The increase in fuel use per year between 1980 and 2001 has been greatest in China, Japan, India and the Republic of Korea. The region with the largest increase was Eastern Asia. The region with the smallest increase was Central Africa.

The world trend has been one of increased fuel use, the world average increase was an extra 338 kilograms of oil equivalent per person per year. However 58 territories reported no increase in fuel use over this period.

Equatorial Guinea had the largest per person increase in fuel use. A more than tenfold increase in oil production following the 1995 discovery of the Zafiro oil field allowed for this increase in fuel use.

“Higher oil prices ... are badly needed to encourage efficient usage. But if that means a heavier burden for the poor in terms of proportion of their income, it will create more problems than it answers ...” — China Daily, 2006