

# Households and the Environment Survey: Energy use, 2015

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Canadian households consumed 1.3 million terajoules of energy in their homes in 2015, down 3.6% from 2013. On average, the amount of energy consumed per household edged down from 97.5 gigajoules in 2013 to 92.5 gigajoules in 2015.

Natural gas accounted for 51.0% of the total energy consumed by Canadian households, electricity for 45.2% and heating oil for 3.8%, a pattern similar to that of energy consumption in 2013.

Households in Quebec reported the highest average electricity consumption (67.2 gigajoules per household), followed closely by those in New Brunswick (65.3 gigajoules per household). In contrast, households in Alberta (24.8 gigajoules per household) and Saskatchewan (30.8 gigajoules per household) reported the lowest average electricity consumption.

Households in Alberta that used natural gas consumed more of it (100.3 gigajoules per household) than households in other provinces that used the fuel. Households that used heating oil in Newfoundland and Labrador used more on average (98.0 gigajoules per household) than households that used it in other provinces.

Households with total incomes of \$150,000 or more used more than twice as much energy per household (123.1 gigajoules per household) as those that earned less than \$20,000 (54.8 gigajoules per household).

## Note to readers

*These data come from the energy use supplement of the 2015 Households and the Environment Survey.*

*Total energy consumption includes only electricity, natural gas and heating oil. It does not include other types of energy such as propane, wood, coal or energy from other sources.*

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3881](#).**

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