Coal and Gas Imports

Coal and gas are burned as fuel to produce heat and electricity. In some territories coal and gas are a major source of energy. Other power sources include wood, petroleum, nuclear, and hydroelectrics. Imports depend on the demand for power, and the availability of affordable power sources.

Japan has the largest total of net imports of gas and coal. Belgium has the highest imports when measured per person. When divided equally, US$199 worth of coal and gas is imported (net) for each of the 10.3 million people living in Belgium.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide net imports of coal and gas (in US$) that are received there. Net imports are imports minus exports. When exports are larger than imports the territory is not shown.

“Eighty percent of Russia’s gas exports pass through Ukraine, a crucial weak point in what is acknowledged to be a powerful lever of Russian foreign policy.”

Steven Eke, 2005