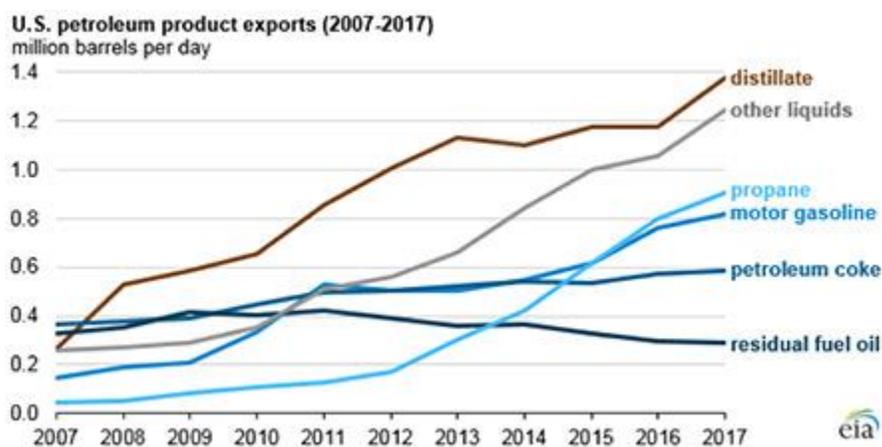


## REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

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### U.S. DISTILLATE EXPORTS REACH RECORD HIGH IN 2017 ACCORDING TO EIA

The DOE's Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports that distillate fuel continued to be the most exported U.S. petroleum product in 2017, averaging 1.4 million barrels per day (b/d) of gross exports. U.S. distillate exports went to 79 different destinations in 2017, particularly to markets in Central America, South America, and Europe. The proximity of U.S. Gulf Coast refineries to Mexico and to Central and South America combined with high demand in these regions led to higher U.S. distillate exports to these locations. In 2017, the United States exported 27% of total domestic distillate production, continuing years of increasing exports and relatively flat U.S. consumption growth. Because domestic distillate demand is highest in the winter months, U.S. distillate exports tend to be highest in the summer months. In February 2017, however, warmer-than-normal U.S. temperatures coupled with colder-than-normal European temperatures led to above average winter exports of distillate, especially to markets in Europe. Distillate exports from the United States set consecutive record highs in May, June and July 2017 reaching 1.7 million b/d in July. In August, exports of distillate fell to 1.4 million b/d, partly because of the effects of Hurricane Harvey, which temporarily disrupted shipments of distillate and other fuels from the U.S. Gulf Coast. A full report on 2017 distillate exports can be downloaded [here](#).



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, [Petroleum Supply Monthly](#)

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