

British Import of US Oil: 1939-1945

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Percent

100

90

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

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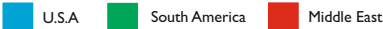
YEAR

1939

1942

1944

Other Sources



Before the outbreak of war with Germany, the UK was importing 40% of its oil from South America with the rest coming from the Middle East and the USA. Allies in the West were highly dependent on US production during World War II. Before the War most US oil exports went westwards. By August 1943 the Big Inch pipeline from Texas to the East Coast was completed followed by the Little Inch pipeline in October 1943. An estimated 85% of the oil used by America's allies in World War II was produced by the United States.