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Electricity generated (produced) in South Africa: results for June 2026

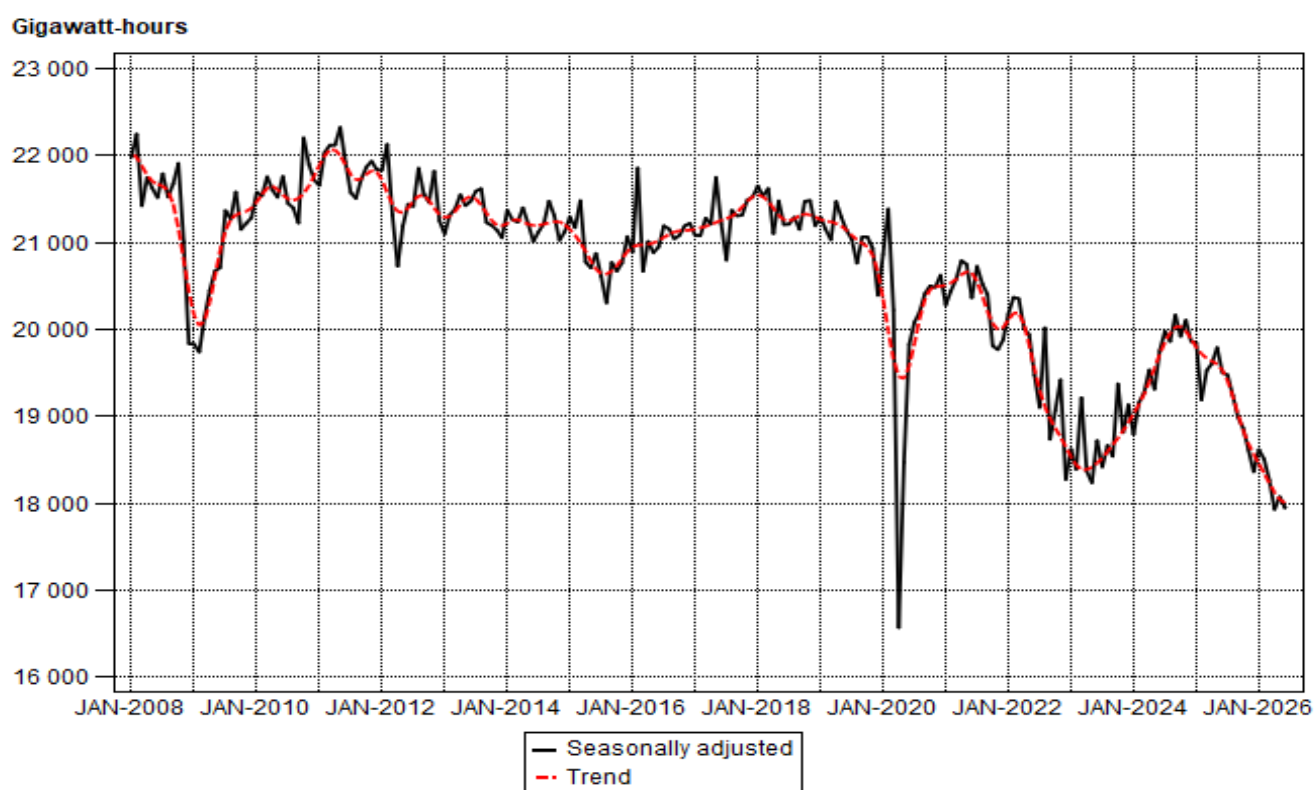
Table A – Key growth rates in the volume of electricity generated

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-6,1	-3,5	-6,6	-8,7	-8,7	-8,1
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	1,4	-0,6	-1,3	-1,8	0,8	-0,7
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-2,7	-1,8	-0,8	-1,6	-2,1	-2,5

¹ Percentage change between the previous 3 months and the 3 months ending in the month indicated.

Electricity generation (production) decreased by 8,1% year-on-year in June 2026. Seasonally adjusted electricity generation decreased by 0,7% in June 2026 compared with May 2026, following month-on-month changes of 0,8% in May 2026 and -1,8% in April 2026. Seasonally adjusted electricity generation decreased by 2,5% in the second quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2026.

Figure 1 – Electricity generated in South Africa



Electricity distributed (consumed) in South Africa: results for June 2026

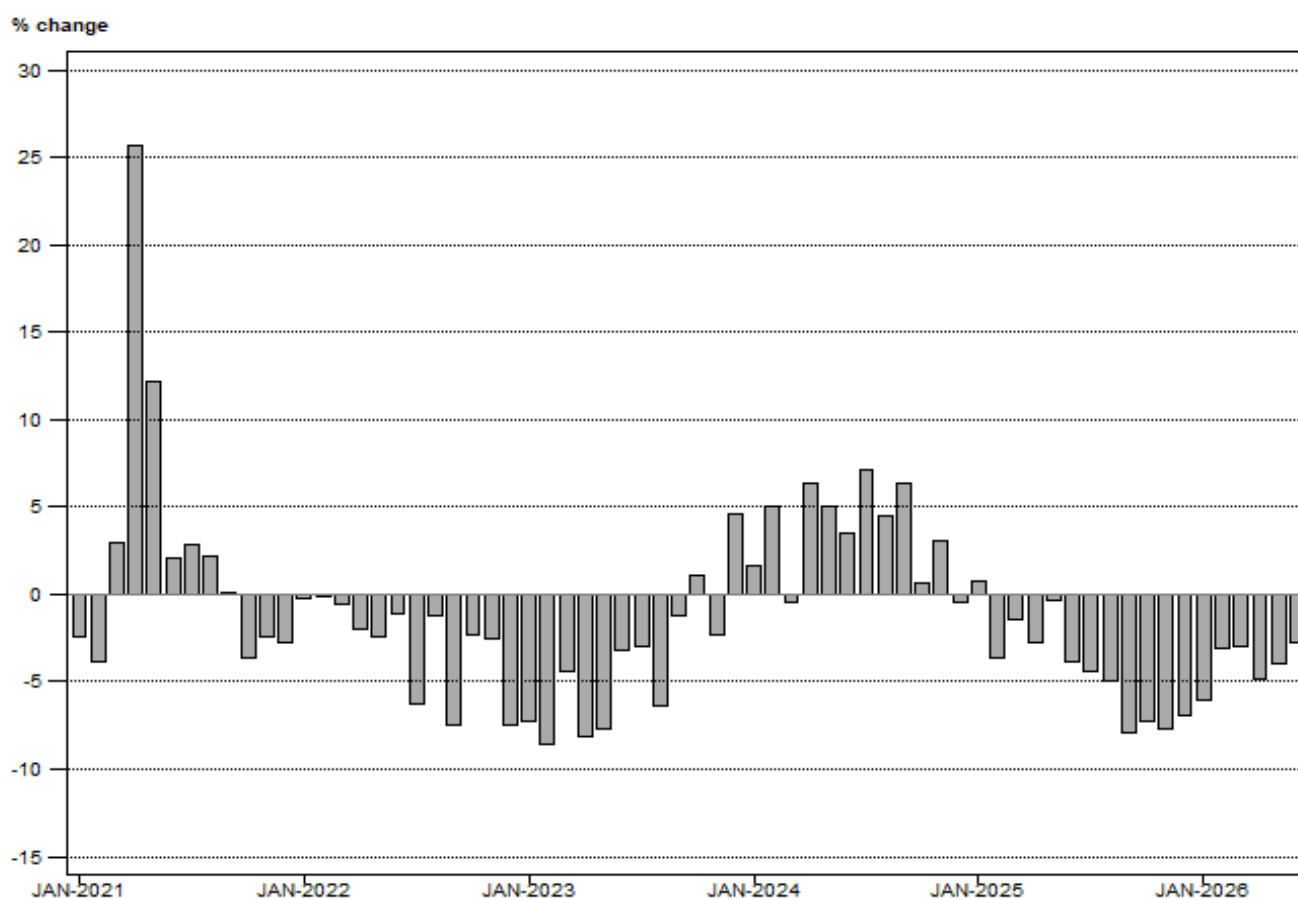
Table B – Key growth rates in the volume of electricity distributed

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-6,1	-3,1	-3,0	-4,8	-4,0	-2,8
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	0,3	-0,4	2,3	-1,5	1,8	-0,9
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-1,3	0,1	1,0	1,0	1,8	0,8

¹ Percentage change between the previous 3 months and the 3 months ending in the month indicated.

Electricity distribution (consumption) decreased by 2,8% year-on-year in June 2026. Seasonally adjusted electricity distribution decreased by 0,9% month-on-month in June 2026, following month-on-month changes of 1,8% in May 2026 and -1,5% in April 2026. Seasonally adjusted electricity distribution increased by 0,8% in the second quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2026.

Figure 2 – Electricity distributed in South Africa: year-on-year percentage change




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Tables

Table 1 – Index of the volume of electricity generated (Base: 2019=100)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	97,1	93,9	93,0	85,7	86,4	91,3	85,7
Feb	92,2	88,2	87,9	79,4	82,7	82,9	80,0
Mar	95,5	97,2	96,2	90,8	91,0	92,1	86,0
Apr	76,1	95,5	91,9	84,1	89,1	89,2	81,4
May	91,1	102,2	97,9	89,4	94,6	96,9	88,5
Jun	98,3	101,4	97,4	93,8	99,0	97,7	89,8
Jul	102,4	105,7	97,7	94,3	102,5	100,1	
Aug	99,7	101,7	99,5	93,1	99,3	96,2	
Sep	95,7	95,7	87,9	87,0	94,7	89,3	
Oct	99,7	96,2	92,5	94,1	96,8	91,8	
Nov	95,7	92,3	90,5	87,8	93,9	87,0	
Dec	94,3	90,8	83,3	87,0	90,1	83,1	
Total	94,8	96,7	93,0	88,9	93,3	91,5	

Table 2 – Year-on-year percentage change in the volume of electricity generated

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	-3,3	-1,0	-7,8	0,8	5,7	-6,1	-6,1
Feb	-4,3	-0,3	-9,7	4,2	0,2	-3,5	-4,9
Mar	1,8	-1,0	-5,6	0,2	1,2	-6,6	-5,5
Apr	25,5	-3,8	-8,5	5,9	0,1	-8,7	-6,3
May	12,2	-4,2	-8,7	5,8	2,4	-8,7	-6,8
Jun	3,2	-3,9	-3,7	5,5	-1,3	-8,1	-7,0
Jul	3,2	-7,6	-3,5	8,7	-2,3		
Aug	2,0	-2,2	-6,4	6,7	-3,1		
Sep	0,0	-8,2	-1,0	8,9	-5,7		
Oct	-3,5	-3,8	1,7	2,9	-5,2		
Nov	-3,6	-2,0	-3,0	6,9	-7,3		
Dec	-3,7	-8,3	4,4	3,6	-7,8		
Total	2,0	-3,8	-4,4	4,9	-1,9		

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted index of the volume of electricity generated

Month	Base: 2019=100				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	88,5	89,3	94,3	88,4	2,0	-1,8	0,0	1,4
Feb	87,4	91,0	91,1	87,9	-1,2	1,9	-3,4	-0,6
Mar	91,3	91,5	92,8	86,8	4,5	0,5	1,9	-1,3
Apr	87,3	92,8	93,1	85,2	-4,4	1,4	0,3	-1,8
May	86,6	91,7	94,0	85,9	-0,8	-1,2	1,0	0,8
Jun	88,9	93,8	92,6	85,3	2,7	2,3	-1,5	-0,7
Jul	87,5	94,9	92,5		-1,6	1,2	-0,1	
Aug	88,7	94,3	91,4		1,4	-0,6	-1,2	
Sep	88,1	95,8	90,2		-0,7	1,6	-1,3	
Oct	92,0	94,6	89,6		4,4	-1,3	-0,7	
Nov	89,4	95,5	88,4		-2,8	1,0	-1,3	
Dec	90,9	94,3	87,2		1,7	-1,3	-1,4	

Table 4 – Volume of electricity distributed in South Africa (gigawatt-hours)

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	18 007	17 978	16 673	16 932	17 069	16 030
Feb	16 830	16 821	15 370	16 138	15 559	15 082
Mar	18 527	18 416	17 600	17 506	17 257	16 745
Apr	18 083	17 719	16 280	17 323	16 848	* 16 036
May	19 377	18 907	17 443	18 313	18 262	17 539
Jun	19 058	18 851	18 247	18 889	18 172	17 667
Jul	20 089	18 826	18 252	19 552	18 684	
Aug	19 465	19 231	17 998	18 800	17 872	
Sep	18 240	16 871	16 663	17 723	16 331	
Oct	18 214	17 797	17 984	18 094	16 795	
Nov	17 726	17 291	16 897	17 426	16 079	
Dec	17 504	16 183	16 934	16 871	15 710	
Total	221 120	214 891	206 341	213 567	204 638	

* Revised.

Table 5 – Year-on-year percentage change in electricity distributed in South Africa

Month	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	-0,2	-7,3	1,6	0,8	-6,1	-6,1
Feb	-0,1	-8,6	5,0	-3,6	-3,1	-4,6
Mar	-0,6	-4,4	-0,5	-1,4	-3,0	-4,1
Apr	-2,0	-8,1	6,4	-2,7	-4,8	-4,3
May	-2,4	-7,7	5,0	-0,3	-4,0	-4,2
Jun	-1,1	-3,2	3,5	-3,8	-2,8	-3,9
Jul	-6,3	-3,0	7,1	-4,4		
Aug	-1,2	-6,4	4,5	-4,9		
Sep	-7,5	-1,2	6,4	-7,9		
Oct	-2,3	1,1	0,6	-7,2		
Nov	-2,5	-2,3	3,1	-7,7		
Dec	-7,5	4,6	-0,4	-6,9		
Total	-2,8	-4,0	3,5	-4,2		

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted volume of electricity distributed in South Africa

Month	Gigawatt-hours				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	17 203	17 475	17 637	16 546	2,1	-1,2	-0,4	0,3
Feb	16 780	17 617	17 024	16 488	-2,5	0,8	-3,5	-0,4
Mar	17 679	17 602	17 377	16 874	5,4	-0,1	2,1	2,3
Apr	16 783	17 909	17 486	16 627	-5,1	1,7	0,6	-1,5
May	16 835	17 677	17 613	16 923	0,3	-1,3	0,7	1,8
Jun	17 277	17 849	17 154	16 765	2,6	1,0	-2,6	-0,9
Jul	16 965	18 104	17 238		-1,8	1,4	0,5	
Aug	17 215	17 924	17 027		1,5	-1,0	-1,2	
Sep	16 929	18 008	16 589		-1,7	0,5	-2,6	
Oct	17 703	17 782	16 492		4,6	-1,3	-0,6	
Nov	17 274	17 818	16 428		-2,4	0,2	-0,4	
Dec	17 690	17 704	16 502		2,4	-0,6	0,5	

Table 7 – Volume of electricity by category (gigawatt-hours)

	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jun-26 year-on- year % change
Total - all producers						
Generated	16 839	18 111	* 17 138	18 642	18 904	-8,1
Inflow into South Africa	632	730	702	776	690	31,7
Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	1 246	1 363	1 312	1 434	1 459	-13,2
Outflow from South Africa	1 144	734	492	446	469	-62,3
Distributed in South Africa	15 082	16 745	* 16 036	17 539	17 667	-2,8
National electricity supplier						
Generated	14 265	15 599	14 617	16 311	16 315	-9,2
Inflow into South Africa	632	730	702	776	690	31,7
Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	1 192	1 303	1 241	1 367	1 372	-13,9
Outflow from South Africa	1 144	734	492	446	469	-62,3
Distributed in South Africa	12 561	14 292	13 586	15 275	15 164	-3,1

* Revised.

Table 8 – Year-to-date volume of electricity by category: year-on-year percentage change and difference

	Jan – Jun 2025 (GWh)	Jan – Jun 2026 (GWh)	% change between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026	Difference between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026 (GWh)
Total - all producers				
Generated	115 816	107 677	-7,0	-8 139
Inflow into South Africa	3 511	4 121	17,4	610
Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	9 098	8 163	-10,3	-935
Outflow from South Africa	7 062	4 540	-35,7	-2 522
Distributed in South Africa	103 167	99 099	-3,9	-4 068
National electricity supplier				
Generated	101 666	92 055	-9,5	-9 611
Inflow into South Africa	3 511	4 121	17,4	610
Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	8 636	7 752	-10,2	-884
Outflow from South Africa	7 062	4 540	-35,7	-2 522
Distributed in South Africa	89 479	83 885	-6,3	-5 594

Table 9 – Volume of electricity delivered to provinces (gigawatt-hours)

Province	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jun-26 year-on-year % change
Western Cape	1 568	1 703	1 581	1 632	1 639	-5,2
Eastern Cape	636	711	721	816	853	11,2
Northern Cape	380	422	332	355	344	-30,5
Free State	771	828	819	920	906	-2,5
KwaZulu-Natal	2 860	3 157	* 3 023	3 197	3 185	-1,1
North West	1 253	1 348	1 262	1 397	1 408	-6,8
Gauteng	3 781	4 305	4 222	4 854	4 997	-2,2
Mpumalanga	2 222	2 513	2 387	2 504	2 496	-1,5
Limpopo	1 269	1 387	1 359	1 464	1 449	-5,0
Total	14 739	16 373	* 15 705	17 135	17 275	-3,1

* Revised.

Explanatory notes

- Introduction**
- 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly survey covering enterprises in the electricity industry. This statistical release contains monthly information regarding the volume of electricity units:
 - generated and distributed in South Africa;
 - flowing into and out from South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders; and
 - delivered to provinces.
 Both unadjusted and seasonally adjusted figures are published.
 - 2 In accordance with international practice, the indices are usually re-based every five years to a new base year. The current base period of the index is 2019.
- Purpose of the survey**
- 3 The results of the monthly electricity 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**
- 4 This survey covers enterprises conducting activities concerned with the generation and/or distribution of electricity (excluding the distribution of purchased electric energy). It includes electrical power installations, which, as subsidiary divisions of enterprises, produce electricity for regular use by these enterprises.
- Classification**
- 5 The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (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 *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects the predominant activity. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC group (five-digit) level.
- Collection rate**
- 6 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on electricity generated and available for distribution for June 2026 was 100%. The revised collection rate for May 2026 was 100%.
- Statistical unit**
- 7 The statistical unit for the collection of information is an enterprise, defined as a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.
- Revised figures**
- 8 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New base year for electricity generated	Jan-85 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from respondents	Jan-27
Mar-27	Additional information from respondents	Feb-27
Apr-27	Additional information from respondents	Mar-27
May-27	Additional information from respondents	Apr-27
New base year in 2026/27 - periodic, approximately four- to five-year intervals		

- Rounding-off of figures**
- 9 Where figures have been rounded off, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and the totals.

- Historical data** 10 Historical electricity data are available on the Stats SA webpage. Click on the following link ([Time series data](#)) to access the data electronically.
- Past publications** 11 Past electricity releases are available on the Stats SA webpage. Click on the following link ([Past publications](#)) to access the releases electronically.

Technical notes

- Survey methodology and design** 1 All statistical units are stratified by type of economic activity according to the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC) and measure of size, where measure of size is the volume of electricity generated by the enterprise. All large enterprises (size group one) are completely enumerated. A sample is drawn from medium and small size enterprises by systematically selecting enterprises within each size category. An enterprise with a total generating capacity of less than 500 kilowatts is excluded from the sample.
- 2 The survey is conducted by email and telephone. Information is collected from a sample of 24 enterprises. As from September 2013, the national electricity supplier provided additional data for independent power producers (IPPs) that were not in the original sample of 24 enterprises. As from January 2015, the national electricity supplier provided additional data from IPPs involved in electricity wheeling.
- Monthly index of electricity generated** 3 The calculation of the monthly index of electricity generated is based on the volume of electricity units produced.
- Benchmarking** 4 The index of the volume of electricity generated should provide an accurate reflection of the trend of activities of the relevant industry. The level of activities, as measured by the monthly electricity survey, is based on information received from a sample of enterprises conducting activities concerned with the generation and/or distribution of electricity (excluding the distribution of purchased electric energy). These levels are weighted according to the original sample and designed to represent the population of enterprises conducting activities concerned with the generation and/or distribution of electricity.
- Seasonal adjustment** 5 Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month using the X-12 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the 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:
[Click to download Electricity seasonal adjustment February 2022.](#)
- Trend cycle** 6 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 to estimate the underlying trend cycle.
- Month-on-month percentage change** 7 The month-on-month percentage change in a variable for any given month is the change between that month and the previous month, expressed as a percentage of the latter.
- Year-on-year percentage change** 8 The year-on-year percentage change in a variable for any given period is the change between that period and the corresponding period of the previous year, expressed as a percentage of the latter.

Glossary

Electricity wheeling	Electricity wheeling refers to the process of transporting electricity from a generator to an end-user (customer) using an existing transmission or distribution network.	
Enterprise	The enterprise is a legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.	
Independent power producer	An independent power producer (IPP) is a private enterprise that generates electricity and sells it to the national electricity supplier or an end-user (customer).	
Index of the volume of electricity generated	A statistical measure of the change in the volume of electricity generated in a given period and the volume of electricity generated in the base period. The base period is 2019. The production in the base period is set at 100.	
Industry	An industry is made up of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the System of National Accounts (SNA) in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.	
Inflow into SA	Electricity flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.	
Outflow from SA	Electricity flowing from South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.	
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
	GWh	Gigawatt-hour
	IPPs	Independent Power Producers
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	SA	South Africa
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