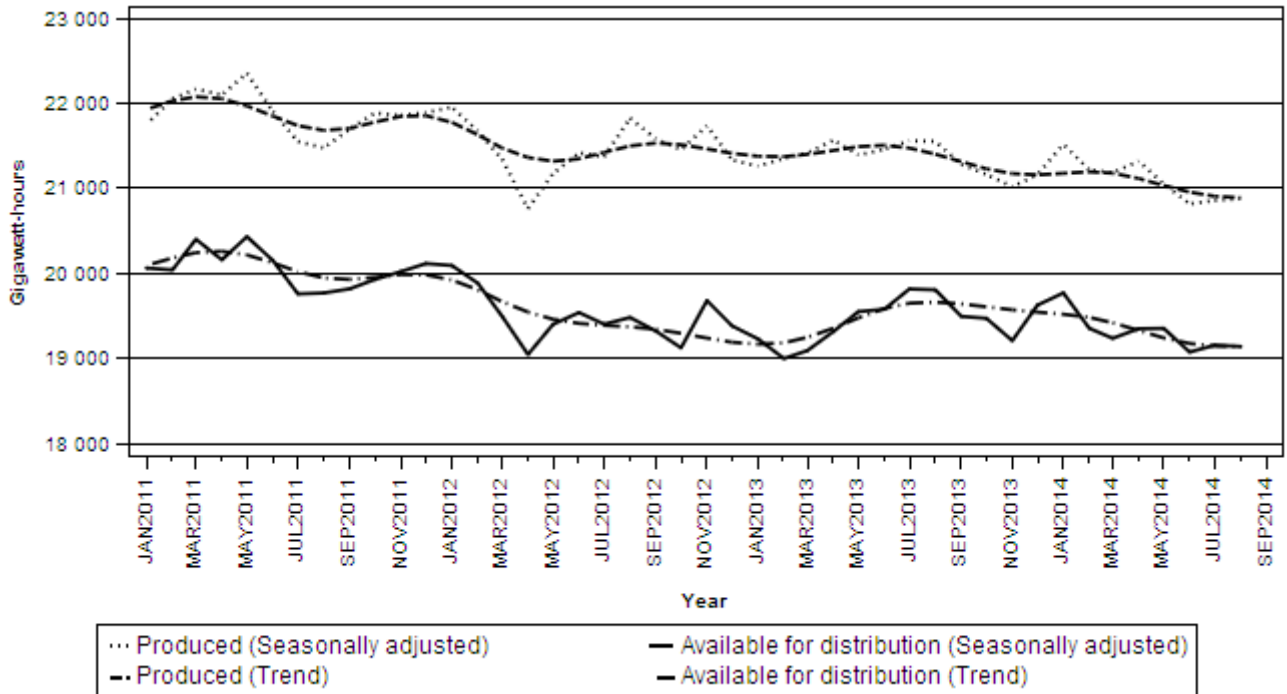
Table C – Comparison of actual estimates between the three months ended August 2014 and the three months ended August 2013

Gigawatt-hours	Actual volume June to August 2013	Actual volume June to August 2014	% change between June to August 2013 and June to August 2014	Quantity difference between June to August 2013 and June to August 2014
Electricity produced	67 674	65 638	-3,0	-2 036
Purchased outside South Africa (import) 1/	2 776	2 762	-0,5	-14
Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	4 846	4 749	-2,0	-97
Sold outside South Africa (export) 2/	3 526	3 430	-2,7	-96
Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	62 078	60 219	-3,0	-1 859

1/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

2/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

Figure 1 – Electricity produced and available for distribution in South Africa, seasonally adjusted and trend



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Tables

Table 1 – Total volume of electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2009–2014

Month	Gigawatt-hours					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	17 919	19 396	19 616	19 676	18 860	19 409
February	16 757	18 181	18 455	18 783	17 493	17 859
March	18 694	20 186	20 518	19 623	19 202	19 328
April	17 934	19 102	19 539	18 466	18 762	* 18 810
May	19 548	20 435	20 938	19 869	19 991	* 19 794
June	19 819	20 800	20 914	20 274	20 270	* 19 721
July	21 151	21 307	21 162	20 743	21 119	20 454
August	20 398	20 540	20 617	20 345	20 689	1/ 20 044
September	19 382	19 256	19 619	19 100	19 269	
October	19 899	20 371	20 198	19 413	19 781	
November	19 248	19 702	19 763	19 426	18 968	
December	18 850	18 996	19 189	18 456	18 701	
Year	229 599	238 272	240 528	234 174	233 105	

1/ Preliminary.

* Revised.

Table 2 – Annual percentage change in electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2009–2014

Month	% change 2/					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	-6,9	8,2	1,1	0,3	-4,1	2,9
February	-10,2	8,5	1,5	1,8	-6,9	2,1
March	-4,6	8,0	1,6	-4,4	-2,1	0,7
April	-6,2	6,5	2,3	-5,5	1,6	0,3
May	-4,0	4,5	2,5	-5,1	0,6	-1,0
June	-3,4	4,9	0,5	-3,1	0,0	-2,7
July	-2,1	0,7	-0,7	-2,0	1,8	-3,1
August	-1,6	0,7	0,4	-1,3	1,7	-3,1
September	-1,7	-0,7	1,9	-2,6	0,9	
October	-1,2	2,4	-0,8	-3,9	1,9	
November	3,3	2,4	0,3	-1,7	-2,4	
December	7,5	0,8	1,0	-3,8	1,3	
Year	-2,7	3,8	0,9	-2,6	-0,5	

2/ The annual percentage change is the change in the volume of electricity available for distribution of the relevant month of the current year compared with the corresponding month of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted total volume of electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2009–2014

Month	Gigawatt-hours						% change between current and previous month
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
January	18 412	19 886	20 064	20 094	19 231	19 772	0,7
February	18 427	19 817	20 042	19 886	19 000	19 356	-2,1
March	18 636	20 093	20 403	19 498	19 094	19 238	-0,6
April	18 655	19 773	20 161	19 048	19 317	19 351	0,6
May	18 898	19 860	20 433	19 403	19 552	19 355	0,0
June	19 044	20 030	20 153	19 541	19 579	19 076	-1,4
July	19 639	19 833	19 760	19 404	19 818	19 157	0,4
August	19 543	19 698	19 771	19 483	19 808	19 142	-0,1
September	19 585	19 445	19 820	19 323	19 496		
October	19 644	20 124	19 930	19 126	19 473		
November	19 522	19 978	20 022	19 682	19 211		
December	19 733	19 904	20 117	19 384	19 627		

Table 4 – Indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2009–2014

Month	Base: 2010=100					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	89,7	97,6	98,1	99,2	96,2	97,5
February	83,5	91,1	93,3	93,8	90,5	90,0
March	93,7	101,3	103,0	99,3	99,6	98,4
April	90,7	96,2	98,9	92,9	96,7	95,7
May	98,6	102,3	105,9	100,3	101,2	99,6
June	98,8	103,8	104,6	102,2	102,2	99,1
July	106,4	106,6	106,8	105,7	106,4	103,2
August	102,7	103,2	103,7	105,4	104,2	1/ 101,2
September	98,5	97,0	99,4	98,7	97,3	
October	99,6	104,6	103,1	101,1	99,9	
November	96,8	100,0	100,1	99,5	96,2	
December	94,6	96,3	96,7	94,0	93,2	
Year	96,1	100,0	101,1	99,3	98,6	

1/ Preliminary.

Table 5 – Annual percentage change in indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2009–2014

Month	% change 2/					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	-9,7	8,8	0,5	1,1	-3,0	1,4
February	-11,3	9,1	2,4	0,5	-3,5	-0,6
March	-5,9	8,1	1,7	-3,6	0,3	-1,2
April	-5,7	6,1	2,8	-6,1	4,1	-1,0
May	-4,6	3,8	3,5	-5,3	0,9	-1,6
June	-3,7	5,1	0,8	-2,3	0,0	-3,0
July	-2,0	0,2	0,2	-1,0	0,7	-3,0
August	-1,3	0,5	0,5	1,6	-1,1	-2,9
September	-0,3	-1,5	2,5	-0,7	-1,4	
October	-3,5	5,0	-1,4	-1,9	-1,2	
November	1,1	3,3	0,1	-0,6	-3,3	
December	7,1	1,8	0,4	-2,8	-0,9	
Year	-3,4	4,1	1,1	-1,8	-0,7	

2/ The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the physical volume of electricity production of the relevant month of the current year compared with the corresponding month of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2009–2014

Month	Base: 2010=100						% change between current and previous month
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
January	92,2	100,1	100,5	101,4	98,2	99,4	1,6
February	92,4	99,9	101,9	100,1	98,6	98,0	-1,4
March	93,4	100,8	102,4	98,6	98,9	97,9	-0,1
April	94,5	99,7	102,1	95,9	99,6	98,5	0,6
May	95,4	99,4	103,3	97,8	98,8	97,3	-1,2
June	95,4	100,4	101,2	98,9	99,1	96,2	-1,1
July	98,6	98,9	99,6	98,7	99,6	96,4	0,2
August	98,0	98,7	99,2	100,8	99,6	96,4	0,0
September	99,4	97,8	100,2	99,7	98,3		
October	97,8	102,7	101,1	99,1	97,8		
November	97,7	100,8	101,0	100,4	97,1		
December	98,8	100,7	101,1	98,6	97,8		

Table 7 – Total volume of electricity imported: 2009–2014 1/

Month	Gigawatt-hours					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	1 102	1 122	1 088	1 085	676	1 020
February	999	995	730	1 063	407	873
March	1 064	1 040	1 112	945	455	854
April	906	931	912	1 068	559	664
May	937	1 074	907	1 066	919	902
June	1 088	1 019	1 009	1 044	881	882
July	1 040	1 117	979	903	965	945
August	1 072	1 109	1 108	465	930	2/ 935
September	920	1 068	974	474	839	
October	1 115	770	911	451	891	
November	940	1 018	1 073	654	854	
December	1 112	930	1 087	788	1 052	
Year	12 295	12 193	11 890	10 006	9 428	

1/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

2/ Preliminary.

Table 8 – Total volume of electricity exported: 2009–2014 1/

Month	Gigawatt-hours					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	1 096	1 217	1 133	1 247	1 115	1 183
February	979	1 128	1 069	1 212	1 095	1 085
March	1 100	1 252	1 279	1 242	1 187	1 219
April	1 086	1 170	1 190	1 174	1 132	999
May	1 109	1 177	1 241	1 322	1 196	1 046
June	1 175	1 132	1 174	1 335	1 158	1 092
July	1 223	1 206	1 247	1 350	1 183	1 171
August	1 235	1 275	1 298	1 295	1 185	2/ 1 167
September	1 285	1 248	1 288	1 165	1 166	
October	1 288	1 338	1 378	1 300	1 237	
November	1 213	1 316	1 381	1 233	1 219	
December	1 263	1 209	1 286	1 160	1 056	
Year	14 052	14 668	14 964	15 035	13 929	

1/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

2/ Preliminary.

Table 9a – Electricity produced and consumed in power stations, purchased and sold outside South Africa and available for distribution in South Africa (monthly figures)

		Gigawatt-hours				
		August 2013	July 2014	August 2014 1/	% change between August 2013 and August 2014	Difference between August 2013 and August 2014
Total - All producers	Electricity produced	22 549	22 317	21 893	-2,9	-656
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	930	945	935	0,5	5
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	1 604	1 636	1 617	0,8	13
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	1 185	1 171	1 167	-1,5	-18
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	20 689	20 454	20 044	-3,1	-645
ESKOM	Electricity produced	21 462	21 171	20 786	-3,1	-676
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	930	945	935	0,5	5
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	1 523	1 542	1 533	0,7	10
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	1 185	1 171	1 167	-1,5	-18
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	19 683	19 402	19 021	-3,4	-662

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

3/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

Table 9b – Electricity produced and consumed in power stations, purchased and sold outside South Africa and available for distribution in South Africa (cumulative figures)

		Gigawatt-hours			
		January to August 2013	January to August 2014 1/	% change between January to August 2013 and January to August 2014	Difference between January to August 2013 and January to August 2014
Total - All producers	Electricity produced	172 433	169 734	-1,6	-2 699
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	5 792	7 075	22,2	1 283
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	12 590	12 426	-1,3	-164
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	9 251	8 962	-3,1	-289
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	156 386	155 419	-0,6	-967
ESKOM	Electricity produced	164 897	161 684	-1,9	-3 213
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	5 792	7 075	22,2	1 283
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	12 060	11 815	-2,0	-245
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	9 251	8 962	-3,1	-289
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	149 380	147 979	-0,9	-1 401

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

3/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

Table 10 – Total volume of electricity delivered by Eskom to provinces for 2013 and 2014 1/

Period		Gigawatt-hours									Total South Africa
		Western Cape	Eastern Cape	Northern Cape	Free State	KwaZulu-Natal	North West	Gauteng	Mpumalanga	Limpopo	
2013	January	1 932	796	490	667	3 409	2 022	4 432	2 911	910	17 569
	February	1 825	751	441	618	3 137	1 900	4 216	2 517	811	16 216
	March	1 956	839	476	630	3 454	1 973	4 655	2 781	930	17 694
	April	1 833	802	416	615	3 351	2 000	4 754	2 732	901	17 404
	May	1 941	753	441	644	3 459	2 088	5 347	2 987	913	18 573
	June	1 902	741	440	689	3 425	2 149	5 344	3 091	994	18 775
	July	1 963	909	461	734	3 636	2 212	5 646	2 973	1 061	19 595
	August	1 970	869	456	702	3 576	2 185	5 415	2 969	1 060	19 202
	September	1 898	786	449	619	3 397	2 114	4 850	2 751	1 085	17 949
	October	1 885	810	479	660	3 520	2 158	4 938	2 942	1 058	18 450
	November	1 756	745	469	632	3 371	2 117	4 716	2 832	996	17 634
	December	1 853	737	449	601	3 331	2 057	4 516	2 741	1 008	17 293
	Year	22 714	9 538	5 467	7 811	41 066	24 975	58 829	34 227	11 727	216 354
	Year to date	15 322	6 460	3 621	5 299	27 447	16 529	39 809	22 961	7 580	145 028
2014	January	1 963	674	400	654	3 569	2 093	4 559	2 868	982	17 762
	February	1 887	621	349	604	3 295	1 934	4 370	2 649	907	16 616
	March	1 967	750	365	649	3 507	1 975	4 747	2 842	973	17 775
	April	1 882	753	346	641	3 411	1 887	4 634	2 770	987	17 311
	May	1 953	799	368	662	3 538	1 985	5 121	2 922	1 029	18 377
	June	1 927	789	367	642	3 419	1 835	5 447	2 900	1 028	18 354
	July	2 050	778	361	665	3 397	2 174	5 584	2 962	1 019	18 990
	August 2/	1 944	750	350	646	3 311	2 165	5 421	2 917	1 017	18 521
	Year to date	15 573	5 914	2 906	5 163	27 447	16 048	39 883	22 830	7 942	143 706

1/ Wholesale energy (Gigawatt-hours) as delivered by Eskom to the various provinces.

2/ Preliminary.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly sample survey of the electricity industry covering electricity undertakings and establishments (branches). This statistical release contains information regarding the volume of electricity units generated and available for distribution in South Africa, the volume of units purchased and sold outside South Africa and the volume of units distributed by Eskom by province on a monthly basis. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are published.
	2	This statistical release reflects indices of the physical volume of electricity production on the basis of 2010=100. In accordance with international practice, the indices have to be rebased every five years to a new base year.
	3	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month may have been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	4	The results of the monthly electricity generated and available for distribution survey are used to compile estimates of the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which are used in monitoring the state of the economy and formulation of economic policy.
Scope of the survey	5	This survey covers electricity undertakings and establishments conducting activities concerned with the generation or transmission and distribution of electricity. It includes electrical power installations, which, as subsidiary divisions of undertakings, produce electricity for regular use by these undertakings.
Classification	6	The 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry, which reflects the predominant activity of the electricity undertaking or establishment.
Collection rate	7	The collection rate for the survey on electricity generated and available for distribution for August 2014 was 100%. The collection rate for July 2014 was 100%.
Statistical unit	8	The basic statistical unit for the collection of information is the electricity undertaking or establishment. The electricity undertaking or establishment is the smallest economic unit that functions as a separate entity. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry (see paragraph 5).
Survey methodology and design	9	All statistical units are stratified by type of economic activity according to the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (SIC) and measure of size, where measure of size is the volume of electricity generated by the electricity undertaking or establishment. All large undertakings or establishments (size category one cases) are completely enumerated. A sample is drawn from medium and small size undertakings and establishments by systematically selecting undertakings or establishments within each size category. An electricity undertaking or establishment with a total generating capacity of less than 500 kilowatt is excluded from the sample.
	10	The survey is conducted by mail, email and telephone. Information is collected from a sample of 25 electricity undertakings or establishments.
Monthly production indices	11	The calculation of the monthly production indices is based on the volume of electricity units produced.

Benchmarking	12	The index of physical volume of electricity production should provide an accurate reflection of the trend of activities of the relevant industry. The level of activities, as measured by the monthly electricity generated and available for distribution survey, is based on information received from a sample of electricity undertakings and establishments. These levels are weighted according to the original sample and designed to represent the population of electricity undertakings and establishments. It is necessary to adjust the level of activities as measured by the monthly sample survey to the level of activities as measured periodically by the Census of electricity, gas and steam. This procedure, whereby the latest results of an economic census are used to compile more accurate level estimates for a certain year, is known as benchmarking.
	13	The results of the 1995 Census of electricity, gas and steam served as a benchmark to verify or adjust the level of the monthly physical volume of electricity production indices collected through the monthly sample survey. The level adjustments were done on the volume indices for August of the relevant census year (the 1995 census year covered the period 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1995 and therefore, the benchmarking was done using the index of August 1995 as reference point).
Seasonal adjustment	14	Seasonally adjusted estimates of all items are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from a time series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences, which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X12-ARIMA procedure for electricity generated and available for distribution is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/P4141/electricity_seasonal_adjustment_note_2012.pdf
Trend cycle	15	The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates.
Related publications	16	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bulletin of Statistics;</i> • <i>South African Statistics;</i> and • <i>Stats in Brief.</i>
Rounding-off of figures	17	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown. There may therefore be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

Glossary

Consumption of electricity	For purposes of this release the term 'consumption of electricity' is used interchangeably with the term 'electricity available for distribution'.
Electricity undertaking	An electricity undertaking is an undertaking concerned with the generation or transmission and distribution of electricity, including electrical power installations, which, as subsidiary divisions of undertakings, produce electricity for regular use by these undertakings.
Index of physical volume of electricity production	A statistical measure of the change in the volume of production of electricity in a given period and the volume of production of electricity in the base period. The base period is 2010. The production in the base period is set at 100.
Industry	An industry consists of a group of undertakings or establishments engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the <i>System of National Accounts (SNA)</i> in the same way as in the 1993 <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC)</i> , Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.
Unit of electricity	One gigawatt-hour of electricity is equal to one million kilowatt-hours. A kilowatt-hour is the basic unit of electrical energy equal to one kilowatt of power supplied to or taken from an electric circuit steadily for one hour. One kilowatt-hour equals one thousand watt-hours.
Symbols and abbreviations	GDP Gross domestic product ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification SIC Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities Stats SA Statistics South Africa * Revised figures
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