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## Co-op Facts & Figures Tweet 3

### 841 distribution and 65 G&T cooperatives serve:

- 42 million people in 47 states
- 18 million businesses, homes, schools, churches, farms, irrigation systems, and other establishments in 2,500 of 3,141 counties in the United States
- 12 percent of the nation's population

### To perform their mission, electric cooperatives:

- Own assets worth \$112 billion (distribution and G&T co-ops combined);
- Own and maintain 2.5 million miles, or 42 percent, of the nation's electric distribution lines, covering three quarters of the nation's landmass;
- Deliver 10 percent of the total kilowatt-hours sold in the United States each year;
- Generate nearly 5 percent of the total electricity produced in the United States each year ;
- Employ 70,000 people in the United States;
- Retire \$545 million in capital credits annually;
- Pay \$1.4 billion in state and local taxes.

#### [U.S. Co-ops by the numbers: infrastructure, retail sales and generation portfolio](#)

A comparison of cooperatives and other sectors of the electric utility industry, including a comparison of fuel use.

#### [Fuel mix for distribution cooperatives nationwide \(2009 Energy Information Agency data\)](#)

#### U.S. Electric Utility Overview

	Investor-Owned	Publicly Owned	Cooperatives	Total
Total Revenue (billions of dollars)	277	50	37	364
Number of organizations	220	2,000	930	3,150
Number of total customers (in millions)	104	21	18	143
Size (median number of customers)	400,000	2,000	12,500	
Customers, percent of total	73	15	12	
Revenues, percent of total	76	14	10	
Kilowatt-hour sales, percent of total	73	15	10	
<b>Sales (billions of kilowatt-hours)</b>	<b>Investor-Owned</b>	<b>Publicly Owned</b>	<b>Cooperatives</b>	<b>Total</b>
Residential	952	205	223	1,380
Commercial	1,056	211	82	1,336
Industrial	692	155	89	1,009
Other	4	4	0	8
Total	2,704	575	393	3,733
	<b>Investor-Owned</b>	<b>Publicly Owned</b>	<b>Cooperatives</b>	<b>Total</b>
Percentage of distribution line owned	50	7	43	
Customers per mile of line (density)	35	47	7	34
Revenue per mile of line (dollars)	62,665	86,302	10,565	60,827
Distribution plant per customer	2,229	2,309	2,845	2,362
Assets (billions of dollars)	700	200	100	1,000

Equity (billions of dollars)	220	55	31	306
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**Note:** "Investor-Owned" includes data for IOU affiliates engaged in competitive retail markets where appropriate.  
**Source:** 2008 EIA-861 and RUS Form 7 data  
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