

In-Flight Lead Emissions

For lead only, the NEI currently accounts for lead emitted in-flight, at altitudes above the landing and take off cycle. This calculation is derived by calculating the total amount lead in the national estimate of leaded fuel used (aviation gas), and then subtracting the lead accounted for in the LTO cycle. The remainder is assumed to be the in-flight lead emissions. That value is distributed to states by the ratio of LTOs in the state from piston aircraft engine SCCs. They are stored in a single county estimate, with county code ending in **777 to indicate 'multiple/portable' location.

There was an error in the 2014 NEI that caused the estimate for that year to be 4.2% low. See below.

	2011	2014	2017
	Gallons		
	217,500,000.00	210,000,000	209,000,000
	Lead emissions (tons)		
Total in fuel	483	466	464
Accounted for in LTO	245	228	243
Remainder in Flight	238	238	221
Value erroneously used for 2014 for in-flight		228	
percent difference caused by error		4.20%	