

Methodology changes sector definitions: Digest of UK Energy Statistics 2026

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Sectors in DUKES are defined using Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes, ([Office for National Statistics, UK SIC 2007](#)). SIC codes are a statistical tool used to classify a company's main business activity which provide a consistent framework for grouping economic activity.

Review work identified differences in how some sectors were defined across fuels within DUKES, alongside an opportunity for closer alignment with international recommendations. As a result, definitions for the 'other industry', commercial and miscellaneous sectors have been updated. The table below summarises the main changes.

Table 1, summary of changes to sector definitions

Sector name	SIC codes before change	SIC codes after change
Other industry (Name changed to 'Other manufacturing, wood and wood products' following change)	16, 22, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39	16, 22, 31, 32
Commercial	45, 46, 47, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82	33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 45, 46, 47, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 99
Miscellaneous	90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 99	No longer used

The main change is the removal of the miscellaneous sector, with the SIC codes previously included in this category reallocated to the commercial sector. This affects oil, gas, bioenergy and waste, and heat. Estimates for the miscellaneous sector were based on limited information, reflecting uncertainty over how it was defined. Removing miscellaneous also brings the commercial sector into alignment with other fuels, including electricity.

A smaller related change affects some SIC codes currently included in the 'other industry' sector, which international recommendations indicate are more appropriately classified as commercial. These changes affect all fuels and will be implemented in gas and electricity this year, before being applied to other fuels next year. To further improve clarity for users and data suppliers, the name 'other industry' will also be updated to 'other manufacturing, wood and wood products'.



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