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Electricity supply interruptions in 2020

Jochen Homann: "*Germany's electricity supply very reliable*"

The Bundesnetzagentur has today published figures on interruptions in the electricity supply in 2020.

"The electricity supply in Germany was again very reliable in 2020. Once again, the outage time was lower than in the previous year, which had been the lowest to date," said Jochen Homann, Bundesnetzagentur President. *"As in the past, the energy transition and the growth in distributed generation have not had any negative effects on the quality of supply."*

The average interruption in supply per connected final consumer was 10.73 minutes, 1.47 minutes less than the previous year's average and the lowest outage time since the first publication in 2006.

Bundesnetzagentur collects supply interruption data

Operators of energy supply networks report to the Bundesnetzagentur each year detailing all the supply interruptions lasting longer than three minutes that have occurred in their networks. The reports state the time, duration, extent and cause of the interruptions.

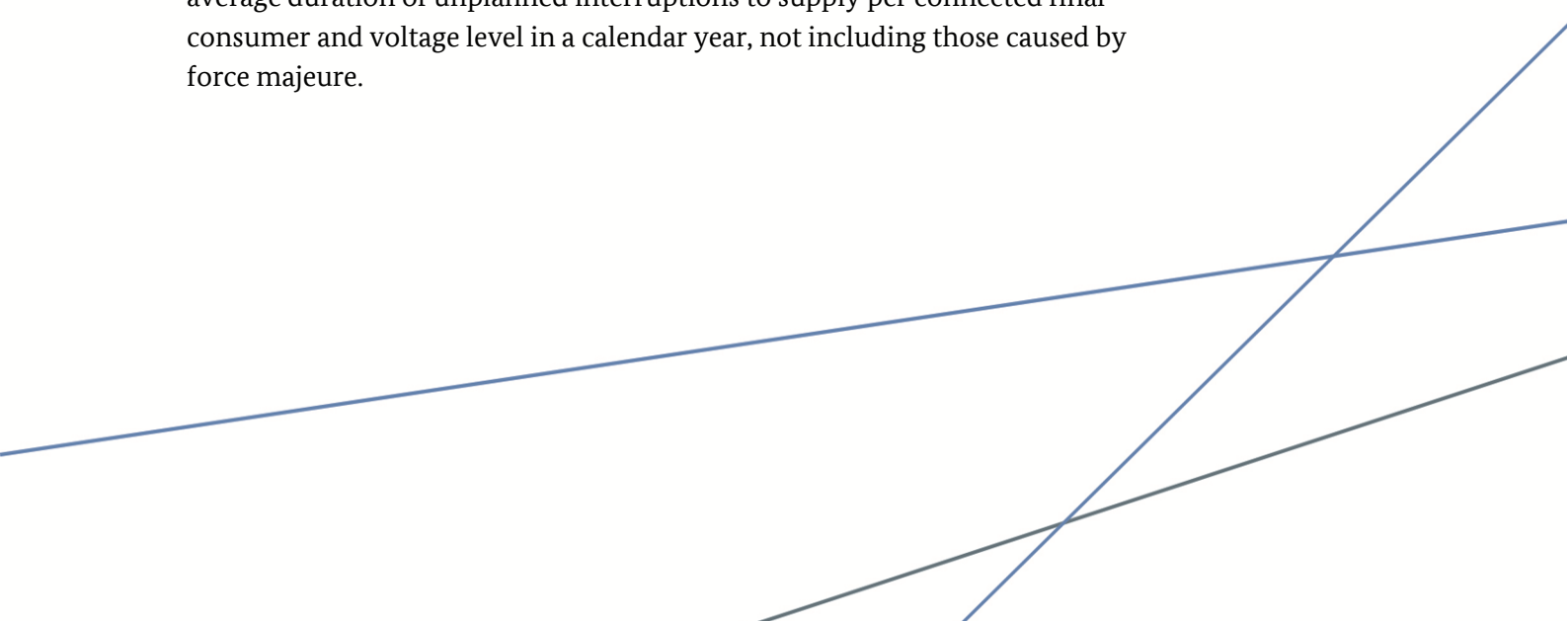
The System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI_{EnWG}) shows the average duration of unplanned interruptions to supply per connected final consumer and voltage level in a calendar year, not including those caused by force majeure.

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For 2020, 860 network operators reported a total of 162,224 supply interruptions at low and medium-voltage level. The number of reports of interruptions was about 2,400 higher than in the previous year.

Figures for federal states and details of interruptions

As in the previous years, an anonymised list of the individual supply interruptions has been published in addition to the SAIDI_{EnWG} figures for each federal state.

An overview of the electricity supply interruptions is available on the Bundesnetzagentur's website at www.bnetza.de/SAIDI-Strom (in German).

The Bundesnetzagentur is an authority under the responsibility of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. Its core tasks include supervising the energy, telecommunications, postal and railway markets.

As part of its mandate, the Bundesnetzagentur ensures that as many undertakings as possible can use the infrastructure in these sectors so that consumers benefit from competition and favourable prices.

The authority employs over 2,900 people at its headquarters in Bonn and Mainz and its 46 regional offices.