Correcting a Persistent Manhattan Project Statistical Error

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The Road To Trinity (p. 146)
(Morrow, NY, 1987)

“When the plant was finally completed, we were using at Oak Ridge almost one-seventh of the electric power being generated in the United States.”
collusion. At the end of the war, Oak Ridge was the fifth largest town in Tennessee, and the Clinton Engineer Works was consuming one-seventh of all the power being produced in the nation. While the Army and its contractors tried to keep up with the
National Electricity Production

G (kWh)

Statistical Abstracts of the U.S., 1949
Monthly generation/consumption $M$(kWh)

1% national 1943-45 avg.

Y-12
Monthly generation/consumption $M(\text{kWh})$

1% national 1943-45 avg.

10% TVA

Y-12
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