

**Crude oil** is a mineral oil, extracted from underground reserves, comprising a mixture of hydrocarbons and associated impurities such as sulphur. It was formed when large quantities of dead organisms, usually zooplankton and algae, were buried underneath sedimentary rock and subjected to both intense heat and pressure.

### Further information

- [Energy statistics - quantities, annual data](#) (ESMS metadata file)

### Related concepts

- [Biofuels](#)
- [Renewable energy sources](#)

### Statistical data

- [Coal production and consumption statistics](#)
- [Natural gas supply statistics](#)

### Source

- [IEA/OECD/EuroStat Energy Statistics Manual](#)