About UKPIA

UKPIA represents the non-commercial interests of and speaks for eight companies involved in the UK downstream industry, whose activities cover refining, storage and distribution, and marketing of petroleum products.

Our members are:

- bp
- Phillips 66
- Essar
- Shell
- ExxonMobil
- Total
- Petroineos
- Valero

UKPIA Associate members are fully engaged in a number of critical subject areas, such as safety, transportation and logistics within the oil and gas industry.

Our associates are:

- Certas Energy
- Dragon LNG Energy
- Local Fuel
- National Grid
- Puma Energy
# Introduction and Overview

The refining and marketing sector is a major contributor to the UK’s economy.

There are six operational crude oil refineries in the UK and UKPIA members supply around 85% of the UK's oil product demand.

Petrol and diesel supply the vast majority of road transport energy requirements.

Overview of biofuels in transport.

A wide variety of fuels are produced by UK refineries.

Pre-tax petrol prices in the UK are consistently amongst the lowest in Europe.

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The number of filling stations in the UK has declined over the years. There are now around 8,422.

Emissions of carbon dioxide from road transport have reduced significantly when compared to overall increasing mileage.

The ‘Process Safety Performance Indicators for the Refining and Petrochemical Industries’ is one of the key objectives of UKPIA’s commitment to process safety.

The refining and marketing sector is one of the safest industries in the UK.

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All data is updated as far as possible. Where data is not available the most recent statistics have been used.

Statistical Review 2018
Introduction from the Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth

The downstream fuels sector has an historic role in underpinning economic prosperity in the UK, and as the UKPIA's latest Annual Statistical Review reminds us, oil still plays a major role in driving UK prosperity and will continue to do so in the coming years.

Downstream oil employs tens of thousands of people in highly skilled jobs across the country, and helps keep our businesses running. Undoubtedly, the decision to leave the European Union is an important one for the UK and will offer challenges for the sector. However, there will also be opportunities, and I am confident that you can and will make the most of them, and will continue to deliver fuels to consumers securely and affordably.

I want you to continue to work closely with Government to remove barriers you may face, and in that context, I welcome the positive relationship we have with the sector and UKPIA itself. This is a relationship that I gladly supported earlier this year at the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for the Oil Refining Sector and one which has been vital in developing the downstream oil measures we will look to deliver in this Parliament. I am certain working together we can produce real improvements to our supply chain resilience.

Looking ahead, I am encouraged that UKPIA and its members are positively engaged with the Government's Industrial Strategy to deliver a UK economy fit for the future. The Industrial Strategy is underpinned by a shift to clean energy and clean growth and there is a clear role for you to play. Refineries in the UK have already shown they can decarbonise production processes, with carbon emissions falling 24% between 1990 and 2014 and we need to build on this success.

The 2050 Roadmaps project identified CCUS and industrial waste heat recovery as the biggest opportunities to really help the downstream fuels sector to decarbonise further. The momentum on carbon capture usage and storage (CCUS) is really gaining traction both here in the UK and globally, and we recently set out our approaches to both CCUS and industrial waste heat recovery. As we continue to support their development, I hope that you will see this as an opportunity to put this sector at the vanguard of long term technological change.

This government remains committed to delivering dependable and secure energy as part of our modern Industrial Strategy and we look forward to working in partnership with you to deliver it, affordably, now, and in the transition to a low carbon future.

The Rt Hon Claire Perry MP
Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth
June 2018
Introduction from the President

I am delighted to be writing the President’s introduction to the UKPIA Statistical Review 2018.

The Review includes information and statistics about the downstream oil sector in the UK with commentaries and data on our six UK refineries, filling stations, road transport fuels, petrol and diesel prices, biofuels, safety and more. Special thanks go to our colleagues at the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and UKPIA’s members, whose collaboration is vital in the production of the Review. Within UKPIA, all members of the team come together to help create this report and I thank them all for their contribution.

For this year’s introduction, I would like to highlight two areas hugely important for the UK downstream oil sector.

Challenges. As society changes, our industry is continually presented with, and rises to, new challenges. In response, our sector continues to make significant investments to minimise the environmental impact of refining and to meet changes in product specifications. Recently, Government has laid down several future challenges through changes to the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligations which sets targets for biofuels to 2032 including the challenge to provide a quantity of, as yet unknown, development fuels. It has also indicated its intent to end the sale of all new conventional petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2040. Going forward, our sector will seek to adapt to these and other, new challenges. But how? We believe that innovation and skills will have a vital role to play in meeting current and future challenges.

Innovation & Skills. The oil refining industry is among the top three most innovative sectors in the EU and employs one of the largest percentages of highly skilled labour amongst manufacturing sectors. Relative to other sectors, for example, the downstream oil workforce is more highly qualified than the polymers, chemicals and medical technologies workforce.

To inspire the next generation of talent, this year our downstream oil sector will add its voice to the “Year of the Engineer” initiative, a campaign launched in response to an estimated shortfall of 20,000 engineering graduates a year in the UK. UKPIA will also participate in the International Women in Engineering Day (INWED) on 23rd June under the patronage of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

As we look to the challenges of the future, we have work to do to ensure that our sector can continue to provide the products demanded by society. Innovation and the right skills will put us in the best possible position to be able to do that.

John E. Davidson
June 2018
Processing Crude Oil in a Typical UK Refinery

Many refineries in the UK came on stream in the 1950s and 1960s. Since that time they have evolved to meet the growing demand for transport fuels and reducing demand for heating and power generation from oil. The composition of fuels has also changed over recent years to reduce the environmental impact of their use. In addition to transport fuels, refineries produce a wide variety of important feedstocks used in the manufacture of other products, such as petrochemicals, lubricating oils, solvents, bitumen and petroleum coke for aluminium smelting.

No two refineries are identical. They share common technology such as crude distillation, but each UK refinery takes a slightly different route to achieve the common goal of extracting maximum value from each barrel of crude oil processed.

Typical refinery process units

Refinery operations can be broken down into five main processes:
- Distillation which separates crude oil into different refinery streams
- Conversion and reforming which improve the quality of these streams and adjusts the yields to meet market demand
- Desulphurisation which reduces the sulphur in the streams to the required level
- Blending of the refinery streams to produce the final products meeting current regulations and specifications
- Waste treatment ensures that all waste meets current regulations and standards

Distillation

The starting point for all refinery operations is the crude distillation unit (CDU). Crude oil is boiled in a distillation column, which separates the crude down into fractions with different boiling points. The crude oil enters the column near the bottom and is heated to around 380°C. The lighter fractions are vaporised and rise up the column. As they rise, they are cooled by a downward flow of liquid and condense at different boiling points. This enables fractions with different boiling points to be drawn off at different levels in the column. These fractions range from lighter, low boiling point gases such as propane and butane to heavier, higher boiling point diesel and gas oil. They are then sent on to other refinery units for further processing. What is left over at the bottom of the column is a liquid residue, which requires further processing to be turned into more valuable, lighter products or blending components. This residue is first sent to a second stage of fractional distillation in the vacuum distillation unit (VDU). This unit performs the distillation under reduced pressure which allows the distillation of the crude residue at lower temperatures.
Using the same approach as before the VDU separates into different components from gas oil to a heavy liquid residue.

The streams from the CDU and VDU are then processed further by the remaining refinery units to provide the high quality products that consumers expect and that comply with all relevant legislation.

**Conversion, Reforming, Desulphurisation and Blending of Different Streams**

Distillation does not produce enough of the lighter, more valuable products such as petrol that the market wants. Therefore conversion units, eg fluidised catalytic cracking (FCC), are used to process some of the streams from the vacuum distillation column with the aim of turning the heavy components into lighter transport fuels. Reforming units are used to upgrade the octane number of the petrol components produced from the CDU.

Desulphurisation units are then used to remove sulphur from the products. This enables the products to meet today’s tighter fuel specifications. Extra desulphurisation will be required to allow the refinery additional flexibility to process higher sulphur ‘sourer’ crude oils. Reliance on low sulphur crude oils alone limits the flexibility of a refinery.

**Main Products**

**LPG** (liquified petroleum gas) is produced by compressing and cooling gas from the crude distillation unit and the FCC unit.

**Petrol** streams from the distillation process are cleaned in the unifiner. This unit strips out excess sulphur and nitrogen compounds as hydrogen sulphide and ammonia.

The streams are then sent on to the catalytic reformer and isomer units for processing to raise the octane number of the petrol by modifying its molecular structure. The reformer produces a large amount of hydrogen as a by-product, and this is recycled for use in desulphurisation (hydrotreater) units.

Finally the petrol streams from the reformer, fluidised catalytic cracking unit, the isomerisation unit and the alkylation unit are blended to meet fuel specifications and current regulations.

**Jet fuel / kerosene** streams from distillation are cleaned in the merox unit. This uses a caustic wash and additives to remove sulphur compounds and to inhibit gum formation.

**Diesel / heating** oil streams are processed in the hydrotreater, which removes sulphur and other unwanted compounds using hydrogen and a catalyst. The hydrotreater (desulphuriser) is supplied with recycled hydrogen from other process units such as the reformer. The diesel/heating oil streams are separately blended to meet fuel specifications and current regulations.

The lighter **fuel oil** streams from the VDU are processed in the FCC unit whilst the heavier residues from the VDU can be processed in the visbreaker.

In the FCC unit, heavy oils are reacted at high temperature with a catalyst which breaks the heavy fractions into more valuable lighter products. The gaseous and petrol components are then cleaned in a merox unit and some of the gaseous is converted in an isomerisation or alkylation unit into high octane petrol blending components. The FCC’s products are blended into petrol, gaseous, diesel/gas oil and fuel oil product streams.

In the visbreaker, the heavy fractions are held at high temperature until they become less viscous. This stream is then blended into other fuel oil product streams.

The **fuel oil** components from the different units are then blended to give fuel oil meeting current regulations and specifications.

**Desulphurisation and Waste Treatment**

The sulphur recovery unit takes waste hydrogen sulphide from the units which remove sulphur from product streams. The hydrogen sulphide is then reacted with oxygen to give solid elemental sulphur and water vapour. After treatment, this sulphur is sold to other process industries.

All other waste streams are treated according to the current regulations.
Refineries in the UK

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Over the years, the refining sector has sought to minimise its impacts upon the environment and improvements continue to be made to reduce emissions.

Section 2 covers refining in more detail, with key figures on production, changing product demand and refinery emissions.

Distribution of Products

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CLH-PS acquired the Government Pipeline and Storage System (GPSS) in 2015.
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CLH-PS PIPELINE NETWORK

Privately owned oil pipelines in England and Wales

Product Distribution

The UK has a number of oil-company and independently-owned terminal facilities, linked either by pipeline, rail or road. Around a half of all terminals are supplied by pipelines, 15% by rail and around a third by sea.

The south of the country heavily relies on pipelines that connect Fawley, Thames Oilport, Stanlow and Pembroke, with distribution terminals serving major demand centres. The north tends to be more dependent on road transport with large road terminals at Stanlow and on the Humber. Scotland is dependent on supplies from Grangemouth and Northern Ireland on imports delivered to the Belfast port.
The UK refining industry is one of the largest in Europe, comprising 6 operating refineries, 50 terminals and an extensive pipeline network carrying over 30 million tonnes of fuel each year.

The sector has undergone a number of changes over the years. During the ‘70s and ‘80s, refiners moved from atmospheric distillation towards the production of gasoline and distillate to take advantage of the changing economic and legislative landscape. More recently, refiners have had to increasingly adapt and focus on reducing emissions due to a growing number of environmental legislation and tighter fuel specifications, as well as changing consumer needs with the growth of diesel demand partly driven by fiscal policy. Increased environmental and energy policy reforms, as well as taxes, have continued to squeeze the sector, with rates of return over a five-year period remaining low.

The oil refining and marketing sector plays an important role in the UK’s economy and growth, sourcing around 85% of total inland UK fuel demand – fuels used for air, passenger car, road and rail transport, domestic and commercial heating and by the manufacturing sector. Today, our industry collects over £36 billion in fuel duty and VAT each year, which contributes to around 5% of the Exchequer’s total receipts.

### Average Return on Capital Employed

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- The return on capital employed between 2012-2016 was around 9% for UKPIA members
- Over the same time period, the average return on capital employed for three other comparable industries was approximately 13%, with manufacturing at 9.5%, services just over 16% and upstream at 13%
- Service industries include communications, hotels, catering, distribution, transport and storage

### Duty from Road Fuels

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- The 2018 Budget estimates fuel duty receipts for 2017/18 at around £28 billion
- In addition to the duty on road fuels, around £9 billion was collected as VAT
- This combined figure is around 4.5% of total public sector current receipts and would cover over 24% of the public sector’s total spending on health or 78% of the country’s total spending on defence

Source: UKPIA / ONS

Source: HMT / HMRC
1.3 Refining and Marketing Direct Employment

- The refining and marketing industry is an important employer in the UK, with approximately 6,700 people directly employed by UKPIA members in 2016.

1.4 UKPIA Share of Inland Consumption

- In 2016, around 85% of inland oil consumption in the UK was sourced by UKPIA member companies.
- This provided vital energy resilience and security of supply, along with the provision of high quality fuels at competitive prices.
- The UK has consistently some of the lowest pre-tax prices for diesel and petrol in Europe.

1.5 Gross Sales

- In 2016, gross sales by UKPIA member companies was just over £56 billion, including duty.
- The graph reflects the value of oil during each year.

1.6 Annual Oil Trade

- Oil product demand growth is one of the key indicators to an economy’s health, and reflects loosely both cyclical and growth trends.
- The impact of the 2008 credit-crisis can be clearly seen from the GDP and product demand growth curve; they indicate a deep recession in 2008 and another downward trend in 2012.
- As the economic recovery started to pick up, product demand rose from 2013 and peaked in 2015, also aided by oil price changes.

Source: UKPIA

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Source: BEIS / ONS
1. Economic Contribution and Refinery Economics

1.7 Contribution to Balance of Payments

- The graph illustrates the net value of imports and exports of refined petroleum products.
- Oil refining has historically been a major contributor to the UK’s balance of payments.
- Even though the UK became a net importer of crude oil in 2005, it remained a net exporter of refined petroleum products. The UK became a net importer of refined petroleum products in 2013.
- Compounded by the growing demand for diesel and jet fuel and the closure of two refineries since 2012, the UK has become increasingly reliant on large-scale imports for those products.
- Exported oil products, on the other hand, are heavily dependent on international markets. The UK remains a net exporter of motor spirit.
- Oil products will remain central to the nation’s energy needs for decades to come, alongside a developing role for alternative fuels and energy sources.

Source: BEIS

1.8 Regional Refining Margins

- The refining margin is the difference between cost of crude purchased and value of product sales. This element is needed to cover fixed costs of operator and maintenance, as well as to remunerate capital.
- The underlying trend for European refining margins over the last decade has been cyclical.
- The Total European Refining Margin Indicator (ERMI) is an indicator intended to represent the margin after variable costs for a hypothetical complex refinery located in Northern Europe that processes a mix of crude oil and other inputs commonly supplied to this region to produce and market the main refined products at prevailing prices in this region.

Source: Total Ltd. “European Refining Margin Indicator” (ERMI)
2. Refineries

There are six major crude oil refineries operating in the UK, situated around the coast for ease of crude tanker access. Onwards distribution is achieved via an extensive pipeline system plus road, rail and sea transport.

Around 71% of the UK’s crude feedstock is low sulphur crude from the North Sea, of which 18% from the UK Continental Shelf*. Europe remains the largest region from which the UK imports crude oil, with Norway continuing to be the single largest source at 53% of total imports.

The majority of oil products processed at UK refineries is consumed in the UK. Demand for petroleum products grew in 2017 to 69 million tonnes, a slight increase from the previous year. UK refinery production fell to just over 60 million tonnes of product, down 20% from 2011, principally owing to production losses from the closure of the Coryton refinery in 2012 and the Milford Haven refinery in 2014 and capacity reductions. This has meant that the total volume of petroleum products imported into the UK is increasingly higher than the volume exported. The UK became a net importer of petroleum products in 2013, making it a net importer of all fossil fuels for the first time.

*BEIS – 2016 data

2.1 UK Refineries

- There are six major crude oil refineries operating in the UK which supply the bulk of the inland market demand for petroleum products
- The refineries are situated around the coast and most are connected to pipelines for product distribution

2.2 Number of Refineries

- The number of major oil refineries in the UK has fallen from a high of 19 in 1975 to 6 currently in operation
- There are two smaller speciality refineries in the UK producing bitumen and other specialised fuels
- Two refineries have closed since 2012. The Petroplus Coryton refinery closed in June 2012 and the Murco Milford Haven refinery ceased operation in December 2014

Source: UKPIA
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Since the refinery closures in 1997, 1999, 2009, and most recently in 2012 and 2014, UK refining throughput has fallen from a peak of 97 million tonnes of crude oil in the late ’90s to 60 million tonnes in 2017.

Over the past 8 years, UK refining throughput has been on a downward trend, partly due to the economic recession, as well as refinery closures and capacity reductions.

Throughput depends on product demand, capacity and other factors, such as timing of maintenance shutdowns.

The capacity utilisation rate is the proportion of total production capacity which is actually being utilised over a specific period of time.

Crude oil capacity utilisation rate is equal to crude oil processed, divided by primary distillation capacity.

UK refineries in 2016 had a combined utilisation rate of 90%.
Following years as a net exporter of crude oil, the UK became a net oil importer in 2005. Production from UK oil fields peaked in the late 1990s and has generally declined over the past several years. However, output from the UKCS rose in 2014 and 2015. Much of the increase is attributable to new fields coming online.

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**UK Net Product Flows**

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**Destination of Oil Products**

The majority of oil products processed at UK refineries is consumed in the UK market – approximately 62%.

The total volume of petroleum products imported into the UK is increasing more than the volume exported. The UK became a net importer of petroleum products in 2013, making it a net importer of all fossil fuels for the first time. However, petroleum product imports in 2017 decreased slightly compared to the previous year.

The EU and US are the main destination for UK oil product exports. The US, in particular, represents a considerable portion of UK’s excess petrol exports.

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2.10 Annual Oil Trade

The chart illustrates UK’s annual trade; imports and exports of crude oil and petroleum products.

The negative imbalance in trade from 2006 has largely been a result of increased imports and a decrease in exports of crude oil; a consequence of depletion of the UK continental shelf.

The petroleum products’ balance has also shifted. A growing demand for diesel and aviation fuel has led to an increase in imports for these fuels, whilst exports of fuel oil have declined and exports of petrol have increased.

Source: BEIS

2.11 Products Produced

- UK refineries are configured to meet historically higher demand for petrol and fuel oil.
- As a result of a reducing demand of these products, refineries now produce an excess of petrol and fuel oil and are in deficit in others, such as jet fuel and diesel.
- Changing refinery production to meet demand will require major investment.

Source: BEIS (provisional data)

2.12 Product Demand

- The majority of oil product demand comes from the transport sector.
- UK refineries do not produce enough jet fuel or diesel. Consequently, these are increasingly supplemented by imports to meet demand.

Source: BEIS (provisional data)

2.13 Changes in Refinery Production

- The major change in refinery production over the last forty years has been a significant reduction in the quantity of fuel oil produced.
- Middle distillate (gas oil/diesel and jet) production share, at about 54%, is higher than ever before, whilst the production share of fuel oil has greatly reduced.

Source: BEIS
• The major change in product demand since 1979 has been the decline of the fuel oil market - natural gas replacing fuel oil for power generation and gas oil for space heating - and the growth of transport fuels.

• Since 1990 demand for petrol has halved, whilst jet fuel has seen demand rise by over 79%.

• Overall demand has grown slightly in the past three years, following a downward trend over the previous eight years, linked in part to the economic crisis which affected nearly all categories of oil product consumption, except diesel which has remained virtually flat.

Refinery NO\textsubscript{X} emissions declined by around 45% between 2005 and 2016, largely due to capacity reduction (including 3 refinery closures), fuel switching in refinery combustion plants and investment in low- and ultra-low NO\textsubscript{X} burners.

Refineries release SO\textsubscript{2} from process units and the combustion of refinery fuels containing sulphur in furnaces and boilers (large combustion plants, LCPs).

Refinery SO\textsubscript{2} emissions declined by over 63% between 2005 (the baseline year for the National Emissions Ceiling Directive) and 2016.

This reduction has been achieved through capacity reduction, fuel switching (heavy fuel oil to gas) and investment in gas-fired CHP power generation and additional sulphur recovery.

Refineries contribute around 2.5% of the UK’s CO\textsubscript{2} emissions and are subject to regulation under the EU Emissions Trading Scheme.

Although it takes more energy to both manufacture low sulphur fuels and upgrade fuel oil to distillate, refinery CO\textsubscript{2} emissions continue to decrease as a result of refinery closures and investment in improved energy efficiency (including CHP power generation).
Non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC) are produced from the evaporation of oil products.

The historical data shows a marked and continuing downward trend in downstream NMVOC emissions.

The reduction in NMVOC emissions has been achieved following investment in improved sealing and vapour recovery equipment at storage and loading/unloading facilities and at many of the higher throughput filling stations.
3. Road Transport Fuels

Although there was a reduction in overall transport fuel demand during the severe economic downturn that began in 2008, road fuel sales have recovered slightly over the past four years.

Demand for diesel fuel has risen steadily over the past thirty years due to a fiscally driven dieselisation of the private car fleet and an increased growth in commercial transport. Diesel demand reached 29.7 billion litres in 2017, accounting for 65% of total road fuel sales.

 Unlike the rest of Europe, the UK has been comparatively late to the dieselisation process; in 2004, petrol sales were 4 billion litres greater than those of diesel, whilst annual registration of new diesel vehicles was still only one third of the total vehicle fleet. This relatively slow uptake is partly a result of the lack of any tax advantage for diesel which, in the UK, is taxed at the same rate as petrol. Nevertheless, with the advances achieved in diesel engine performance leading to improved fuel efficiency relative to petrol, combined with changes in company car personal tax policy and VED rates, consumers in recent years increasingly favoured diesel cars. 2017, however, saw demand for diesel cars reduce by 17.1% while demand for petrol cars grew by 2.7% compared to the previous year. 42% of newly registered cars were diesel and 53.3% petrol, the balance being made up of LPG, other gas and EVs.

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3.2 Road Fuel Sales

- Whilst total road fuel sales have remained virtually flat, demand dropped by 11% between 2007 and 2014 due to a combination of higher prices - driven by the cost of crude oil - and the economic recession.
- Since then, road fuel sales have grown at an annual average rate of 1.4%.
- In 2017, diesel demand grew by around 1%, while petrol demand remained virtually flat compared to the previous year.
- Diesel currently accounts for over 65% of total road fuel sales.

Source: DfT
Source: BEIS
• Sales of petrol have been falling since reaching a peak of 33 billion litres - equivalent to 73% market share - in 1990
• Today, sales of petrol have fallen to 16.1 billion litres
• During the economic downturn, the average annual decline rate doubled to over 5% per annum, but it has slowed since then

• Sales of road diesel have been increasing steadily, with demand reaching 29.7 billion litres in 2017
• Barring a short decline in 2008 and 2009, diesel has seen an average annual growth rate of 4% in the last three decades

• The level of sulphur in road fuels is limited by the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD) 2009/30/EC
• Since the start of 2009, all UK petrol has been sulphur-free (10ppm or less)
### 3.7 Sales of LPG for Transport

- As well as petrol and diesel, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is used as a road fuel in the UK.
- Sales of LPG rose rapidly between 2000 and 2006 based on a favourable duty incentive, a conversion grant scheme and favourable treatment under the London Congestion Charge.
- Sales of LPG have declined from a peak of 248 million litres in 2006 to 120 million litres in 2017.

### 3.8 UK New Car Registrations

- 2.5 million new cars were registered in 2017, down 5.6% compared to the previous year.
- Petrol and diesel cars continue to be by far the most popular fuel types, with diesel fuelled vehicles commanding 42% of market share and petrol vehicles 53.3%. The balance is made up of LPG, other gas and electric vehicles (EVs).

### 3.9 UK Car Parc

- There are 32.16 million cars on the road in the United Kingdom.
- In 2017, the overall car parc was made up of 58.8% petrol cars, 39.6% diesel cars and the balance being LPG, other gas and EVs.
4. Biofuels

The European Biofuels Directive (2003) first set EU Member States a target of 5.75% energy used in transport by 2010. This was followed by the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) (2009/28/EC) which requires Member States to meet 10% of transport energy from renewable sources by 2020. Under the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD) 2009/30/EC fuel suppliers are required to reduce the carbon intensity of transport fuels by 6% in 2020, when compared to a 2010 baseline. In 2015, the European Commission amended both the RED and FQD to cap the volumes of biofuel produced from crops and cereals, due to concerns about indirect land use change (ILUC). These amendments were transposed to UK national law in 2018.

The UK’s 2007 Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation Order (RTFO) was amended in December 2011 to transpose the transport elements of the RED and allow only biofuels that meet the RED carbon and sustainability criteria to count toward the obligation. It was extended in 2013 to include fuel consumed by Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM) and was amended again in 2018.

Around one-quarter of the UK’s greenhouse gas emissions come from the transport sector and the transition to a low carbon model has been particularly challenging. An enormous amount of work has been undertaken by the downstream oil industry to ensure that the Government’s targets are met under the RTFO and that fuel quality standards are maintained.

### 4.1 RTFO Targets

- The RTFO was introduced in April 2008, with an original target of 5% biofuel content (by volume) in road fuels by 2010/11
- This was revised due to sustainability concerns. The targets for the biofuel content of road fuels were 4.5% for 2012/13, and 4.75% for 2013/14 and 2014/15
- From April 2013, the RTFO included NRMM in the obligation
- Between April 2013 – April 2018, the target remained at 4.75% volume
- For the period between April – December 2018, the target increases to 7.25% volume
- Thereafter, the obligation continues on an annual basis, increasing to 12.4% in 2032

### 4.2 Bioethanol Consumption

- Between January 2005 and March 2010, the Government introduced a 20 pence per litre duty reduction on bioethanol, which was removed in 2010
- In 2016/17, UK bioethanol consumption stood at 758 million litres, which represents around 4.4% of all petrol sales by volume
- There are other renewable fuels which can be blended into petrol that obligated companies may use to meet their targets, such as methanol
- The buy-out price in the RTFO is set at 30 pence per litre
4.3 Biodiesel Consumption

- Between July 2002 and March 2010, the Government introduced a 20 pence per litre duty reduction on biodiesel, which was removed in 2010.

- In 2012/13, UK biodiesel consumption fell to around 520 million litres from the previous year’s 998 million litres as a result of fuels derived from waste feedstocks, which are double counting, being used to fulfill the RTFO obligation.

- Consumption increased again in 2013/14 and 2014/15. It fell to 688 million litres in 2015/16 and rose slightly in 2016/17 to 697 million litres, representing around 2.3% of total diesel sales by volume.

- The buy-out price in the RTFO is set at 30 pence per litre.

Source: HMRC

4.4 UK Progress towards RTFO Targets

- The UK added 2.6% of biofuels during the first year of the RTFO (2008/09), exceeding the target of 2.5%.

- In the 2011/2012 period, biofuel use increased to 3.6% of total road transport but fell below 3% the following year, as a result of fuels derived from waste now double counting.

- In the last accounting period (2016/17), volumes reached an average of around 3% volume, when averaged over all obligated fuels.

Source: HMRC

4.5 Duty Differentials and Buy Out for Biofuels

- A duty differential of 20 pence per litre had been in place for biodiesel since 2002 and for bioethanol since 2005.

- A ‘buy-out’ price for the RTFO was introduced at 15 pence per litre in 2008/09, giving a combined incentive of 35 pence per litre.

- The duty differential was removed in 2010*, with the buy-out price set at 30 pence per litre.

- The buy-out price is an alternative compliance mechanism in case the fuel supplier is unable to add the full volume of biofuel, required by the RTFO, to the final blend.

* Except for cooking oil where the duty differential of 20 pence per litre remained until April 2012.

Source: HMT

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**Biofuels**

- Duty Differentials and Buy Out for Biofuels
- Biodiesel Consumption
- UK Progress towards RTFO Targets
4.6 Sources of Biofuels used in the UK

- Just over one-quarter of biofuels used in the UK are domestically produced
- The second single largest source of biofuels is from France
- Ethanol is mostly sourced from sugar beet, wheat and sugarcane
- Biodiesel is mostly sourced from used cooking oil

4.7 Type of Biofuels used in the UK

- Of all the biofuel used in the UK for the year 15 April 2016 to 14 April 2017 (year 9), 49.2% was bioethanol (used in petrol), nearly 4% was biomethanol (also used in petrol), and the remainder was biodiesel, which was FAME (Fatty Acid Methyl Esters) used in diesel and NRMM fuel
- 0.3% of other fuel used was biogas, HVO and off road biodiesel
5. Other Products

A wide range of products are produced from crude oil, ranging from transport and domestic/industrial fuels to chemical feedstocks. Over time, refinery configurations have developed to increase the quantities of high value transport fuels that can be produced. In contrast, the domestic/industrial markets for other fuels have altered markedly over the last twenty years as sales of fuel oil and gas oil have reduced, being displaced in power generation and industrial applications by natural gas.

5.1 Refining Production

- Refineries produce naphtha, LPG, road fuels, kerosene, jet fuel, heating oil, diesel, gas oil, fuel oil, bitumen and other products such as chemical feedstocks
- The current trend of production is away from heating fuels (fuel and gas oils) and towards transport fuels (petrol, diesel and jet fuel)

5.2 Fuel Oil Deliveries

- The market for fuel oil has reduced significantly since the 1970s – rising only briefly in 1984 due to the miners’ strike
- The decline in demand is mainly due to a switch to other fuels, such as natural gas, by electricity generators

5.3 Gas Oil Deliveries

- The UK demand for gas oil has fallen since the 1970s to about 5 million tonnes
- The reduction in demand is mainly due to fuel switching to natural gas for power generation
- Since 2011, all gas oil delivered for Non Road Mobile Machinery (NRMNM) is sulphur-free (10ppm or less). Fuel for heating use and stationary engines remains at 1000ppm sulphur
5. Other Products

5.4 Kerosene Deliveries

- Kerosene (also called burning oil) is used as fuel for domestic and industrial heating, and sales are typically higher during the winter.
- Inland sales of kerosene have been declining in recent years.
- Deliveries in 2017 fell slightly from the previous year but remain at just over 3 million tonnes.
- Since 2008, the maximum allowable sulphur level in kerosene is limited to 1000ppm.

Source: BEIS

5.5 Aviation Fuel Deliveries

- Aviation turbine kerosene is used in jet engines.
- Sales of AVTUR rose steadily since the 1970s but remain 7% down on the 2006 peak.
- Demand has been consistent in recent years between 11 and 12 million tonnes.
- This is mainly due to increased engine efficiencies, which have meant that less fuel has been needed.

Source: BEIS

5.6 Bitumen Deliveries

- Demand for bitumen has declined to 1.4 million tonnes/p.a.
- Bitumen is produced from some of the heaviest fractions of crude oil and is mainly used for road surfacing and roofing.

Source: BEIS
6. Petrol Prices

As a result of the UK’s competitive road fuels retail market and efficient distribution facilities, the pre-tax price of major brand petrol in the UK is consistently amongst the lowest in Europe. However, despite this competition, the price paid by consumers at the pump is one of the highest in Europe, due to the higher levels of duty applied by the Government. The retail/ex-refinery price spread on average has been around 7 pence per litre on petrol for most of the last decade.

It should also be noted that data hides variations between remote rural regions and urban areas, in part due to higher transportations costs. The government sought to address this by setting up a pilot scheme to provide a 5 pence per litre fuel rebate for very remote areas. The scheme launched on 1st March 2012 with more than 90 businesses in the Inner & Outer Hebrides, Northern Isles, Islands in the Clyde and Isles of Scilly taking part.

The Rural Fuel Rebate was approved by the European Union in March 2015 – with effect from 31st May 2015 – and residents across 17 of the UK’s most rural areas with the highest fuel prices now benefit from a 5 pence per litre fuel price cut.

### 6.1 Petrol Pump Price

#### UK Petrol Pump Price Breakdown

- The price of petrol at the pump has steadily increased over the last 20 years with the exception of some spikes and a most recent fall
- Crude oil prices increased in 2017 but remained below 2014 averages
- Consistent growth until late 2013 was due in part to the general rise in crude prices, reflecting increased global demand and regular increases in duty from 2006 up until 2011
- Petrol pump prices increased on average by 8% in 2017 compared to the previous year

*The price of petrol is in money of the day
Source: Wood Mackenzie

### 6.2 Average Contribution to Pump Prices

#### Average Contribution to Pump Prices 2017

- Duty and VAT are the main components of the pump price of petrol in the UK, making up two thirds of the total
- VAT increased to 20% in January 2011 after a temporary cut to 15% in 2008 and increase to 17.5% in 2010
- Duty was charged at 57.95 pence in 2017
- The average retail/ex-refinery price spread for 2017 was around 7 pence per litre

Source: Wood Mackenzie

*The price of petrol is in money of the day
Source: Wood Mackenzie
### 6.3 European Pre-Tax Pump Prices

**Pre-Tax Pump Prices of Unleaded Petrol 2017**

Source: Wood Mackenzie / BEIS

- In 2017, the UK pre-tax price of major brands of unleaded petrol was the lowest in Europe at 40.30 pence per litre, whilst the average of the 15 major EU countries was around 45 pence by comparison.
- The low pre-tax price is a result of strong competition among retailers and an efficient fuel distribution network.

### 6.4 European Pump Prices

**Pump Prices of Unleaded Petrol 2017**

Source: Wood Mackenzie / BEIS

- Whilst the UK pre-tax price of major brands of unleaded petrol was again the lowest compared to 15 major EU countries, the price paid at the pump by UK consumers was considerably higher due to the levels of fuel duty. Duty and VAT in 2017 amounted, on average, to a little over 77 pence per litre.

### 6.5 Pre-Tax Unleaded Petrol and Crude Prices

**Pre-Tax Unleaded Petrol and Crude Prices**

Source: Wood Mackenzie

- The pre-tax price of petrol trends with the price of crude oil.
- The effect of crude prices on the final pump price is lessened by the high levels of fuel duty.
- The £/$ exchange has a significant influence on fuel prices.

### 6.6 Fuel Price and Tax Comparison

**Fuel Price and Tax Comparison**

Source: Wood Mackenzie / ONS

- The graph shows the trend of the pre-tax price of diesel since 1990. It has increased and decreased following the trend of the crude oil.
- Duty and VAT steadily increased relative to 1990 levels throughout the '90s, until they were effectively frozen following protests in September 2000.
- Duty and VAT have recently risen again and continue to show a greater increase over the past 18 years than the pre-tax price. 2010 saw the largest growth since 1999.
- Since 2013, fuel duty has been effectively frozen, with VAT only increasing the tax curve.
7. Diesel Prices

The UK road fuels market is highly competitive and distribution facilities are efficient; consequently, the pre-tax price of major brand diesel in the UK is consistently amongst the lowest in Europe. Despite this competition, diesel prices at the pump remain some of the highest in Europe, with a much larger share of the price taken up by tax compared to other European markets.

The UK, unlike other European markets, does not tax diesel at a lower rate than petrol. This results in diesel prices being slightly higher compared to petrol – driven by the market. However, diesel demand has continued to gain market share since the late ‘90s and grew by 1.1% in 2017 compared to 2016.

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7.1 Diesel Pump Price

UK Diesel Pump Price Breakdown

- The price of diesel at the pump has steadily increased over the last 20 years, with the exception of some spikes in 2008 and 2011 (as a direct consequence of crude oil prices reaching record levels and duty/VAT increasing sharply)
- The most recent fall was a result of crude oil prices falling from mid-2014 to 2016
- Crude oil prices rallied a little in 2017 but remained below 2014 averages
- In 2017 diesel pump prices increased on average 9% compared to 2016

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7.2 Average Contribution to Pump Prices

Average Contribution to Pump Prices 2017

- In 2017 duty and VAT represented 65% of the pump price of diesel in the UK
- The retail/ex-refinery price spread was a little over 7 pence per litre
- From this, the oil company and retailer must cover all site, distribution and storage expenses
7.3 European Pre-Tax Pump Prices

- In 2017, the UK once again had one of the lowest pre-tax diesel prices in the EU; about 5 pence lower compared to the average.
- The low UK pre-tax price is a result of strong competition amongst retailers and an efficient fuel distribution network.

Source: Wood Mackenzie / BEIS

7.4 European Pump Prices

- The final pump price of major brand diesel in the UK was among the highest compared to other major European countries in 2017, reflecting the high level of duty paid on fuel in the UK.
- The UK is the only major European country to apply the same duty rate to diesel and petrol.
- The rate of duty on diesel is lower than that on petrol in all European countries except for the UK and Switzerland.

Source: Wood Mackenzie / BEIS

7.5 Pre-Tax Diesel and Crude Prices

- The pre-tax price of diesel trends with the price of crude oil.
- The £/$ exchange is a key factor in determining fuel prices.

Source: Wood Mackenzie

7.6 Fuel Price and Tax Comparison

- The graph shows the trend of the pre-tax price of diesel since 1990. It has increased and decreased following the trend of the crude oil.
- Duty and VAT have steadily increased relative to 1990 levels throughout the ’90s, until they were effectively frozen in September 2000 and again in 2012.
- Duty was again increased from December 2006 through to the end of 2011, whilst VAT was briefly lowered to 15% in 2009 but increased to 20% in 2011; this explains the slightly higher gradient in duty and VAT from 2006, as shown in the chart.

Source: Wood Mackenzie / ONS
Over the last forty or more years, the number of filling stations in the UK has reduced from over 30,000 in 1973 to 8,422 at the end of 2017. In the last twenty years, on average around 300 filling stations have closed each year due to strong competition between fuel retailers and the increasing costs of compliance with environmental regulation. This has favoured large service stations with lower overheads per litre sold. As a result, many smaller filling stations have become economically unviable.

However, closure rates have tapered off in the last four years and the long-term trend of declining numbers of forecourts in the UK appears to have stabilised.

In 2017, hypermarkets accounted for just under 45% of total market share by volume, despite only owning about 18% of all petrol stations in the UK. Oil companies accounted for approximately 18% market share by volume with ownership of around 15% of all petrol stations.

- At the end of 2017 there were 8,422 filling stations in the UK
- The number of filling stations is now less than a third than in the 1970s
- Over the past twenty years, the number of sites has been falling at an average rate of 300 per year. However, the long-term trend of declining numbers of forecourts in the UK appears to have stabilised in the past three to four years

### 8.1 Number of Sites

#### Total Sites

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Source: Energy Institute until 2005; Catalist onwards

### 8.2 Ownership of Sites

#### Ownership of Sites

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Source: Energy Institute until 2005; Catalist onwards

- Many filling stations owned and operated by both oil companies and independent retailers have closed due to fierce competition and low profits
- The number of supermarket sites has been increasing at a rate of 3% p/y in the past 10 years
- Independent sites still account for the majority of petrol stations, at around 66% of the total number, but just over 37% of sales volume
- In the last few years several oil majors have exited the UK retail market
Throughput per Site

- The average throughput of all filling stations has risen over the years to a little over 6 million litres per year. However, there is a huge disparity in throughput between independent and supermarket sites.
- The average supermarket site’s throughput is currently around 10.4 million litres per year whilst independent sites average just over 2.4 million litres.

Access to Filling Stations 2016

- The number of filling stations per capita is highest in Northern Ireland with around 307 filling stations per million relative to England with 117 per million.
- Over the last few years, the number of filling stations has decreased in all regions, albeit at a slower rate than in the past.
- See UKPIA briefing paper – ‘Fuel Supply to Rural Filling Stations’ for more information.
9. Air Quality

Since 1990 road fuels and vehicles have become significantly cleaner, resulting in much lower exhaust emissions despite a continued increase in traffic levels.

### 9.1 Vehicular Emissions

**Relative Vehicular Emissions of Pollutants - 1990 base**

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<td>PM</td>
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*Source: DEFRA*

- Emissions of all exhaust gas pollutants have been significantly reduced from 1990 levels
- The largest reduction has been made for SO2 through the introduction of zero sulphur petrol and diesel (the move to zero sulphur fuels for off-road machinery vehicles was introduced in 2011)

*2015 was the latest available data at time of print*

### 9.2 Air Pollution

**Number of Days when Air Pollution is Moderate or Higher**

- Air pollution in urban areas has fluctuated over time but there has been a general long-term decline in high air pollution days at both urban and rural monitoring sites
- Days of moderate or higher air pollution for urban areas have shown a clear downward trend
- The variability of weather from year to year plays an important role; for example, the hot summers of 2003 and 2006 resulted in high pollution levels mainly caused by ozone, some associated with transboundary sources. The comparatively cooler summers in 2007, 2010 and 2012 ensured air pollution reverted to low levels

### 9.3 Road Transport 1,3-Butadiene Emissions

**Road Transport 1,3-Butadiene Emissions**

- Emissions of 1,3-butadiene have reduced by 95% since 1990

*Source: DEFRA*
9.4 Sources of PM$_{10}$

- In 2015, road transport accounted for 14% of the UK’s primary emissions of particulate matter.
- The residential sector accounted for 31% of particulate matter emissions.
- About 55% of emissions were produced by other sources, including industry and power generation.
- Ambient levels of PM$_{10}$ include fine particles from primary (around a third), secondary and other sources.

Source: DEFRA

9.5 Road Transport PM$_{10}$ Emissions

- Emissions of particulate matter (PM$_{10}$) from road transport peaked in 1996 at 41 thousand tonnes.
- They have since declined by roughly 50%, due to tighter standards for vehicular emissions and the move to ‘sulphur free’ road fuels.

Source: DEFRA

9.6 Sources of NO$_x$

- Nitrogen oxides (NO$_x$) are mainly formed as a by-product from the combustion of fuel.
- Of the UK’s total NO$_x$ emissions in 2015, a quarter was from road transport.
- Tighter EU exhaust emission standards will reduce vehicle NO$_x$ emissions further.

Source: DEFRA

9.7 Road Transport NO$_x$ Emissions

- Nitrogen oxides are acidifying and eutrophying gases and give rise to ground-level ozone.
- Road transport NO$_x$ emissions have fallen by around 75% from their peak in 1990 to around 300k tonnes in 2015.
- Tighter EU exhaust emission standards will reduce vehicle NO$_x$ emissions further.

Source: DEFRA
9.8 Sources of Benzene

- In 2015, road transport was responsible for 7% of the UK's benzene emissions.
- Stage II Vapour Recovery ensures the recovery of petrol vapour that would otherwise be emitted to the air during the refuelling of vehicles at filling stations.
- Benzene is naturally present in crude oil and is also formed during refining.
- Most benzene is removed to comply with specifications.

9.10 Sources of VOCs

- In 2015, road transport was responsible for 3% of the UK's volatile organic compound emissions, a 9% decrease in real volume compared to the previous year.

9.9 Road Transport Benzene Emissions

- Emissions of benzene from road transport have reduced by 98% since 1990 due to the introduction of exhaust after-treatment technology enabled by unleaded petrol.
- In 2000 emissions of benzene were further reduced following the lowering of the benzene and aromatics limits in petrol.

9.11 Road Transport VOCs Emissions

- Road transport emissions of VOCs have dramatically reduced since their peak in 1989, falling by over 97%.
9.12 Sources of CO

- Carbon monoxide is formed from the incomplete combustion of fuel
- In 2015 road transport was responsible for 20% of the UK’s carbon monoxide emissions – down about 11% in real volume from the previous year
- The residential sector was responsible for 28% of emissions. Other sources include power stations, aviation, metal production and waste incinerators

Source: DEFRA
A key UK Government commitment is to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by 80% by 2050 relative to 1990 levels. The main greenhouse gas is carbon dioxide, CO₂. Emissions of CO₂ from road transport have reduced significantly when compared to the overall increasing mileage. In 2017, the average CO₂ emissions of new cars was around 33% lower compared to 17 years ago, reflecting improvements in vehicle efficiency enabled in part by cleaner fuels.

10. Greenhouse Gases and Commitments

- The UK met the targets identified under the Kyoto protocol in 1999 – 13 years ahead of the target year – delivering a 12.5% reduction in greenhouse gases compared to 1990.
- Under the Climate Change Act 2008, the Government is required to set five yearly carbon budgets, twelve years in advance, from 2008 to 2050. The aim is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% by 2050 compared to 1990 levels.
- The first three carbon budgets were set in May 2009 and require emissions to be reduced by at least 34% below base year levels in 2020.
- Latest emissions data (2016) measure UK’s carbon footprint at 378.9 million tonnes per year, and basket of greenhouse gases at 467.9 million tonnes.
- Emissions recorded in 2016 are about 36% lower relative to carbon dioxide levels in 1990, and about 41% lower relative to the basket of greenhouse gases in 1990.

10.2 Sources of CO₂

- Road transport tailpipe emissions produce approximately 28% of the UK’s CO₂ – around 113 million tonnes.
- The energy supply industry, along with the residential and business sectors are also major sources of CO₂.

Source: BEIS
10.3 Road Transport CO₂ Emissions

- CO₂ road transport emissions increased slightly in 2016 compared to the previous year, but remain below the 2007 peak
- Since 1990, emissions from road transport have risen at a much lower rate than vehicle mileage
- This can be attributed to the use of more efficient vehicle technologies enabled by cleaner fuels, and an increased proportion of diesel vehicles
- The Renewable Energy Directive (RED) mandates that 10% of transport energy is to be from renewable sources, whilst the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD), mandates a reduction in CO₂ emissions by 6% versus the 2010 baseline, all to be completed by 2020

10.4 CO₂ from New Cars

- UK average new car CO₂ emissions fell every year for nineteen consecutive years. For the first time since records began, in 2017 they rose by around 0.8% compared to the previous year
- The UK average level of CO₂ emissions was 121g/km in 2017

10.5 Sources of Methane

- Road transport is a minor contributor to methane emissions, producing around 0.2% of the UK total in 2016
- The main contributing sector is agriculture which accounted for over half of methane emissions

10.6 Road Transport Methane Emissions

- Road transport methane emissions have reduced by 91% since 1990
11. Process Safety

This section is produced as part of the key objectives of UKPIA’s commitment to process safety, and in response to the challenges set by the Buncefield Major Incident Investigation Board regarding sector level reporting for key process safety performance indicators.

To ensure consistency in reporting these indicators as an industry sector, UKPIA members have adopted the American Petroleum Institute’s (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 754, ‘Process Safety Performance Indicators for the Refining and Petrochemical Industries’. It is on the indicators classified as Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 that this section is based.

11.1 Tier 1 PSE Rate

The Tier 1 PSE Rate provides an indication of the number of Tier 1 Process Safety Events (PSE) that have occurred against the total number of hours worked, this is normalised per million hours.

11.2 Tier 1 Events - Refineries

The number of Tier 1 events reported at refineries in a 12 month period.

11.3 Tier 1 Events - Terminals

The number of Tier 1 events reported at terminals in a 12 month period.

In 2017, only one Tier 1 terminal event was reported.
11.4 Tier 1 Events by Consequence - Refineries

The consequences of Tier 1 events at refineries for a 12 month period. Note that there may be more than one consequence per Tier 1 event.

Source: UKPIA

11.5 Tier 1 Events by Consequence - Terminals

The consequences of Tier 1 events at terminals for a 12 month period. Note that there may be more than one consequence per Tier 1 event.

Source: UKPIA

11.6 Tier 2 PSE Rate

The Tier 2 PSE Rate provides an indication of the number of Tier 2 Process Safety Events (PSE) that have occurred against the total number of hours worked, this is normalised per million hours.

Source: UKPIA

11.7 Tier 2 Events - Refineries

The number of Tier 2 events reported at refineries in a 12 month period.

The average number of reported events has decreased by almost 62% over the last seven years.

Source: UKPIA
11.8 Tier 2 Events - Terminals

The number of Tier 2 events reported at terminals in a 12 month period.

Source: UKPIA

11.9 Tier 2 Events by Consequence - Refineries

The consequences of Tier 2 events at refineries for a 12 month period. Note that there may be more than one consequence per Tier 2 event.

Source: UKPIA

11.10 Tier 2 Events by Consequence - Terminals

The consequences of Tier 2 events at terminals for a 12 month period. Note that there may be more than one consequence per Tier 2 event.

Source: UKPIA

11.11 Tier 3 Number of High High Alarm Activations on PSLG Scope Finished Petrol Tanks

Notes:
1. Excludes spurious trips and activations due to planned alarm testing
2. The definition of PSLG scope finished gasoline tanks can be found in the final PSLG report, paragraph 24

Source: UKPIA

• High High alarm activation provides an indication of the number of times a safety related (or instrumented) system has been activated on finished petrol tanks which fall under the scope of the PSLG report

Notes:
1. Excludes spurious trips and activations due to planned alarm testing
2. The definition of PSLG scope finished gasoline tanks can be found in the final PSLG report, paragraph 24

Source: UKPIA
The Refining and Marketing sector remains one of the safest manufacturing industries in the UK, with proportionately fewer injuries occurring than in the manufacturing sector as a whole.

Due to changes in reporting of RIDDOR (reporting of injuries, disease and dangerous occurrences regulations), data provided in this chapter have been reconfigured and restarted. Reporting requirements mostly remained unchanged. However, the requirement for an employer to record accidents that result in the incapacitation of a worker (inability to work) changed from ‘for more than 3 days’ to 7 days.

12.1 RIDDOR >7 Day Injuries by Category of Worker

- RIDDOR >7 day shows the frequency of injuries in three downstream categories: marketing employees, refinery employees and refinery contractors

12.2 Refining Injuries

- Refining Injuries are reported according to impact severity of injury

12.3 Refining Lost Work Injury Frequency

- Refining Lost Work Injury Frequency compares lost work incidents relative to millions of hours of work between refinery contractors and employees
12.4 Refining Lost Work Injuries Frequency compared to Europe

Refining LWIs Frequency Compared to Europe

*CONCAWE (Conservation of Clean Air and Water in Europe) is the European oil industry technical body focused on environment, health and safety.

Source: UKPIA / CONCAWE

- This graph, generated using RIDDOR data, compares UKPIA with European safety data (CONCAWE)

12.5 Marketing Lost Work Injury Frequency

Marketing Lost Work Injury Frequency 2017

- The Lost Work Injury Frequency for the marketing division of the downstream oil sector compares injuries of contractors and employees.

Source: UKPIA