

CO₂ Emissions and Energy Consumption Analysis

A Comparative Study Across Ten Countries

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The Importance of CO2 Emissions Analysis

Since 1990, global CO2 emissions have shot up by over 60%.^[1] This dramatic rise paints a concerning picture. It signifies an acceleration of greenhouse gas accumulation in the atmosphere, further escalating the threat of climate change. This ever-growing blanket of heat-trapping gas is pushing our planet towards a tipping point, potentially leading to more extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and mass extinctions. Curbing these emissions is no longer just an environmental goal, it's a critical step to ensure a habitable planet for future generations.

[1]: <https://www.mpg.de/6678112/carbon-dioxide-climate-change>

Analyzing CO₂ Emissions and Energy Consumption

This study attempts to answer the question:

What is the relationship between greenhouse gas emissions and energy production across 10 different countries, and how does it vary based on regional, economic, and climatic factors?

Study Objectives:

Analyze patterns in CO₂ emissions
and energy consumption.

Identify crucial factors impacting CO₂ emissions.

Deliver actionable insights for
policymakers.



Understanding Key Terms

- Correlation Analysis: "Measures the relationship between two variables."
- Variance Inflation Factor: "Identifies multicollinearity issues in regression models."
- Principal Component Analysis: "Reduces data dimensionality while retaining key information."
- Time Series Analysis: "Analyzes data points collected or recorded at specific time intervals."

Data Sources and Features

We merged data from two datasets spanning 2007 to 2016, including features such as:

- Year
- Country
- CO2 emissions
- Primary energy consumption
- GDP
- CO2 emissions from coal, oil, gas
- population

Data Preprocessing Steps

Handling Missing Values: Addressing null or empty entries to maintain data integrity and accuracy.

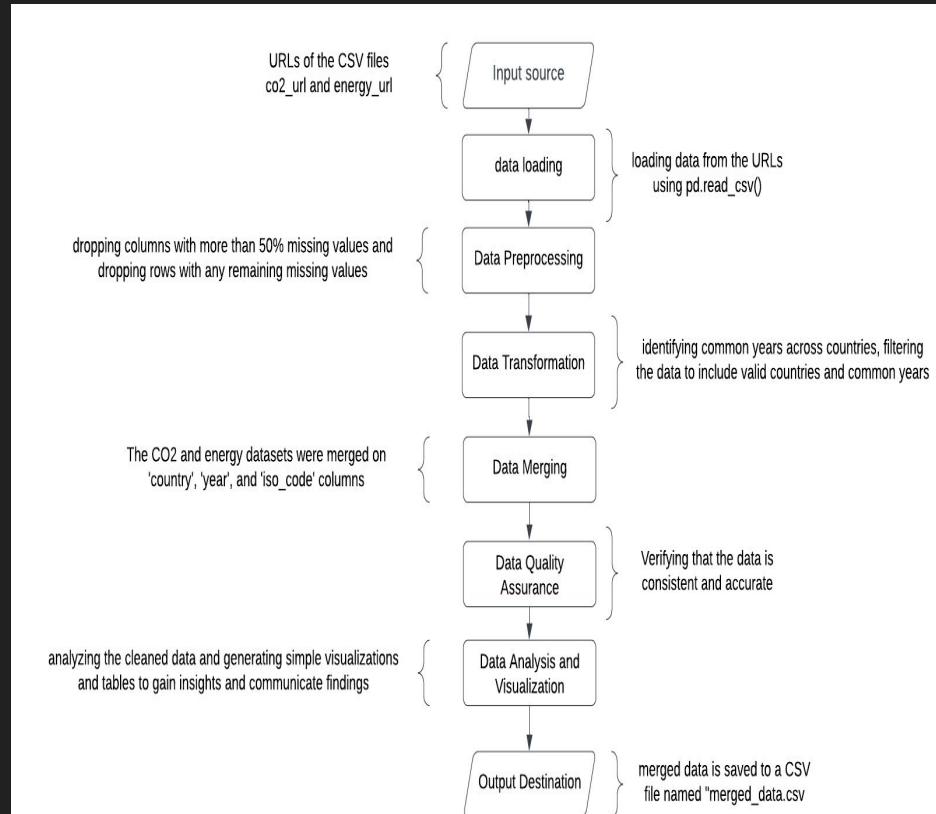
Normalization: Scaling and standardizing data to ensure all variables contribute equally to the analysis.

Correlation Analysis: Evaluating relationships between variables to identify patterns and dependencies within the dataset.

VIF Calculation: Identifying multicollinearity issues in regression models.

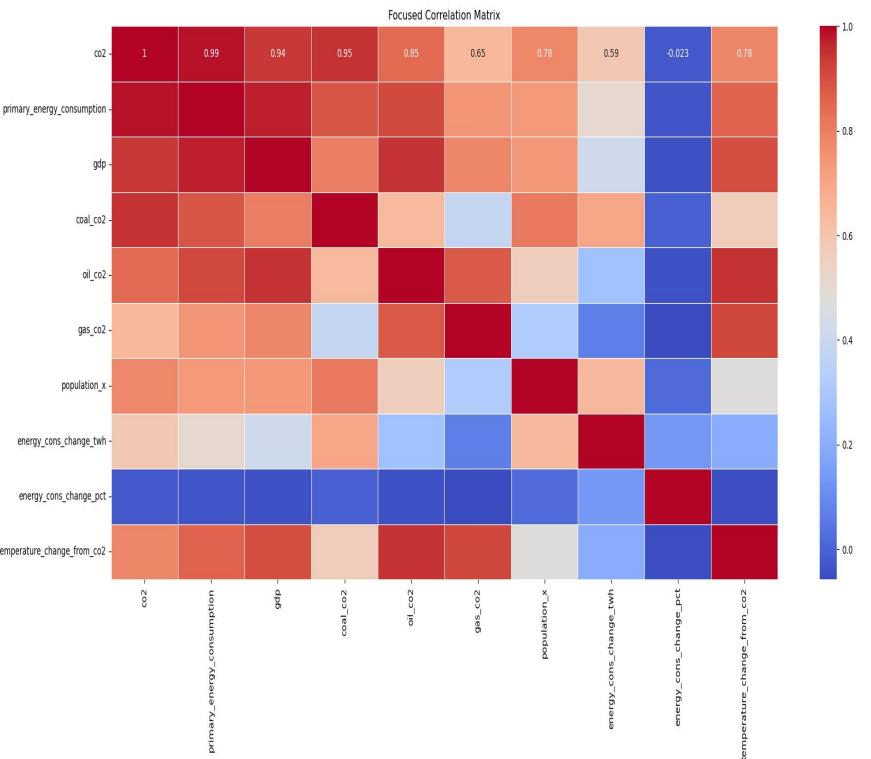
PCA for Dimensionality Reduction: Reducing the number of dimensions in the dataset while preserving essential information.

Outlier Detection: Identifying and addressing data points that deviate significantly from the rest of the dataset.

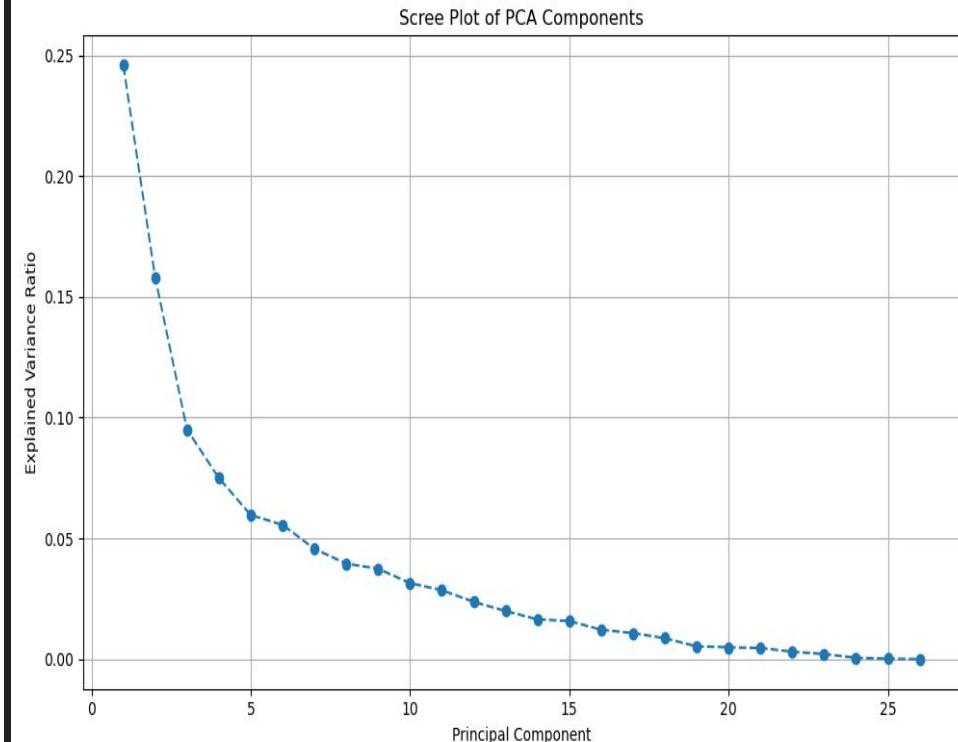


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Correlation Analysis

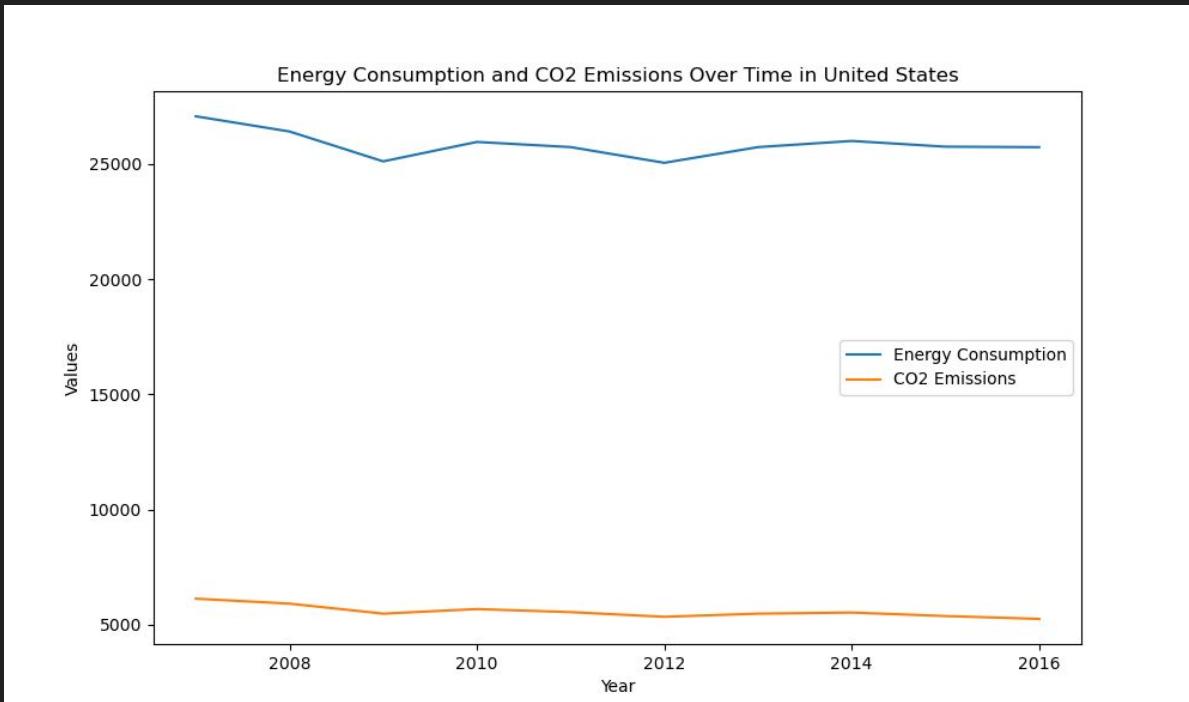


Principal Component Analysis



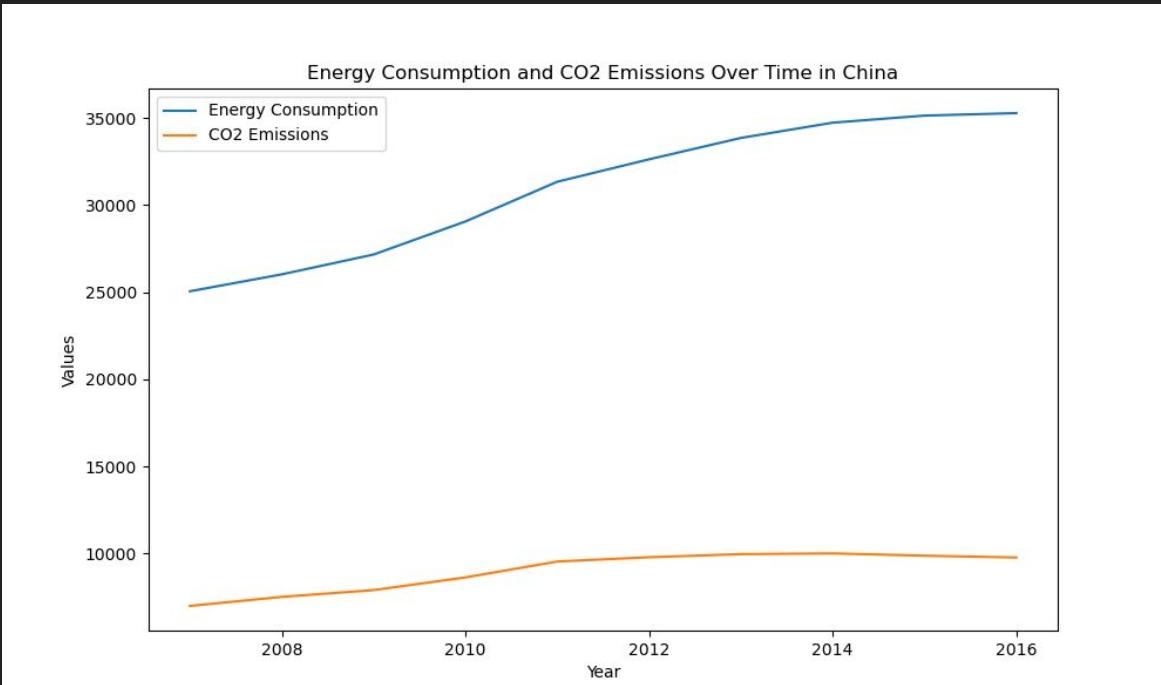
Time Series Analysis - United States VS China

Energy consumption and CO2 emissions dynamics in the United States reveal a sustainability narrative.



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China's rapid industrialization sets the stage for a dynamic interplay between energy consumption and CO2 emissions.



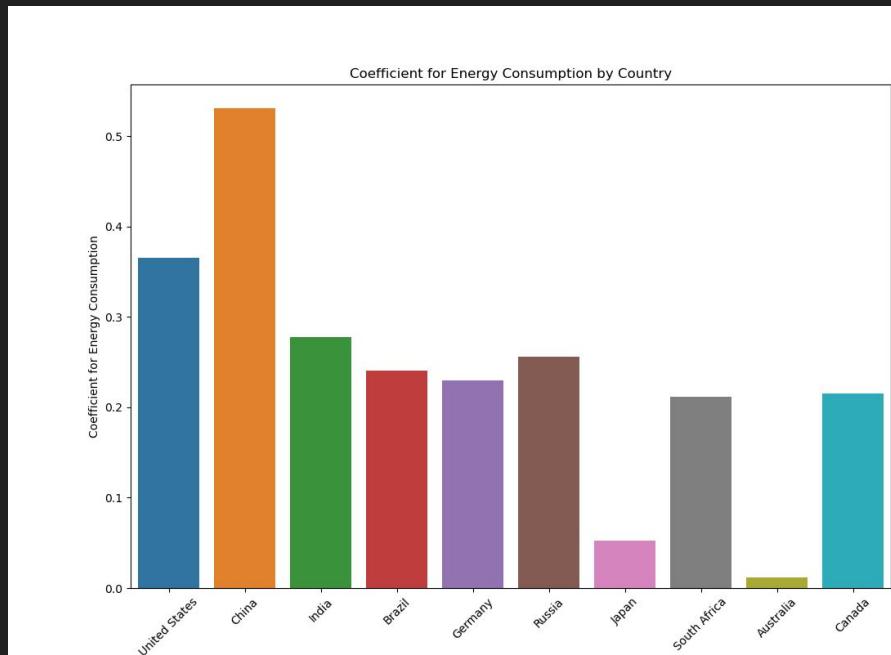
Energy Consumption Coefficient

In China, CO₂ emissions are strongly correlated with energy consumption. CO₂ emissions increase significantly when energy consumption increases.

United States, Russia, India: CO₂ emissions are significantly influenced by energy consumption.

Brazil, Germany, South Africa, Canada: CO₂ emissions moderately affected by coefficients.

Japan, Australia: smaller impact on CO₂ emissions, likely due to efficient energy use or cleaner energy sources.

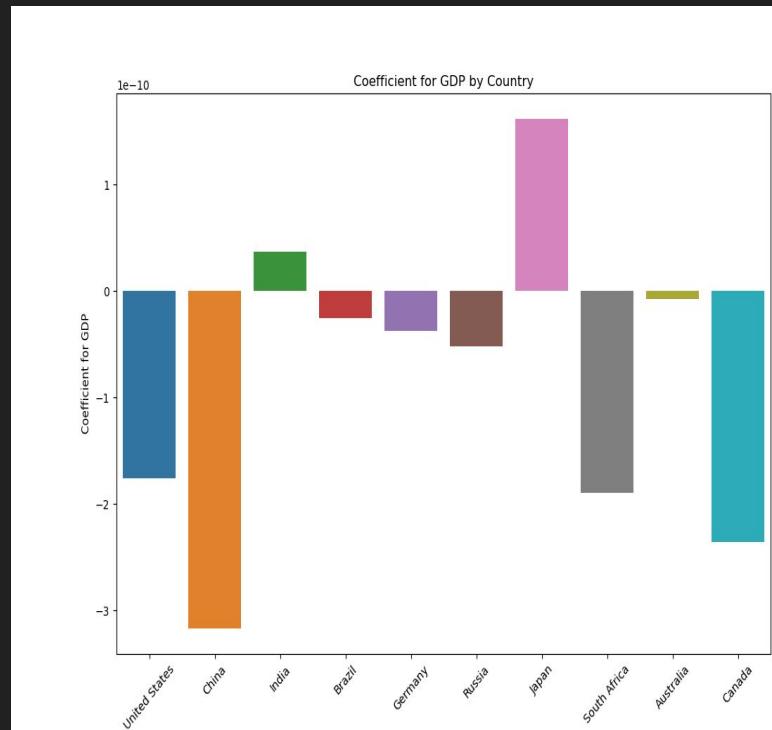


GDP Coefficient Comparison

Japan and India show positive GDP coefficients, linking higher GDP to increased CO₂ emissions and economic growth.

The rest exhibit negative GDP coefficients, indicating that higher GDP is associated with lower CO₂ emissions.

This suggests that in these countries, economic growth is linked to more efficient or cleaner energy use, resulting in reduced emissions.



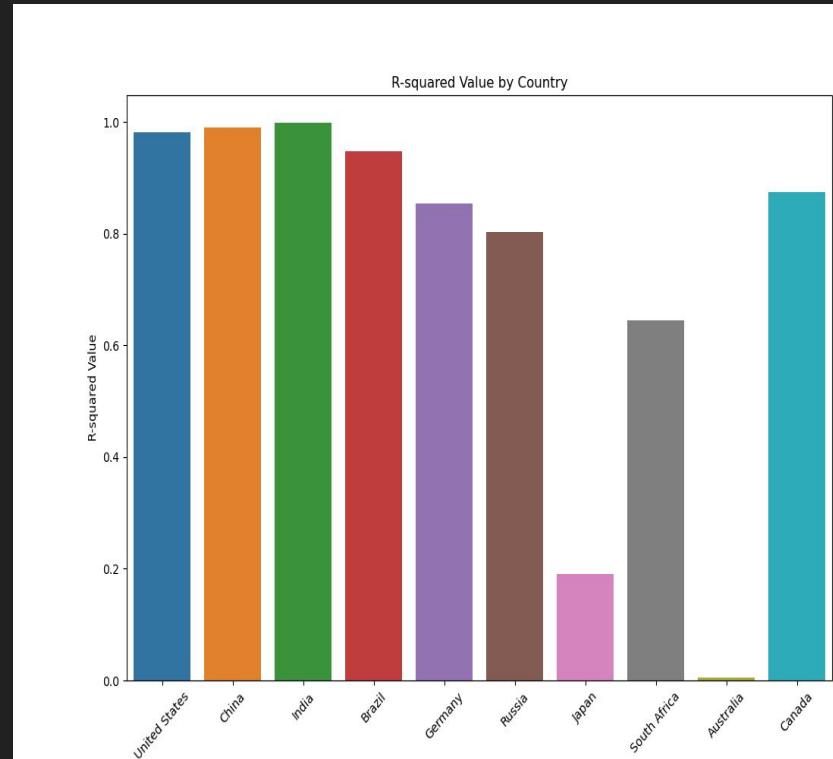
R-squared Value Comparison

Most show High R-squared values; primary energy consumption and GDP are strong predictors of CO₂ emissions.

Others show Moderate R-squared values; other factors may influence emissions.

Japan has Low R-squared value; energy efficiency, renewable energy, or other factors may play a role.

Australia: Lowest R-squared value.



Key Findings

- Strong positive correlation between primary energy consumption and CO2 emissions.
- Significant variation in coefficients for energy consumption and GDP across countries.
- China shows the highest energy consumption coefficient, while Japan and Australia have much lower coefficients, indicating more efficient energy use or reliance on cleaner energy.
- The United States shows stable energy consumption and emissions, while China exhibits consistent increases, emphasizing the need for efficiency measures.

Limitations and Future Research

- Analysis may not account for all factors influencing CO2 emissions and energy consumption, such as technological advancements, energy policies, and socio-economic conditions.
- Future research should consider more granular data and explore specific policies, technological changes, and economic factors on emissions.
- Examining renewable energy adoption and energy transition policies could provide deeper insights.

Moving Forward

- Policymakers should focus on renewable energy and improving energy efficiency.
- Future research should explore the impact of specific policies and technological advancements.
- Collective action is essential to mitigate climate change.