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A global degree days database for energy-related applications

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Summary for policymakers

Weather can have a profound effect on energy consumption, especially extremes of hot and cold temperatures. These variations in particular drive residential and commercial energy demand because space heating and cooling is such an important component. Traditional approaches are customized to the specific geography of interest. Energy regulators use a measure of divergence from normal temperatures to estimate peaks in demand when planning future capacity, or to strip out short-term weather effects to identify underlying growth trends. Energy traders marry weather forecasts to demand data to identify potential price peaks and troughs. What unites these analyses is that they tend to be either local or short term in nature; or both. However, the customization of methodology to a particular geography renders comparisons of the effects of weather between countries invalid.

Targets for improving energy productivity and benchmarking of performance towards meeting such targets between countries requires a consistent global database, both spatially and temporally. To date, no such database has been available to policymakers. KAPSARC has worked with the Euro -Mediterranean Center for Climate Change (CMCC) to create a database covering 147 countries over a period of several decades, based on consistent methodologies such that the impacts of local climate on energy consumption can be analyzed.

Differences in the energy productivity of countries are comprised of several factors. These include the industrial structure of the economy, efficiency of equipment and processes, availability of water, and differences in weather – among other factors. Differentiating between the factors that are controllable (including economic structure and efficiency) and uncontrollable (including weather and access to water), allows policy to be focused in the areas where it can achieve the most beneficial impact. The CMCC-KAPSARC Weather Normalization Database is one of the tools now available to policymakers to separate the signal from the noise in guiding policies aimed at improving the energy productivity of their economies.

Introduction

The cooling and heating degree days methodology is regarded as a reliable tool for appropriately accounting for the effect of weather on energy demand. Degree days methodologies are commonly used to calculate seasonally adjusted energy consumption in a variety of discrete geographies. These include, among others, Dombayci (2009) for Turkey, Arguez et al (2013) for the United States, Badescu et (1999) for Romania, You (2013) for China, Matzarakis (2004) for Greece, Al-Hadrami (2013) for Saudi Arabia, and Eurostat (2011) for selected European countries.

The various databases available in the literature are generated under a variety of definitions and methodologies and based on a range of reference temperatures. These are useful for planning energy systems and predicting seasonal load demands for evening out weather related variations in energy demand, and are also equally used by traders and economist for analyzing competitive market-derived prices. Furthermore, quantifying the relationship between climatic conditions and energy consumption can raise awareness on the effect of climate change on future heating and cooling equipment investments (De Cian et al, 2013; Bigano et al, 2006; Christenson et al, 2006).

From a policymaking perspective, accounting for weather effect on energy demand is no longer restricted to domestic nationally-focused analysis.



There is also an emerging international context. Decision makers have increasingly noted the need for benchmarking the performance of their economies and the effect of their policies against other countries. However, the fragmented nature of degree days datasets, their lack of comprehensive coverage, and the variations in definition of weather adjustments make such comparison between countries difficult or even invalid. Furthermore, the majority of the calculated datasets only include the effects of temperature. They do not always address the potential effects of humidity and solar radiation, both of which may drive demand for air conditioning and heating.

There are some studies in the literature that take a global perspective using a country-by-country data. The World Resource Institute (Baumert K., Selman M., (2003) for example, used ground-based station temperature data to create a 30-year average of cooling (CDD) and heating degree-days (HDD) for around 90 countries. However, the dataset has not been updated and, for many countries, excludes large proportions of population and land area. Wheeler (2012) developed a global population weighed CDD and HDD database using temperature records from 1980 to 2011, gathered from satellite reanalysis data. The dataset, however, is limited by the fixed reference temperature, the spatial and temporal aggregation associated with its analysis and the absence of other relevant climatic factors including humidity. Eurostat (2011) provides a monthly Heating Degree Day index for European Union countries for the period 1980 to 2009, while Benestad (2008) generated CDD and HDD estimations and forecasts for 63 Europeans locations from 1900 to 2100. Although these datasets include various countries, they are characterized by different spatial and temporal aggregation levels, and use calculation methodologies that hinder reliable comparisons between countries.

In partnership with the Euro-Mediterranean Center for Climate Change (CMCC), KAPSARC has created, a comprehensive dataset in both geography and time that overcomes these limitations, allowing policymakers to make unbiased and comparable evaluations among countries. Its intention is to enable policymakers to account for differences in energy consumption that simply result from diverging climatic conditions between their own country and a comparator. This allows comparison of normalized data to determine whether residual differences are driven by other factors – including structure of economy, efficiency or consumer behavior. Moreover, this dataset is freely available to the public.

Building of the database

The CMCC-KAPSARC database provides data on population-weighted degree-days for 147 countries for the period ranging from 1948 to 2013. An important aspect of its development was to improve on existing degree days methodology, namely limited geographical availability, temporal and spatial aggregation, the lack of accounting for various climatic factors, and the restrictive use of a singular reference temperature.

The dataset was created through a combination of gridded atmospheric satellite datasets developed by the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Agency (NOAA). Degree days have been computed using datasets obtained from NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP/NCAR reanalysis first started by Kalnay et al, 1996). The data series employed were actual values and reanalysis of geo-located climate parameters: air temperature at two meters altitude, relative humidity, solar radiation available at a four times intra-day frequency ranging from 1948 through 2013.



These parameters were used to calculate global thermal comfort indices within grids determined by latitude and longitude at a spatial resolution of 1.8° x1.8°. The value of a decimal degree (1°) of longitude fluctuates between 40km and 112km, depending on the location distance from the equator. One degree of latitude remains 112 km regardless of location. Each of the resulting indices was represented on a Gaussian grid of 192 longitudes and 94 latitudes, for 96,428 time values at six hour intervals.

Computed indices were population-weighted using Columbia University's Gridded Population of the World dataset (GPW v.3) from 1990 to 2013, and extrapolations from UNEP/GRID-Sioux Falls regional datasets for the years ranging from 1948 to 1990. The population-weighting procedure is important in order to avoid over-estimating energy consumption in areas with extreme weather conditions but without resident population. The resulting indices were subsequently downscaled to an enhanced resolution of 1.6° x 1.6° using statistical regressions, and shaped into national boundaries using GIS geocoding. All the local values of the sub-indices were summed to create annual national indices. Grids overlapping multiple boundaries were split proportionally to the respective surface of each country within the grid. Cooling and heating degree days for each index were calculated by taking the absolute difference between the sub-daily index value and thermal comfort index calculated using the reference climatic factors. These were set to be 60°F, 65°F or 70°F equivalent to 15.6°C, 18.3°C or 21.1° C, respectively.

Different policymakers may have different preferences to which index to use depending on whether their predominant loads are heating or cooling, and whether the demand is concentrated on the coast or inland. The CMCC-KAPSARC dataset can be used in a variety of flexible ways. It includes degree days based on pure temperature readings, as well as others derived from thermal comfort indices that are calculated based on additional climatic parameters. The inclusion of these parameters helps convey the actual "feels-like" temperature that is sensed by human bodies and that triggers demand for air conditioning.

The dataset includes degree days based on five thermal indicators which are explained in detail in Appendix 1. These are:

- Temperature (T2m_C measured in °C)
- Temperature (T2m_F measured in °F)
- Heat index (HI, measured in °F)
- Humidex (HUM, measured in °C)
- Environmental Stress Index (ESI, measured in °C)

The first two indices are both temperature-based but with different thermal units, Celsius and Fahrenheit. Celsius degree days cannot be derived from Fahrenheit days (and vice versa), as the relationship between the two is not linear. Furthermore, having the temperature-based indices in the two units facilitates the ensuing comparison effort with the existing data in the literature, and the degree days for thermal comfort indices.

The Heat Index was developed by the US National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in 1978 and adopted by the US National Weather Service a year later. It aims at combining the effects of air temperature and relative humidity into a single parameter that provides a measure of the perceived temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. It was empirically derived by Rothfusz (1990) for specific conditions of temperature and relative humidity, and later expanded by NOAA's Climate Prediction Center to be defined at all values. Higher values of Heat Index correspond to hotter perceived environmental conditions.



The Humidex is an index developed and frequently used by the Meteorological Service of Canada, first defined by Richardson et al (1979). It is defined in Celsius and, similar to the Heat Index, aims at deriving a "feels-like" temperature-based on the consideration of temperature and relative humidity. As with the Heat Index, higher values of the Humidex reflect hotter perceived conditions.

The last thermal comfort index that we enumerate is the Environmental Stress Index (ESI) which adds the effect of solar radiation on temperature and relative humidity. It was defined by Moran et al (2001) as an improvement and proxy for the wetbulb temperature based index. There are other thermal comfort indices, such as the Thom's Index, the Standard Effective Temperature, the Modified Discomfort Index and Universal Thermal Climate Index (Epstein et al, 2006). These indices have not been included in our current database, either because they offer an approach too simplistic or they require parameters for their calculations that are not commonly available on a global scale (such as the mean radiant temperature, clothing levels or metabolic rates).

Choosing the reference for the various thermal comfort indices is not a straightforward exercise as additional variables are involved in the process. We use a combination of reference variables that will result in a thermal comfort index equal to 60°F, 65°F or 70°F or the equivalent in Celsius degrees. These arrangements of variables are specific to each index depending on the additional climatic variables that are included. For simplicity, the values of relative humidity and daily average solar radiation were kept constant at 40% and 300 W/m2 respectively, while finding the temperature value that will yield to the reference value of the index. The daily average solar radiation was calculated based on the average solar radiation arriving at the top of the Earth's atmosphere which is roughly 1.3kW/m2 (Kopp and Lean, 2011), dissipated through the atmosphere and the clouds. The resulting value of 300 W/m2 is assumed as the daily solar radiation accounting for the effect of reducing radiation during dark hours. The values of the ideal relative humidity was set as the ideal value for the human body comfort, obtained from recommendations put forth by the Environment Protection Agency for household thermal comfort. Table 1 below shows the corresponding modified base temperature for each index.

Index Name	Equivalent Index Value	Corresponding Base Temperature
Humidex	15.6 °C 18.3 °C 21.1 °C	13.98 °C 17.40 °C 21.09 °C
Environmental Stress Index	15.6 ℃ 18.3 ℃ 21.1 ℃	12.60 °C 14.90 °C 17.20 °C
Heat Index	60.0 °F 65.0 °F 70.0 °F	57.56 °F 63.08 °F 68.58 °F
Table 1: Corresponding base temperatures for source: KAPSARC	selected indices at RH=40% and SR= 300Q W/m2	



Finally, although the NCEP re-analysis cover the 1948-2013 period, the earlier part of the dataset is mostly based on the model dynamics with only little from actual observations. contribution The contribution of the observational data to the reanalysis products, in the second half of the covered time-period, especially for emerging economies, is more reliable in our view. For the purpose of the ensuing analysis, this paper will focus on the last five decades of the time series (1964-2013), keeping only the most reliable parts of the re-analysis products. Values were calculated for 147 countries, while nations with an area smaller than 1000 km^2 were disregarded due to data granularity issues. These include island nations like Nauru or Barbados, or city-states such as Monaco or the Vatican.

A brief description of the database

Table 2 below reflects country rankings by the number of HDD and CDD derived for various thermal comfort indices at a nominal reference temperature of 18.3°C or 65°F. For the HDD, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia stand out as the coldest countries across all indices. Norway, Finland, Russia, and Kazakhstan are among the next coldest. CDD provides more variation among the countries. The highest CDD countries change depending on the chosen index and reference temperature. Mauritania, UAE and Niger are leading the ranks for the temperature based indices while in general East Timor, Cuba and The Philippines top the remaining indices. More detail is available in Appendix 2, which shows descriptive statistics for the years 1964-2013.

Tempera	ature-based	Heat	Index	Hum	nidex	E	SI
HDD	CDD	HDD	CDD	HDD	CDD	HDD	CDD
Kyrgyz Rep.	Mauritania	Kyrgyz Rep.	East Timor	Kyrgyz Rep.	Philippines	Kyrgyz Rep.	Philippines
(7715)	(3642)	(13442)	(8017)	(8544)	(7242)	(7438)	(4257)
Mongolia	United Arab	Mongolia	Cuba	Mongolia	East Timor	Mongolia	East Timor
(7346)	Emirates (3519)	(12844)	(7811)	(8066)	(7145)	(7334)	(4206)
Norway	Niger	Norway	Philippines	Norway	Cuba	Norway	Cuba
(5855)	(3429)	(10033)	(7714)	(6064)	(7057)	(5569)	(4127)
Finland	Burkina Faso	Kazakhstan	Bangladesh	Kazakhstan	Costa Rica	Kazakhstan	Costa Rica
(5619)	(3365)	(9690)	(7155)	(6022)	(6906)	(5519)	(4035)
Russia	Oman	Finland	Sierra Leone	Russia	Panama	Russia	Panama
(5606)	(3364)	(9630)	(6995)	(5867)	(6849)	(5505)	(4025)
Kazakhstan	Sudan	Russia	Haiti	Finland	Indonesia	Finland	Indonesia
(5589)	(3313)	(9623)	(6966)	(5851)	(6794)	(5450)	(4006)
Canada	Kuwait	Canada	Burkina Faso	Tajikistan	Sri-Lanka	Canada	Sri-Lanka
(5357)	(3290)	(9191)	(6859)	(5762)	(6768)	(5164)	(3987)
Tajikistan	Mali	Tajikistan	Guinea-Bissau	Canada	Haiti	Tajikistan	Haiti
(5271)	(3221)	(9164)	(6760)	(5576)	(6700)	(5067)	(3949)
Switzerland	Guinea-Bissau	Switzerland	Sri-Lanka	Switzerland	Sierra Leone	Estonia	Sierra Leone
(5148)	(3176)	(8758)	(6745)	(5237)	(6685)	(4827)	(3927)
Estonia	Somalia	Estonia	Senegal	Estonia	Liberia	Switzerland	Liberia
(5042)	(3169)	(8621)	(6716)	(5201)	(6567)	(4815)	(3872)

Table 2: Country rankings using various thermal comfort indices (average 1964-2013) at Tref=65°F or Tref=18.3°C Source: KAPSARC



Figures 1 and 2 reflect a heat map of the world distribution for heating and cooling degree days, using as a reference temperature Tref = 65° F.

Additional insight is provided through a comparison of the effects of climatic factors by studying the percentage changes in CDD and HDD among the temperature-based indices, and the various thermal comfort indices in both °F and °C. Figure 3 reflects the variation in degree days among the temperaturebased degree days and other thermal comfort indices. The average values of the indices for the period 1964-2013, on a global average basis are shown. There is a noted difference between the effects on HDDs and CDDs.

For the heating degree days, both the ESI and HUM show fewer degree days when compared to temperature-based indices. For the ESI, the disparity increases with the increase in the reference temperature ranging from -6% at 15.6°C to -15% at 21.1°C, while HUM values are always constant at around -19%. The difference between the Temp_HDD and the HUM_HDD seems marginal between 2% to 4% for all references.

For the cooling degree days, the difference between the degree days of the various indices and the temperature-based one is more pronounced. All the indices seem to add more cooling degree days when compared to those generated by the base temperatures. In that context, the heat index displays the lowest variability ranging between 23% to 30%, while the Humidex reflects the highest increase ranging between 92% and 145%.

Adding humidity and solar radiation does have an effect on the computed value of degree days, and by proxy the actual energy consumed for space heating and cooling control in the residential and commercial sectors. These combined effects seem to vary depending on the index used and whether the purpose is for heating or cooling. Looking at the ESI and HI, we can assess that the effect on CDD of adding humidity using the HI is between 6% to 15%, and the combined effect of humidity and solar radiation is 16% to 44%, using the ESI for the average period 1964-2013. For the HDD, humidity alone seems not to have an impact (max 4%), while the combined effect of humidity and solar radiation seems to decrease the number of HDD by up to 15% at Tref 17.2°C (70°F).

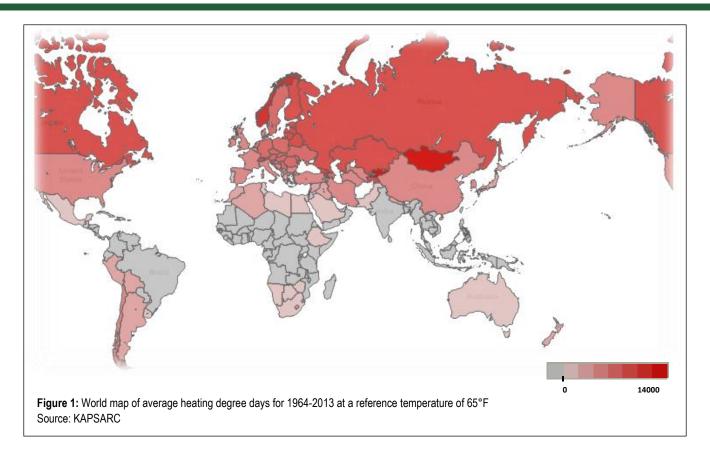
Intuitively, on a country level, the most affected nations seem to be the ones that include the largest resident population with the highest humidity levels and solar radiations. Table 3 identifies the top five countries with the highest positive variation in degree days for each index.

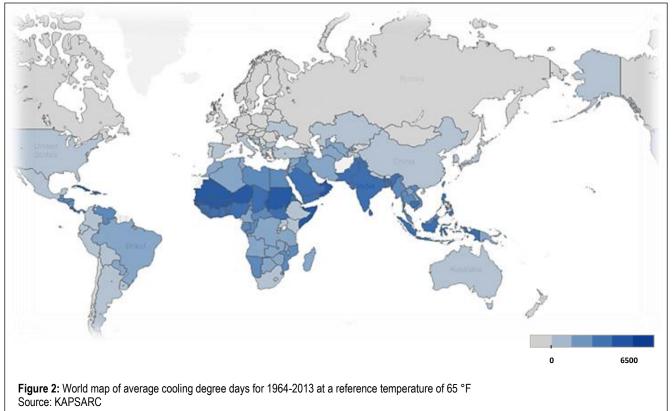
Nevertheless, this illustrative approach has its own limitation as it cannot be firmly concluded that the difference between the temperature-based index and the thermal comfort indices are solely due to climatic factors. Biases can arise from the definition of thermal indicators or can result from the calibration process. We encourage potential users to propose other indices that may be complementary to our methodology and would enrich the dataset.

Benchmarking against existing datasets

The database has been compared with other available databases that were calculated either on a regional or global level using a similar computation method for degree days, as outlined in Appendix 1 but with varying metadata sources and spatial or temporal aggregations. Comparisons for selected countries were based on national (EIA, 2012 and Vesma, 2014), regional (Eurostat, 2011) and global databases (World Resource Institute, 2003 and Wheeler, 2012). These comparisons were only for the temperature-based degree days, as there is a limited source identified for reviewing degree days generated from other thermal comfort indices.









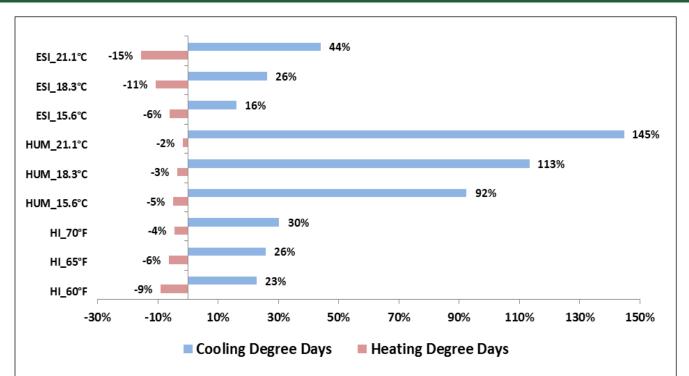


Figure 3: Global average of degree days variation between temperature-based and thermal comfort indices for HDD and CDD at various reference temperatures. Source: KAPSARC

Heat	Index	Hum	idex	E	SI
HDD	CDD	HDD	CDD	HDD	CDD
Niger (58)	Cuba (2445)	Kyrgyz Rep. (829)	Philippines (4552)	Niger (74)	Malaysia (1570)
Mali (35)	East Timor (2428)	Mongolia (720)	Indonesia (4530)	Burkina Faso (57)	Indonesia (1479)
Burkina Faso (29)	Philippines (2421)	Tajikistan (492)	Panama (4510)	Mali (52)	Equatorial Guinea (1437)
Mauritania (27)	Bangladesh (2352)	Kazakhstan (433)	Costa Rica (4502)	Mauritania (43)	Panama (1423)
Chad (24)	Indonesia (2066)	Russia (261)	Malaysia (4474)	Chad (30)	Liberia (1405)

Table 3: Top 5 countries with the highest <u>positive</u> change in degree days between various thermal temperature based and thermal comfort indices for the average of 1964-2013 at 18.3 °C or equivalent. Source: KAPSARC



Table 4 reflects a comparison between the CMCC-KASPARC database and other regional or global databases available in the literature. Results show varying percentages and level differences on a country basis for both cooling and heating degree days. The details of the comparison procedure are found in Appendix 3.

Country	Source	Period	T _{ref}	HDD (%)	CDD (%)	Note
USA	EIA	1949-2011	65°F	803 (15%)	70 (4%)	Alaska and Hawaii values were added to EIA's value, ground based data from 200 stations
	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	758 (26%)	-117 (-16%)	WRI data accounts for 99.7 $\%$ of the country, station based data.
	Vesma	1993-2013	15.5°C	-71 (-3.2%)	35 (18%)	Data was adjusted for 0.1°C, ground based, regional level aggregation
	Vesma	1993-2013	18.5°C	-207 (-6.8%)	-	Data was adjusted for 0.3°C, ground regional level
UK	Eurostat	1980-2009	18°C	8 (0.3%)	-	Data was adjusted for heating threshold, ground based NTUS 2 regional level
	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	289 (9%)	9 (13%)	WRI data accounts for 92.2 % of the country, station based data.
	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	134 (2%)	91 (70%)	$2.5^{\circ}\!\!\!\!^*\!2.5^{\circ}$ grid, various pop weighting and daily average
	Eurostat	1980-2009	18°C	834 (24%)	-	Adjusted for heating threshold, ground based NTUS 2 regional level
Turkey	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	1148 (36%)	21 (3%)	WRI data accounts for 64.6 % of the country area, station based data
	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	67 (1%)	741 (62%)	N/A
Argentina	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	449 (30%)	82 (8%)	WRI data accounts for 99.7 % of the country's area, station based data.
Argentina	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	1045 (34%)	-10 (-1%)	N/A
Dussil	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	74 (39%)	-372 (-23%)	WRI data accounts for 89.8% of the country's area, station based data.
Brazil	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	166 (43%)	-53 (-2%)	N/A
	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	523 (19%)	-2387 (-29%)	WRI data accounts for 97.50% of the country's area, station based data.
China	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	-191 (-4%)	367 (26%)	N/A
	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	667 (21%)	-2.3 (-1%)	WRI data accounts for 68.5% of the country, station based data.
France	Eurostat	1980-2009	18°C	802 (25%)	-	Data was adjusted for heating threshold, ground based NTUS 2 regional level
	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	48 (1%)	255 (55%)	N/A
	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	671 (17%)	23 (16%)	WRI data accounts for 100 % of the country, station based data.
Germany	Eurostat	1980-2009	18°C	801 (20%)	-	Adjusted for heating threshold, ground based NTUS 2 regional level
	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	-568 (-8%)	260 (84%)	N/A
Kazakhatan	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	875 (16%)	49 (9%)	WRI data accounts for 98.10% of the country's area, station based data.
Kazakhstan	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	-1068 (-11%)	730 (82%)	N/A
Russia	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	287 (5%)	36 (16%)	WRI data accounts for 84.40% of the country's area, station based data.
Russia	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	-577 (-6%)	328 (75%)	N/A
Saudi	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	255 (45%)	-159 (-5%)	WRI data accounts for 56.90% of the country's area, station based data.
Arabia	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	51 (5%)	2159 (40%)	N/A
	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	1054 (42%)	-91 (-15%)	WRI data accounts for 91.10% of the country's area, station based data.
Spain	Eurostat	1980-2009	18°C	947 (34%)	-	Data was adjusted fo heating threshold, ground based NTUS 2 regional level
	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	1456 (31%)	337 (30%)	N/A
	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	153 (3%)	29 (39%)	WRI data accounts for 87.90% of the country's area, station based data.
Sweden	Eurostat	1980-2009	18°C	-926 (-21%)	-	Data was adjusted fo heating threshold, ground based NTUS 2 regional level
	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	347 (4%)	115 (79%)	N/A
United Arab	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	296 (99%)	303 (8%)	WRI data accounts for 90.30% of the country's area, station based data.
Emirates	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	273 (47%)	2146 (34%)	N/A
lenen	WRI	1977-1991	18°C	260 (12%)	-263 (-42%)	WRI data accounts for 100% of the country's area, station based data.
Japan	Wheeler (2012)	1980-2011	65°F	1107 (28%)	-233 (-22%)	N/A

Table 4: A comparison between CMCC-KASPARC database and available data in the literature for selected countries for degree days based only on temperature. Source: KAPSARC



Conclusion

Despite the widespread usage of degree days, there is limited access to global databases that enable comparisons between countries. The newly created CMCC-KAPSARC database provides a reliable tool for the purpose of seasonal adjustments of energy demand on both regional and national levels. Paralleled to existing available databases, it offers an important contribution by increasing the geographical coverage, the number of reference temperatures, the timespan, and the temporal granularity. Furthermore, the availability of degree days that include additional climatic factors - such as humidity and solar radiation-allows finer judgment of the policy impacts of energy productivity and intensity targets. However, in a world of energy productivity/intensity targets for addressing climate change, KAPSARC's new dataset assists in providing unbiased comparisons between countries at a level of granularity not seen before. Furthermore, the time series data allows inter-temporal comparisons of the performance for individual countries to judge the impacts of policies designed to improve productivity over time.



Appendix 1: Defining the thermal comfort indices

When used for energy-related applications, the degree days methodology is defined in terms of Cooling Degree Days (CDD) and Heating Degree Days (HDD). A degree day is calculated as the difference between a reference temperature (Tref) and the average of the maximum and minimum temperature (Tmean). If the difference is positive it is counted as HDD, if it is negative it is represented as CDD. CDD and HDD can be computed for various periods (i) by summing up the daily values in the form of:

$$HDDi = \sum_{0}^{i \ days} (T_{ref-} T_{daily mean}) Eq.(1)$$

$$CDDi = \sum_{o \ days}^{i \ days} (T_{dialy \ mean -} T_{ref})$$
Eq.(2)

Values for CDD and HDD are typically summed on a monthly or yearly basis, with the most commonly used reference temperature being 65°F (18°C). Power generation and utility companies tend to implement the methodology on a higher frequency, to the scale of hours or minutes to monitor or forecast potential load fluctuations.

Heat index (HI):

We used the heat index as defined by Rothfusz et al (1990) and modified by the US-based Climate Protection Center (CPC) of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). It is defined as a function of air temperature and relative humidity as follows:

 $HI = -42.38 + 2.05.T + 10.14.RH - 0.22.T.RH - 6.84 \times 10^{-3}.T^2 - 5.48 \times 10^{-2}.RH^2 + 1.23 \times 10^{-3}.T^2.RH + 8.53 \times 10^{-4}.T.RH^2 - 1.99 \times 10^{-6}.T^2.RH^2$

Where T equals the ambient dry bulb temperature in °F and RH is equivalent to the relative humidity in percentage terms with a stated error of ± 1.3 °F the heat index is to be considered within some boundaries. In particular, it can be thought as optimal for temperatures above 80F and relative humidity above 40%. The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) made some conditional adjustments to the original equation to refine and extend the range of the index outside the above stated boundaries, these include:

For RH < 13 % and 80 °F <T <112 °F

$$HI_{adjusted} = HI - \left[\frac{(13-RH)}{4}\right] \times \sqrt{\left[17 - \frac{Abs(T-95)}{17}\right]}$$

For RH > 85 % and 80 °F <T < 87 °F

$$HI_{adjusted} = HI + \left[\frac{(RH-85)}{10}\right] \times \left[\frac{87-T}{5}\right]$$
Eq. (5)

Eq. (4)

Eq.(3)



Eq. (6)

More generally if, when using equation (3) above, the resulting HI for any combination of T and RH is below 80 °F, the Rothfusz regression is replaced by Steadman's (1979) formula expressed in the form of:

$$HI=0.5x[T+61+1.2x(T-68)+0.094xRH]$$

The above mentioned Heat Index (HI) has been calculated using NOAA's source code and has Fahrenheit as a unit.

Humidex (HUM):

The Meteorological Agency of Canada developed the Humidex, a thermal comfort index which was also considered in this paper. It aims at reflecting the human perceived temperature by incorporating the effect of humidity into the thermal comfort index by looking at the dew point temperature. The index was first defined by Richardson et al, (1979) and is calculated using the following equation:

$$HUM = T + 0.5555 \times \left(6.11 \times e^{5417.7530 \times \left(\frac{1}{273.16} - \frac{1}{Tdew}\right)} - 10 \right)$$
 Eq. (7)

With T being the air temperature in °C and T_{dew} the dew point temperature in Kelvin as defined below, that can be derived from the relative humidity using equation 8 below.

$$T_{dew} = T - \frac{100 - RH}{5}$$
 Eq. (8)

where RH is the relative humidity in percentage terms. When compared to the Heat Index, the Humidex typically yields higher values at equal temperatures and relative humidity values, something that will be noticed in the ensuing comparison of degree-days generated by indices. The Humidex is most commonly expressed in Celsius.

Environmental Stress Index (ESI):

The Environmental Stress Index (ESI) was developed by Moran et al (2001) as a substitute and proxy for the wet-bulb temperature-based index. It is an experimental index and adds solar radiation as an additional parameter to temperature and relative humidity:

$$ESI=0.63xT - 0.03xRH + 0.002xSR + 0.0054x(TxRH) - 0.073x(0.1+SR)^{-1}$$
(Eq.9)

With *T* being the ambient temperature in °C and *RH* the relative humidity in percentage terms and *SR* the solar radiation in W/m2 touching the surface at a vertical angle of 90°. This index has been validated for various climatic conditions such as hot/dry and hot/wet (Moran, 2006) and forms an interesting approach for incorporating the three climatic variables into a thermal comfort index.

This section represents the descriptive statistics of various indices. Table 5 below represents the correlation coefficient, mean, median, standard deviation, kurtosis, skewness and coefficient of variation for the heating and cooling degree days' time series derived from the various thermal comfort indices at three different reference temperatures for the mean of the period 1964-2013.



Appendix 2: Descriptive statistics of various indices

This section represents the descriptive statistics of various indices. Table 5 below represents the correlation coefficient, mean, median, standard deviation, kurtosis, skewness and coefficient of variation for the heating and cooling degree days' time series derived from the various thermal comfort indices at three different reference temperatures for the mean of the period 1964-2013.

					H	HDD					(CDD		
Index	Tref	Correlation	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Kurtosis	Skewness	Coef of Variation	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Kurtosis	Skewness	Coef of Variation
	15.6°C	0.79	1,316	531	1,585	0.56	1.15	1.20	1,962	1,801	1,367	(1.37)	0.23	0.70
Temp_C	18.3°C	0.77	1,714	855	1,882	(0.08)	0.95	1.10	1,374	1,222	1,074	(1.18)	0.42	0.78
	21.1°C	0.72	2,229	1,337	2,184	(0.50)	0.77	0.98	867	683	770	(0.60)	0.74	0.89
	60°F	0.79	2,358	948	2,845	0.58	1.15	1.21	3,551	3,267	2,470	(1.37)	0.22	0.70
Temp_F	65°F	0.77	3,095	1,548	3,394	(0.08)	0.94	1.10	2,462	2,190	1,927	(1.18)	0.42	0.78
	70°F	0.72	4,016	2,410	3,932	(0.50)	0.77	0.98	1,557	1,226	1,384	(0.60)	0.74	0.89
114	57.56°F	0.79	2,145	835	2,636	0.86	1.22	1.23	4,356	3,791	3,006	(1.41)	0.22	0.69
Heat Index	63.08 °	0.79	2,899	1,468	3,237	0.05	0.98	1.12	3,093	2,382	2,410	(1.31)	0.38	0.78
IIIdex	68.58 °	0.77	3,839	2,332	3,851	(0.47)	0.78	1.00	2,024	1,457	1,782	(1.10)	0.58	0.88
	13.98°C	0.78	1,253	382	1,615	1.45	1.37	1.29	3,770	3,308	2,548	(1.36)	0.25	0.68
Humidex	17.40°C	0.79	1,657	750	1,963	0.58	1.14	1.18	2,925	2,397	2,202	(1.27)	0.37	0.75
	21.09°C	0.79	2,192	1,277	2,372	(0.09)	0.92	1.08	2,113	1,535	1,790	(1.11)	0.53	0.85
	12.60°C	0.80	1,237	445	1,554	0.96	1.28	1.26	2,274	2,039	1,528	(1.36)	0.24	0.67
ESI	14.90°C	0.80	1,532	705	1,791	0.38	1.10	1.17	1,730	1,446	1,286	(1.27)	0.36	0.74
	17.20°C	0.80	1,887	1,041	2,040	(0.06)	0.95	1.09	1,244	935	1,026	(1.11)	0.51	0.82

 Table 5: Descriptive statistics of time series of degree days generated using various thermal comfort indices for 1964-2013

 Source: KAPSARC

Appendix 3: Methodology for the comparison of databases

Table 4 summarizes the results by country, reference temperature, time-span and the average CDD and HDD variations calculated as the mean of the annual variations for the comparative periods.

The reference temperature for the World Resource Institute's database is slightly different than the ones used in this paper, so the CDD and HDD degrees days were recalculated at a reference temperature of 18°C and the benchmarking was performed accordingly.

In the case of Vesma, the provided degree days for the United Kingdom used a slightly higher reference temperature (by up to 0.1° C). We adjusted their respective reference temperature by adding or subtracting to their yearly/periodic averages the differences between the reference temperatures multiplied by the number of days in the year. This adjustment had minimal effect on the variation (+/-2%) except for the cases where the annual degree days were very minimal <100, which can be ignored.



Eurostat's HDD were calculated using a Tref of 18°C, but also accounted for a heating threshold equal to 15°C. This means that HDDs are not accrued for some of the daily mean temperature values that range between 15°C and 18°C. For the purpose of comparison, the relevant time series of the CMCC-KAPSAC dataset were adjusted to Eurostat's by taking the generated degree days at Tref 15.6°C and adding a difference of 2.4°C over a year. No adjustments were made for the comparisons with the EIA's and Wheeler's datasets.

In order to fully disentangle the effect of spatial and temporal aggregation, a comparison between the CMCC/ KAPSARC dataset and Wheeler (2012) eliminated most of the other effects, The two were similarly computed from re-analysis of satellite data. Furthermore, there was no need to perform any adjustments in the reference temperature, thus limiting potential approximation effects. The difference in the generated degree days was found to be about 29.6% for HDD and 43.9% for CDD, when comparing both global averages for 147 countries for 1980-2011. The comparison was done by calculating the difference in net degree days for all countries at 65°F as Wheeler (2012) only provides a single reference temperature for his dataset. Detailed country level is provided in Table 4, in the main body of the paper.

The comparison with EIA's US degree days for 1949-2011 for Tref 65°F reflects a minimal deviation for the CDD (+4%) and a moderated one for the HDD (+15%). Yearly averages also reflect similar trends. The EIA figures are based on data from some 200 ground-based stations sparsely located around the contiguous US (EIA, 2012). As CMCC-KAPSARC's data includes the whole of the country, it was necessary to add to the EIA's additional degree days from Alaska and Hawaii. Alaska's HDD accounted for around 30 HDD°F, depending on the year, while Hawaii's was around 0.5 HDD°F, once population was weighted. Hawaii accounted for an additional 15 CDD°F while Alaska's impact was negligible (data obtained through the Western Regional Climate Center database, 2014)

Similar results were noticed in comparison with the World Resource Institute (WRI) dataset where HDD's variation was about +26% and CDD's equal to -16%. The difference can be apportioned to the effect of temporal aggregation as the EIA's calculations are based on mean daily temperatures, while our data are based on 4-intraday values. As mentioned before, higher data frequency enables better representation of the actual heating and cooling energy needs. Spatial aggregation may have had an effect, albeit to a lesser extent. This could be the case in the comparison with the WRI, as their dataset is based on a higher number of land-based stations (384).

For the UK, the effect of temporal and spatial aggregation seems to be further mitigated due to smaller areas involved and less temperature variations. Comparing the dataset with WRI's, Vesma (2014) and Eurostat show variations ranging between -6.8% to 9% (-207 to +281 HDD°C) for the HDD and +35 to +111 CDD°C.

Another comparison with Eurostat's pool of 25 countries reflects that the CMCC/KAPSARC dataset values are on average 16% higher. We removed Cyprus, Luxembourg and Malta from the comparison as the CMCC/ KAPSARC database does not include them. The disparity may be due to the fact that Eurostat uses land-based daily mean data at NUTS2 level - a classification of nomenclature of territorial units for statistics into a hierarchical system for dividing up the economic territory of the EU into basic regions-which was interpolated on a grid of 50 km x 50km. This approach uses a higher spatial resolution but a lower temporal resolution. Another explanation of the difference may be due to the approximation associated with the adjustment of the reference temperatures of the two datasets which can amount to as much as 2.4°C. Furthermore, it is unclear what population weighting approach Eurostat used.



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Database extracts

A sample of tables that include degree days averages for 1964-2013, generated from multiple thermal indices at various temperatures.

The complete CMCC-KAPSARC database can be accessed at:

http://www.kapsarc.org/en/Documents/KAPSARC-CMCC% 20Enhanced%20Degree%20Days%20%20Database% 20March%202015.xlsx



CDD Average 1964-2013	Temp 15.6°C	Temp 18.3°C	Temp 21.1°C	Temp 60°F	Temp 65°F	Temp 70°F	Heat Index 57.56°	Heat Index 63.08°F	Heat Index 68.58°F	Humidex 13.98°C	Humidex 17.4°C	Humidex 21.09°C	ESI 12.6°C	ESI 14.9°C	ESI 17.2°C
Albania	740	420	200	1343	750	359	1666	933	436	1556	1000	541	939	600	338
Algeria	1807	1348	972	3267	2418	1748	3356	2382	1626	2235	1578	1027	1405	987	659
Angola	2346	1545	903	4249	2765	1622	5215	3481	2055	4657	3529	2398	2818	2081	1420
Argentina	1340	862	498	2428	1542	895	2977	1918	1126	2602	1857	1201	1581	1112	727
Armenia	300	174	94	545	310	168	664	355	177	624	342	157	392	227	117
Australia	1196	714	377	2169	1276	676	2678	1593	846	2438	1642	990	1460	969	593
Austria	226	104	41	412	186	74	587	267	104	694	392	185	418	242	124
Azerbaijan	590	368	211	1070	658	379	1261	747	406	1085	677	362	670	424	241
Bangladesh	3561	2679	1822	6437	4803	3274	8993	7155	5426	7200	6022	4802	4283	3513	2772
Belarus	358	183	80	650	326	144	865	434	185	901	540	270	538	324	171
Belgium	415	223	105	754	397	189	979	503	232	992	572	278	594	350	184
Benin	3829	2890	1958	6921	5182	3518	8494	6565	4709	7093	5893	4633	4223	3430	2656
Bolivia	934	572	311	1693	1023	558	2207	1393	799	2157	1557	1043	1311	925	614
Bosnia-Herzegovina	638	365	187	1158	653	335	1457	813	399	1393	883	475	839	531	300
Botswana	2178	1514	978	3941	2712	1757	4375	2968	1822	3308	2397	1539	2050	1462	953
Brazil	2437	1579	838	4414	2824	1504	5730	3892	2288	5577	4379	3154	3346	2562	1829
Bulgaria	757	458	249	1374	820	447	1678	989	520	1519	998	567	921	604	358
Burkina Faso	4264	3365	2494	7702	6038	4483	8696	6859	5137	6384	5257	4102	3842	3105	2401
Burundi	1123	473	184	2047	842	329	2961	1272	477	3257	2031	918	1885	1136	564
Cambodia	3559	2586	1614	6436	4634	2899	8651	6647	4697	7776	6528	5189	4658	3821	2992
Cameroon	2557	1616	844	4631	2889	1514	5908	3956	2180	5732	4517	3226	3453	2641	1847
Canada	349	196	97	634	350	173	809	448	218	786	496	274	483	306	176
Central African	2903	1942	1062	5255	3475	1906	6697	4722	2833	6255	5026	3718	3770	2949	2140
Chad	3891	2972	2083	7031	5330	3743	7992	6115	4344	6100	4947	3764	3693	2933	2211
Chile	394	233	120	716	416	216	776	428	207	512	259	104	371	205	96
China	1230	785	426	2228	1404	764	2987	2009	1225	2856	2182	1551	1717	1286	911
Colombia	1503	744	256	2731	1325	459	4007	2196	941	4608	3366	2124	2707	1905	1223
Costa Rica	3653	2667	1645	6604	4778	2953	8628	6612	4603	8155	6906	5558	4876	4035	3195
Cote d'Ivoire	3404	2432	1458	6155	4357	2617	8042	6049	4093	7446	6207	4879	4468	3638	2815
Croatia	620	364	199	1125	651	357	1426	810	420	1383	886	487	832	532	307
Cuba	3980	2994	1974	7193	5367	3545	9828	7811	5804	8306	7057	5709	4967	4127	3287
Czech Rep.	296	144	60	539	257	108	742	355	146	821	478	232	495	292	153
Congo DR	2304	1400	683	4176	2502	1226	5543	3606	1959	5508	4276	2987	3302	2486	1718
Denmark	233	94	34	425	167	61	594	224	73	680	318	107	387	183	69
Dominican Rep.	3586	2600	1577	6485	4658	2832	8321	6304	4295	7672	6423	5075	4633	3793	2953
East Timor	4103	3117	2094	7415	5589	3763	10034	8017	6008	8395	7145	5798	5046	4206	3366
Ecuador	1244	609	224	2262	1084	401	3250	1656	651	3685	2467	1363	2129	1386	825



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Egypt	2387	1725	1166	4318	3092	2095	4683	3274	2129	3449	2514	1670	2134	1534	1030
El Salvador	2638	1662	788	4778	2971	1413	6107	4097	2183	5961	4712	3368	3583	2744	1915
Equatorial Guinea	2479	1496	623	4491	2672	1117	6004	3988	2038	6263	5014	3667	3774	2934	2094
Eritrea	3622	2688	1820	6549	4818	3270	7834	5887	4118	5989	4758	3492	3610	2799	2041
Estonia	268	134	57	488	239	103	625	298	122	613	332	144	371	203	96
Ethiopia	1562	961	551	2832	1718	989	3450	2049	1102	3130	2059	1163	1868	1225	735
Finland	190	88	35	345	157	62	456	200	75	473	241	96	283	146	64
France	427	232	115	775	415	206	1002	523	248	1011	594	296	610	365	196
Gabon	3000	2017	1081	5429	3608	1940	7120	5105	3134	6860	5611	4263	4130	3290	2451
Gambia	3759	2783	1801	6795	4988	3235	8365	6367	4418	6736	5497	4182	4090	3262	2452
Georgia	216	104	47	394	186	84	554	254	106	648	357	163	392	226	115
Germany	304	155	70	553	277	126	737	363	159	784	447	215	473	276	143
Ghana	3656	2687	1707	6609	4816	3065	8603	6616	4667	7668	6432	5112	4578	3752	2935
Greece	1116	753	476	2021	1348	856	2301	1489	896	1860	1261	758	1130	763	474
Guatemala	2755	1788	888	4988	3197	1593	6330	4329	2425	6163	4915	3576	3710	2874	2051
Guinea	3577	2643	1744	6468	4737	3133	7723	5797	3963	6532	5326	4064	3944	3145	2372
Guinea-Bissau	4141	3176	2222	7483	5696	3993	8745	6760	4864	6812	5572	4274	4116	3293	2506
Haiti	3806	2820	1798	6881	5055	3228	8983	6966	4957	7949	6700	5352	4790	3949	3109
Honduras	2687	1709	816	4866	3055	1463	6244	4232	2299	6134	4884	3538	3689	2849	2017
Hungary	507	274	132	920	490	237	1241	670	319	1315	846	470	787	506	295
India	3519	2700	1919	6359	4842	3450	7622	5917	4342	5874	4787	3685	3540	2829	2160
Indonesia	3513	2527	1509	6353	4527	2709	8609	6593	4585	8043	6794	5446	4846	4006	3166
Iran	1628	1231	894	2943	2208	1607	2944	2120	1457	1791	1261	813	1152	812	539
Iraq	2870	2310	1803	5184	4147	3241	5123	3954	2946	3237	2477	1777	2004	1515	1097
Ireland	57	11	2	105	19	4	206	33	5	385	109	15	193	57	11
Italy	617	352	172	1120	629	309	1475	839	421	1525	997	583	907	594	358
Japan	994	588	276	1804	1050	495	2475	1555	851	2609	1942	1334	1548	1130	775
Jordan	1757	1249	833	3179	2239	1497	3472	2376	1522	2561	1817	1164	1600	1128	744
Kazakhstan	710	481	303	1285	861	545	1395	902	539	991	651	375	628	412	247
Kenya	1680	951	519	3050	1699	932	3928	2231	1149	3732	2529	1423	2211	1465	854
Kuwait	4021	3290	2614	7261	5907	4701	7183	5657	4308	4649	3662	2715	2847	2207	1636
Kyrgyz Rep.	167	95	46	303	171	83	312	167	76	164	78	27	128	64	25
Lao PDR	2454	1592	834	4444	2847	1496	5906	4069	2440	5817	4625	3401	3482	2701	1964
Latvia	276	135	57	502	241	102	663	313	127	687	379	170	410	230	111
Lebanon	1759	1197	733	3184	2144	1316	3791	2574	1591	3209	2359	1597	1953	1417	963
Lesotho	797	473	263	1446	846	473	1665	917	470	1350	778	373	853	510	278
Liberia	3451	2466	1456	6241	4418	2614	8205	6191	4190	7816	6567	5220	4712	3872	3033



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Libya	2330	1718	1208	4214	3080	2171	4445	3155	2115	3068	2226	1478	1901	1360	914
Lithuania	290	142	60	527	253	108	701	333	136	735	413	190	439	250	123
Macedonia	763	488	292	1384	873	525	1596	965	543	1309	825	445	802	511	296
Madagascar	2024	1195	553	3669	2135	991	4735	2920	1454	4696	3481	2277	2824	2042	1341
Malawi	2372	1564	927	4295	2799	1664	5101	3364	1950	4380	3232	2122	2658	1921	1272
Malaysia	3206	2220	1212	5800	3973	2175	7826	5810	3804	7680	6431	5083	4630	3789	2949
Mali	4104	3221	2370	7414	5778	4261	8226	6420	4735	5937	4830	3707	3602	2878	2195
Mauritania	4520	3642	2807	8162	6537	5048	8409	6612	4975	5405	4299	3214	3304	2586	1935
Mexico	1607	986	529	2913	1763	950	3721	2296	1252	3565	2539	1606	2141	1509	982
Moldova	586	325	157	1065	580	282	1371	754	359	1343	868	477	805	517	296
Mongolia	443	284	167	803	509	301	847	513	282	532	309	148	357	212	110
Montenegro	608	365	203	1103	653	364	1319	748	389	1154	698	352	705	431	235
Могоссо	1688	1222	847	3055	2190	1522	3204	2200	1442	2209	1511	942	1389	952	614
Mozambique	2754	1888	1129	4984	3381	2028	6110	4276	2660	5385	4196	2989	3257	2481	1757
Myanmar	2884	2046	1272	5217	3665	2285	6586	4825	3219	5855	4724	3565	3513	2772	2071
Namibia	2653	1978	1402	4797	3547	2520	4950	3540	2371	3257	2364	1535	2039	1462	973
Nepal	1299	844	494	2354	1510	887	3023	2000	1232	2737	2014	1370	1667	1212	832
Netherlands	195	74	27	357	132	48	524	184	60	642	291	95	367	170	64
New Zealand	263	83	20	482	147	36	743	228	50	966	430	126	528	238	81
Nicaragua	2747	1767	861	4975	3159	1545	6439	4425	2479	6354	5105	3758	3812	2973	2137
Niger	4278	3429	2616	7727	6154	4703	8424	6691	5093	5725	4671	3614	3478	2792	2150
Nigeria	3496	2577	1685	6320	4619	3028	7787	5900	4093	6628	5455	4225	3989	3213	2456
Norway	30	9	2	54	16	4	84	24	5	124	43	11	71	27	8
Oman	4212	3364	2570	7607	6036	4621	8210	6429	4823	5797	4641	3483	3499	2750	2057
Pakistan	3013	2368	1781	5444	4248	3201	6385	5026	3838	4567	3676	2822	2742	2167	1652
Palestine	1469	846	372	2666	1511	667	3475	2092	1052	3433	2432	1567	2069	1446	935
Panama	3588	2602	1580	6488	4662	2836	8500	6484	4475	8098	6849	5501	4865	4025	3185
Papua New	2480	1511	677	4494	2698	1213	5979	3967	2097	6138	4889	3543	3711	2871	2042
Paraguay	2359	1563	877	4271	2798	1574	5727	4015	2534	5438	4306	3165	3253	2517	1835
Peru	757	410	178	1375	732	320	1886	1063	511	2023	1335	791	1204	800	492
Philippines	3939	2953	1930	7120	5294	3468	9731	7714	5705	8491	7242	5894	5097	4257	3417
Poland	383	200	91	695	357	164	909	462	205	921	546	271	555	331	175
Portugal	615	275	111	1119	490	199	1556	694	247	1762	998	444	1003	569	270
Congo	2792	1810	874	5054	3236	1568	6736	4723	2752	6645	5396	4050	4005	3165	2328
Romania	460	242	112	835	432	202	1112	577	260	1157	719	377	691	430	239
Russia	410	233	120	745	417	215	940	520	256	902	568	305	543	341	192
Rwanda	1117	447	159	2036	795	284	3010	1282	448	3409	2175	1016	1975	1210	611



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Saudi Arabia	3669	2908	2213	6627	5219	3979	6632	5059	3684	4149	3158	2225	2574	1935	1381
Senegal	4037	3081	2127	7296	5526	3822	8672	6716	4829	6700	5491	4225	4068	3264	2487
Serbia	519	302	163	942	540	292	1181	656	335	1129	696	367	683	427	241
Sierra Leone	3821	2840	1838	6906	5090	3301	9004	6995	5008	7932	6685	5342	4765	3927	3093
Slovakia	405	212	97	736	378	174	976	501	223	1014	617	316	612	374	204
Slovenia	272	128	51	495	228	91	704	325	129	820	471	224	493	289	151
Somalia	4146	3169	2182	7493	5683	3921	8685	6681	4719	6809	5562	4227	4107	3272	2447
South Africa	1198	701	372	2174	1252	667	2643	1504	749	2362	1538	850	1437	928	538
South Korea	832	475	206	1509	849	369	2050	1249	640	2182	1602	1080	1305	940	632
South Sudan	3476	2501	1561	6285	4480	2804	7616	5618	3693	6490	5253	3942	3905	3079	2271
Spain	868	589	383	1573	1055	687	1771	1135	698	1414	923	544	879	580	359
Sri-Lanka	3745	2759	1738	6771	4944	3121	8761	6745	4737	8017	6768	5420	4827	3987	3147
Sudan	4241	3313	2411	7661	5943	4334	8365	6468	4683	5927	4761	3574	3590	2819	2097
Swaziland	1846	1155	618	3346	2065	1109	4191	2664	1451	3913	2854	1852	2361	1694	1112
Sweden	179	76	29	326	136	52	447	178	63	501	238	85	292	142	57
Switzerland	144	62	22	263	110	39	373	157	53	445	231	97	275	151	71
Syria	1852	1350	922	3350	2420	1657	3750	2669	1787	2892	2145	1474	1770	1297	898
Tajikistan	530	360	228	960	645	409	979	630	375	562	344	182	395	247	140
Tanzania	1801	1011	523	3269	1806	938	4176	2381	1162	3955	2747	1580	2364	1593	946
Thailand	3220	2277	1363	5825	4078	2447	7734	5775	3916	7092	5859	4554	4245	3424	2625
Тодо	3621	2663	1706	6546	4772	3065	8344	6374	4459	7347	6117	4810	4357	3538	2733
Tunisia	1895	1323	863	3430	2369	1551	3922	2674	1710	3152	2270	1513	1911	1361	914
Turkey	919	626	402	1664	1121	722	1836	1187	719	1392	916	532	870	576	352
Turkmenistan	1957	1520	1136	3537	2727	2041	3506	2599	1844	2141	1562	1053	1356	985	681
Uganda	1470	603	187	2675	1069	334	3763	1819	526	4077	2829	1523	2418	1593	845
Ukraine	588	340	174	1067	608	311	1330	756	377	1238	800	444	747	480	276
United Arab Emirates	4351	3519	2748	7858	6317	4940	8252	6504	4942	5668	4530	3401	3429	2692	2019
United Kingdom	177	69	20	323	122	35	438	159	46	499	207	62	293	131	47
United States	1120	729	418	2029	1304	751	2603	1737	1058	2394	1785	1229	1452	1065	736
Uruguay	1341	808	422	2432	1444	758	3182	1965	1078	3110	2219	1424	1856	1303	846
Uzbekistan	1459	1115	822	2637	2001	1478	2602	1889	1316	1556	1100	719	1011	718	485
Venezuela	3263	2279	1311	5902	4080	2353	7559	5543	3563	6951	5701	4354	4193	3353	2513
Vietnam	2827	1956	1151	5115	3503	2066	6946	5108	3430	6464	5278	4052	3866	3084	2339
Yemen	3647	2776	1983	6592	4978	3565	7192	5356	3743	5226	4037	2852	3161	2390	1689
Zambia	2034	1293	765	3686	2313	1373	4335	2712	1496	3648	2583	1571	2227	1542	961
Zimbabwe	2048	1367	842	3708	2447	1513	4276	2807	1643	3481	2508	1588	2141	1518	979



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Albania	1747	2413	3216	3127	4359	5796	2787	4069	5582	1479	2171	3061	1517	2018	2596
Algeria	1186	1714	2360	2120	3097	4254	1937	2979	4232	1036	1629	2425	1061	1483	1995
Angola	184	369	750	328	670	1354	293	575	1158	151	272	488	154	257	436
Argentina	1162	1670	2329	2078	3018	4198	1870	2828	4044	1025	1529	2222	1010	1381	1837
Armenia	4068	4928	5871	7298	8890	10574	6689	8396	10227	4033	5000	6163	3941	4615	5346
Australia	650	1154	1839	1157	2090	3317	976	1907	3169	413	866	1562	480	829	1293
Austria	3775	4640	5600	6771	8371	10086	6169	7865	9710	3694	4641	5782	3631	4295	5018
Azerbaijan	3206	3970	4836	5749	7163	8711	5240	6742	8410	3117	3958	4991	3066	3660	4318
Bangladesh	113	217	383	202	394	691	154	331	611	55	126	255	87	157	257
Belarus	3937	4748	5668	7064	8565	10210	6498	8083	9844	3951	4840	5918	3904	4529	5217
Belgium	2346	3140	4045	4201	5671	7288	3734	5274	7013	2037	2866	3920	2104	2700	3373
Benin	25	72	163	45	132	294	42	128	281	27	76	164	36	83	150
Bolivia	1716	2340	3102	3071	4228	5589	2736	3937	5353	1515	2164	2998	1463	1916	2446
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2189	2903	3747	3921	5243	6751	3510	4882	6478	1960	2699	3639	1986	2518	3127
Botswana	626	948	1435	1118	1716	2587	1037	1647	2509	577	915	1405	564	816	1147
Brazil	88	216	497	156	392	898	108	287	691	38	88	211	54	110	217
Bulgaria	2400	3088	3901	4302	5574	7028	3889	5217	6756	2252	2981	3897	2243	2766	3360
Burkina Faso	53	140	292	93	255	527	105	284	572	84	206	399	94	198	334
Burundi	38	374	1108	65	686	2000	15	343	1556	2	25	260	10	100	369
Cambodia	3	16	66	5	29	120	2	15	74	0	2	10	1	4	15
Cameroon	25	71	321	45	129	581	44	108	341	27	60	117	27	56	101
Canada	4524	5357	6281	8120	9663	11312	7537	9191	10971	4616	5576	6701	4501	5164	5874
Central African Rep.	12	37	179	20	67	324	19	60	180	11	31	71	13	31	63
Chad	50	118	251	89	214	453	99	238	477	72	168	334	68	148	266
Chile	2588	3412	4322	4634	6161	7787	4236	5904	7692	2375	3371	4563	2340	3014	3745
China	2183	2724	3387	3914	4916	6102	3619	4657	5882	2199	2774	3491	2065	2474	2939
Colombia	35	262	797	60	480	1440	11	215	969	0	8	113	3	41	198
Costa Rica	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cote d'Ivoire	6	21	69	11	38	125	9	32	85	5	14	34	7	17	34
Croatia	2365	3095	3952	4236	5589	7121	3787	5187	6807	2140	2892	3841	2171	2712	3327
Cuba	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Rep.	3503	4337	5276	6281	7826	9503	5723	7352	9152	3416	4322	5424	3363	4001	4701
Congo DR	17	99	404	29	181	731	19	98	459	7	24	83	10	35	107
Denmark	2435	3282	4245	4360	5928	7648	3910	5555	7414	2170	3057	4193	2180	2816	3542
Dominican Rep.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Timor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	94	445	1083	163	811	1955	44	466	1471	2	34	277	13	111	389



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Egypt	531	855	1318	948	1548	2377	861	1468	2332	459	773	1277	465	705	1041
El Salvador	1	11	159	1	21	289	0	6	101	0	0	4	0	1	12
Equatorial Guinea	0	4	153	0	7	279	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	1
Eritrea	12	64	219	22	117	396	13	82	322	3	22	104	9	38	120
Estonia	4191	5042	5988	7519	9096	10786	6932	8621	10454	4234	5201	6362	4155	4827	5560
Ethiopia	239	624	1236	421	1134	2230	266	880	1943	77	256	707	136	333	683
Finland	4735	5619	6588	8497	10135	11866	7869	9630	11514	4833	5851	7054	4746	5450	6207
France	2407	3199	4104	4311	5777	7394	3841	5378	7112	2110	2943	3992	2165	2761	3431
Gabon	0	3	90	0	6	164	0	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gambia	3	14	55	6	26	99	5	23	83	2	12	45	4	17	46
Georgia	4078	4953	5918	7316	8935	10659	6682	8399	10259	4030	4988	6142	3955	4628	5358
Germany	3156	3994	4931	5658	7209	8883	5113	6755	8560	2974	3886	5002	2970	3612	4320
Ghana	8	26	68	14	47	122	11	40	100	6	19	47	9	23	46
Greece	1729	2352	3099	3095	4249	5583	2757	3961	5378	1498	2147	2992	1535	2007	2559
Guatemala	3	22	145	6	40	263	2	17	123	0	2	11	1	5	22
Guinea	31	83	206	55	150	372	48	137	312	25	68	154	32	73	140
Guinea-Bissau	6	27	95	10	49	172	6	36	150	1	10	59	4	21	74
Haiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honduras	0	8	138	0	16	250	0	4	80	0	0	2	0	1	8
Hungary	2918	3672	4552	5231	6627	8200	4729	6174	7833	2785	3565	4537	2789	3348	3977
India	304	471	713	543	852	1286	492	804	1237	263	425	671	281	410	581
Indonesia	0	0	5	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iran	2288	2878	3563	4102	5194	6419	3833	5025	6370	2362	3081	3981	2194	2694	3261
Iraq	1230	1656	2171	2203	2992	3913	2024	2870	3872	1160	1649	2297	1132	1483	1905
Ireland	2042	2982	3996	3649	5389	7200	3191	5033	7015	1510	2483	3737	1627	2331	3125
Italy	2101	2822	3665	3762	5098	6604	3333	4713	6304	1838	2560	3493	1877	2404	3008
Japan	1653	2233	2944	2960	4033	5305	2655	3751	5056	1499	2081	2821	1451	1873	2358
Jordan	999	1478	2085	1786	2673	3757	1620	2540	3695	854	1359	2054	871	1238	1695
Kazakhstan	4832	5589	6434	8675	10078	11588	8167	9690	11336	5113	6022	7094	4894	5519	6193
Kenya	68	325	916	119	594	1654	45	364	1291	3	49	291	24	118	347
Kuwait	434	690	1037	776	1248	1869	698	1189	1849	350	611	1012	371	571	840
Kyrgyz Rep.	6801	7715	8689	12214	13908	15647	11571	13442	15360	7381	8544	9841	6662	7438	8239
Lao PDR	94	218	483	167	396	872	120	300	680	44	100	224	63	121	225
Latvia	3960	4806	5750	7105	8670	10358	6524	8190	10014	3956	4898	6036	3898	4558	5279
Lebanon	659	1083	1641	1175	1960	2959	985	1784	2809	408	808	1393	495	799	1185
Lesotho	1743	2406	3219	3120	4346	5800	2843	4111	5673	1684	2361	3304	1570	2067	2674
Liberia	0	2	15	1	4	27	0	2	10	0	0	1	0	1	2



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Libya	690	1064	1577	1233	1925	2843	1129	1855	2825	605	1012	1612	620	920	1314
Lithuania	3805	4644	5584	6825	8378	10059	6254	7902	9714	3775	4702	5827	3726	4376	5090
Macedonia	2336	3046	3873	4184	5500	6978	3767	5153	6740	2140	2905	3873	2147	2697	3322
Madagascar	55	213	593	96	388	1071	44	246	788	5	39	183	21	79	219
Malawi	106	284	669	186	517	1208	133	412	1007	40	140	378	69	172	362
Malaysia	0	0	15	0	0	28	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mali	81	184	356	143	333	642	158	369	693	114	256	480	120	236	393
Mauritania	88	196	385	156	357	694	163	383	755	108	252	514	117	240	428
Mexico	405	771	1337	721	1397	2410	572	1163	2128	256	480	895	309	518	831
Moldova	2989	3714	4569	5361	6702	8231	4895	6294	7908	2934	3708	4665	2887	3438	4058
Mongolia	6519	7346	8252	11710	13242	14860	11162	12844	14622	7040	8066	9254	6639	7334	8072
Montenegro	2409	3152	4013	4316	5692	7229	3878	5323	6974	2198	2991	3993	2202	2769	3413
Могоссо	1088	1607	2255	1944	2906	4064	1735	2748	3998	901	1452	2231	959	1363	1865
Mozambique	82	202	466	145	368	842	103	285	678	33	94	234	53	116	233
Myanmar	229	377	626	409	683	1129	353	608	1011	177	294	483	202	302	441
Namibia	603	914	1360	1077	1653	2453	1046	1652	2492	624	980	1500	569	833	1183
Nepal	1374	1905	2578	2460	3442	4645	2230	3224	4464	1281	1807	2511	1250	1635	2095
Netherlands	2351	3216	4191	4208	5809	7551	3767	5443	7328	2039	2937	4089	2058	2701	3434
New Zealand	1130	1936	2896	2013	3504	5219	1640	3142	4973	628	1342	2385	784	1335	2017
Nicaragua	0	6	123	0	10	223	0	2	65	0	0	1	0	0	5
Niger	124	261	470	220	473	848	247	531	942	179	375	665	180	335	533
Nigeria	52	119	251	91	217	452	91	221	423	58	134	252	64	127	210
Norway	4890	5855	6871	8773	10561	12375	8077	10033	12023	4895	6064	7380	4773	5569	6390
Oman	123	261	490	217	473	884	169	405	807	62	156	345	90	181	328
Pakistan	900	1241	1676	1611	2242	3021	1465	2122	2943	827	1185	1679	826	1090	1415
Palestine	263	626	1175	465	1137	2119	330	964	1933	84	333	815	147	364	693
Panama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	0	16	205	0	31	372	0	5	143	0	0	2	0	1	12
Paraguay	222	413	749	396	749	1351	311	615	1143	128	245	451	158	262	421
Peru	1250	1889	2680	2233	3416	4831	1874	3066	4524	904	1464	2268	966	1401	1934
Philippines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	3362	4166	5080	6030	7518	9151	5500	7070	8821	3287	4161	5234	3258	3875	4558
Portugal	787	1434	2293	1401	2598	4133	1079	2234	3795	395	880	1675	519	925	1466
Congo	0	5	92	1	9	167	0	3	41	0	0	2	0	1	4
Romania	3198	3967	4860	5736	7158	8755	5233	6714	8406	3131	3943	4948	3088	3667	4316
Russia	4797	5606	6515	8611	10110	11733	8026	9623	11367	4952	5867	6952	4866	5505	6195
Rwanda	33	350	1084	57	642	1957	11	299	1474	1	16	205	7	82	322



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Saudi Arabia	357	583	911	638	1056	1642	615	1058	1692	360	618	1033	341	542	828
Senegal	17	47	115	30	86	208	32	92	215	23	63	145	26	63	125
Serbia	2934	3703	4586	5259	6683	8262	4765	6256	7944	2796	3612	4631	2782	3366	4020
Sierra Leone	2	7	28	3	14	51	2	9	31	0	2	7	1	3	9
Slovakia	3355	4148	5056	6017	7485	9107	5490	7030	8762	3290	4142	5189	3248	3851	4520
Slovenia	3403	4245	5190	6101	7660	9349	5534	7172	8984	3278	4178	5280	3241	3878	4580
Somalia	2	11	47	4	21	85	2	13	61	0	3	16	2	6	21
South Africa	969	1458	2152	1733	2637	3879	1554	2430	3684	885	1311	1970	840	1171	1621
South Korea	2094	2724	3477	3753	4919	6265	3411	4626	6026	1999	2668	3494	1884	2359	2891
South Sudan	2	14	97	4	25	176	4	22	106	4	16	52	5	18	51
Spain	1920	2627	3443	3436	4745	6204	3084	4464	6037	1679	2437	3406	1693	2234	2853
Sri-Lanka	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sudan	47	105	227	84	191	409	91	210	434	64	147	308	61	130	248
Swaziland	305	600	1086	543	1088	1959	412	902	1697	147	337	682	207	380	638
Sweden	3633	4517	5492	6514	8151	9893	5935	7682	9575	3539	4526	5720	3483	4173	4928
Switzerland	4243	5148	6130	7612	9286	11042	6957	8758	10664	4202	5237	6451	4100	4815	5576
Syria	1201	1685	2279	2149	3045	4108	1923	2858	3984	1039	1542	2218	1051	1418	1859
Tajikistan	4454	5271	6161	7995	9506	11096	7497	9164	10918	4731	5762	6948	4374	5067	5799
Tanzania	45	241	775	78	441	1399	39	260	1051	7	48	229	21	89	282
Thailand	22	64	173	38	117	312	26	83	233	8	24	67	14	34	75
Тодо	13	41	108	23	76	195	18	64	157	8	28	69	14	36	71
Tunisia	550	964	1527	979	1745	2753	835	1603	2648	382	750	1341	445	736	1129
Turkey	2586	3280	4078	4636	5919	7347	4232	5600	7140	2482	3255	4219	2426	2973	3588
Turkmenistan	2140	2689	3327	3837	4853	5994	3588	4698	5952	2201	2871	3710	2061	2531	3067
Uganda	7	126	732	12	233	1324	2	74	791	0	2	43	1	16	109
Ukraine	3298	4037	4893	5916	7284	8813	5439	6882	8512	3293	4104	5096	3220	3793	4430
United Arab Emirates	154	308	559	274	559	1009	219	486	934	84	194	413	116	220	387
United Kingdom	2256	3134	4108	4037	5662	7402	3584	5321	7216	1850	2806	4010	1922	2600	3356
United States	2347	2942	3654	4209	5310	6583	3859	5010	6339	2310	2950	3741	2241	2695	3205
Uruguay	681	1134	1771	1214	2053	3193	1008	1808	2929	449	807	1359	513	800	1183
Uzbekistan	2649	3292	4021	4751	5940	7244	4442	5746	7182	2739	3532	4499	2566	3113	3720
Venezuela	0	2	57	0	4	104	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vietnam	111	227	444	198	412	801	150	329	659	58	122	243	75	134	229
Yemen	70	185	415	124	336	749	94	275	671	39	100	263	52	121	260
Zambia	207	452	946	367	821	1707	320	712	1506	142	326	661	170	326	585
Zimbabwe	428	734	1232	764	1329	2221	676	1223	2068	325	600	1028	356	574	875

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About the project

The CMCC-KAPSARC Database is a comprehensive open source database that includes heating and cooling degree days for 147 countries spanning 60 years. In addition to being a source for traditional temperature-based degree days, the team has presented a novel approach that incorporates the effect of humidity and solar radiation by deriving degree days from thermal comfort indices. Its intent is to provide a quantitative means for assessing climatic effects when performing energy-related analyses.

Please see the link below for the CMCC-KAPSARC Database:

http://www.kapsarc.org/en/Documents/KAPSARC-CMCC%20Enhanced%20Degree%20Days% 20%20Database%20March%202015.xlsx

