# U.S. energy consumption grows at a slower rate than gross domestic product through 2050 as U.S. energy efficiency continues to increase.

Average annual growth rate (2019-2050) percent growth



## **U.S.** energy intensity continues its long-term decline through 2050.

Indexed end-use demand drivers and energy intensities by sector (2019-2050)

index (2019=1.0)



**Residential** and **commercial** sector energy efficiency improvements, increases in distributed generation, and regional population shifts partially offset the effects of higher growth rates in population, number of households, and commercial floorspace.



Energy intensity declines in the industrial sector as a result of increased energy efficiency of new capital equipment and the higher growth rate in non-energy-intensive manufacturing industries relative to energy-intensive manufacturing industries.

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Energy use in the **transportation** sector per passenger-mile of travel in vehicles declines as newer, more fuel-efficient vehicles enter the market.



bus, air, and rail passenger-miles



2019 2050

transportation

In the transportation

sector, adoption of energy-efficient technology and practices results in decreasing energy use per passenger-mile for rail, bus, and air travel.

Note: Energy intensities are a lighter shade of the same color as the respective driver, and they are calculated as energy used per unit of respective demand driver. Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2020* (AEO2020) Reference case

## Electricity generation from selected fuels

billion kilowatthours



# U.S. renewable electricity generation is the fastest-growing electricity resource throughout the projection period.

Renewable electricity generation, including end use





Most of the growth in renewable electricity generation is from solar and wind.



Continued declines in the capital costs for solar and wind are supported by federal tax credits and higher state-level renewables targets.

# U.S. coal-fired and nuclear electricity generation declines

#### Electricity generation from nuclear and coal





The share of nuclear generation falls from 19% to 12%

# The United **States continues** to produce historically high levels of...

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**AEO2020** Reference



Tight oil development continues to be the main driver of total U.S. crude oil production.

exports

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Development of tight and shale resources continues to be the main driver of U.S. dry natural gas production.



**Slower growth** in domestic consumption of these fuels leads to increasing exports of...

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2035

eneration from natural gas

2040

2045

2050



#### After falling in the first half of the projection period, total U.S. energy-related carbon dioxide emissions resume modest growth in the 2030s.



Energy-related carbon dioxide emissions by end-use sector billion metric tons of carbon dioxide

7







coal generation.

2025

2030

2020

2015

1.5

1.0

0.5

0.0

2000

coal

natural gas other

2005

2010

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2020 (AEO2020) Reference case