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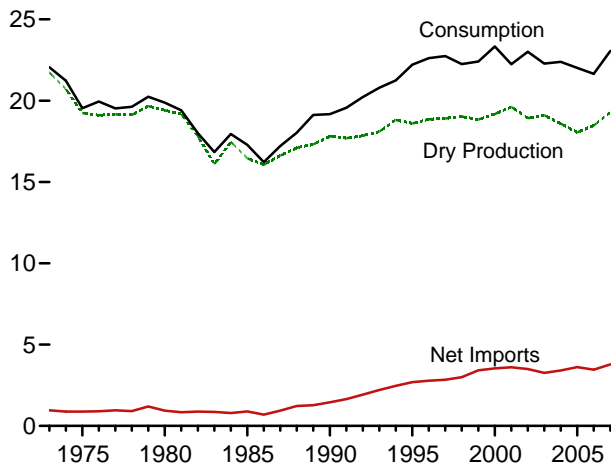
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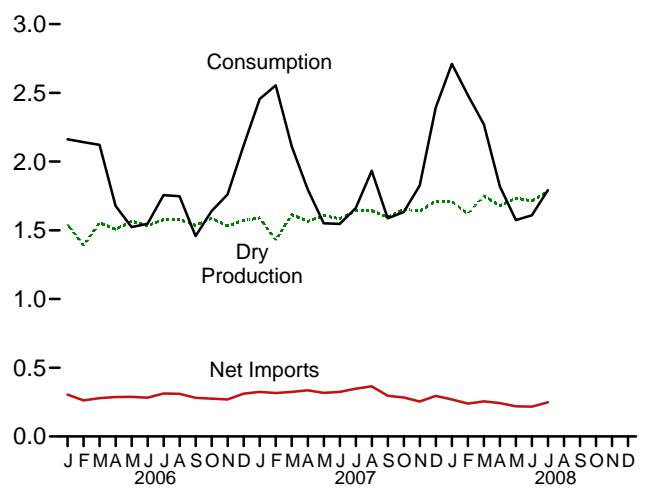
Natural gas pipeline, El Paso County, Texas. Source: U.S. Department of Energy.

Figure 4.1 Natural Gas
(Trillion Cubic Feet)

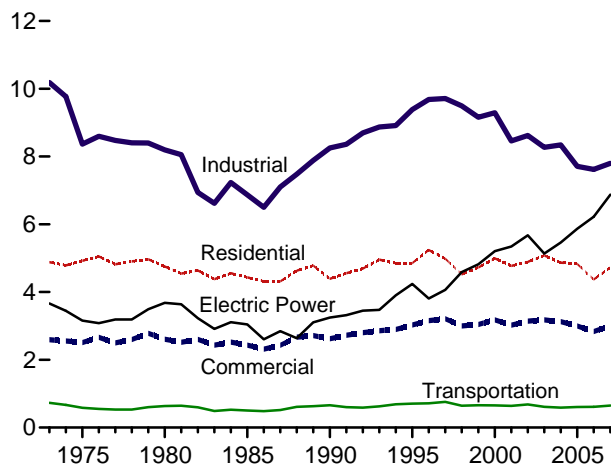
Overview, 1973-2007



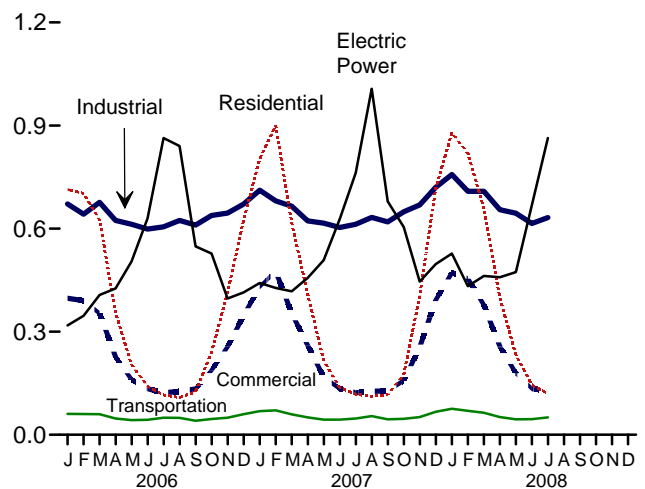
Overview, Monthly



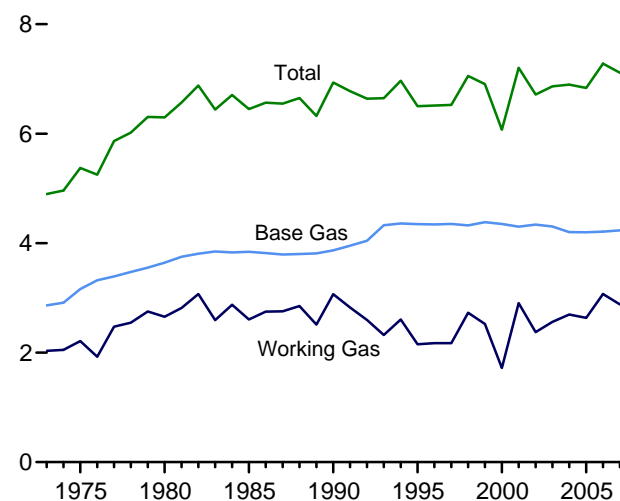
Consumption by Sector, 1973-2007



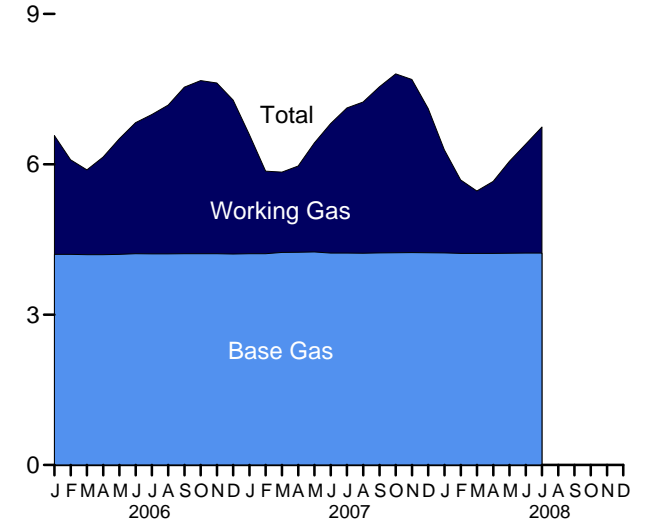
Consumption by Sector, Monthly



Underground Storage, End of Year, 1973-2007



Underground Storage, End of Month



Note: Because vertical scales differ, graphs should not be compared.
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Sources: Tables 4.1, 4.3, and 4.4.

Table 4.1 Natural Gas Overview
(Billion Cubic Feet)

	Gross Withdrawals ^a	Marketed Production (Wet) ^b	Extraction Loss ^c	Dry Gas Production ^d	Supplemental Gaseous Fuels ^e	Trade			Net Storage Withdrawals ^f	Balancing Item ^g	Consumption ^h
						Imports	Exports	Net Imports			
1973 Total	24,067	22,648	917	21,731	NA	1,033	77	956	-442	-196	22,049
1975 Total	21,104	20,109	872	19,236	NA	953	73	880	-344	-235	19,538
1980 Total	21,870	20,180	777	19,403	155	985	49	936	23	-640	19,877
1985 Total	19,607	17,270	816	16,454	126	950	55	894	235	-428	17,281
1990 Total	21,523	18,594	784	17,810	123	1,532	86	1,447	-513	307	19,174
1995 Total	23,744	19,506	908	18,599	110	2,841	154	2,687	415	396	22,207
1996 Total	24,114	19,812	958	18,854	109	2,937	153	2,784	2	860	22,610
1997 Total	24,213	19,866	964	18,902	103	2,994	157	2,837	24	871	22,737
1998 Total	24,108	19,961	938	19,024	102	3,152	159	2,993	-530	657	22,246
1999 Total	23,823	19,805	973	18,832	98	3,586	163	3,422	172	-119	22,405
2000 Total	24,174	20,198	1,016	19,182	90	3,782	244	3,538	829	-305	23,333
2001 Total	24,501	20,570	954	19,616	86	3,977	373	3,604	-1,166	99	22,239
2002 Total	23,941	19,885	957	18,928	68	4,015	516	3,499	468	44	23,007
2003 Total	24,119	19,974	876	19,099	68	3,944	680	3,264	-197	44	22,277
2004 Total	23,970	19,517	927	18,591	60	4,259	854	3,404	-114	448	22,389
2005 Total	23,457	18,927	876	18,051	64	4,341	729	3,612	52	232	22,011
2006											
January	1,982	1,618	76	1,543	6	360	56	305	271	39	2,162
February	1,801	1,458	68	1,390	6	321	59	262	495	-11	2,141
March	1,993	1,630	76	1,554	6	348	69	279	206	77	2,122
April	1,920	1,582	74	1,508	5	332	45	287	-260	139	1,678
May	1,967	1,642	77	1,566	4	351	63	288	-374	40	1,524
June	1,934	1,609	75	1,534	6	348	66	282	-317	43	1,547
July	1,980	1,655	77	1,578	5	371	59	312	-166	26	1,756
August	1,989	1,656	77	1,578	6	365	55	310	-194	48	1,748
September	1,940	1,611	75	1,536	5	334	53	281	-364	(s)	1,458
October	2,015	1,665	78	1,587	6	334	59	275	-135	-93	1,640
November	1,966	1,607	75	1,532	6	339	70	269	51	-97	1,761
December	2,020	1,649	77	1,572	6	383	72	311	351	-125	2,116
Total	23,507	19,382	906	18,476	66	4,186	724	3,462	-436	85	21,653
2007											
January	2,043	E 1,659	69	E 1,590	E 6	393	69	324	684	-148	2,456
February	1,841	E 1,493	64	E 1,429	E 6	373	57	316	731	73	2,555
March	2,078	E 1,687	74	E 1,614	E 6	402	77	325	48	119	2,112
April	1,999	E 1,636	71	E 1,565	E 5	387	51	336	-120	11	1,798
May	2,078	E 1,683	75	E 1,608	E 4	380	62	318	-459	81	1,552
June	1,978	E 1,655	71	E 1,584	E 5	381	57	324	-389	23	1,547
July	2,055	E 1,717	74	E 1,643	E 5	419	71	348	-313	R -21	1,662
August	2,059	E 1,716	73	E 1,643	E 5	427	62	365	-126	46	1,933
September	2,006	E 1,668	72	E 1,596	E 5	361	65	296	-298	-11	1,588
October	2,107	E 1,731	77	E 1,654	E 4	347	64	284	-258	R -52	1,633
November	2,094	E 1,714	76	E 1,638	E 5	341	86	254	108	-179	1,826
December	2,197	E 1,790	77	E 1,713	E 4	397	101	295	569	-189	2,393
Total	24,536	E 20,151	874	E 19,278	E 61	4,608	822	3,785	177	R -248	R 23,053
2008											
January	2,196	E 1,783	75	E 1,709	E 2	383	113	270	824	-93	2,711
February	2,077	E 1,693	72	E 1,621	E 4	343	105	239	593	26	2,484
March	2,243	E 1,828	78	E 1,750	E 5	361	106	255	219	40	2,270
April	2,133	E 1,756	76	E 1,679	E 5	318	76	242	-190	83	R 1,819
May	2,188	E 1,814	80	E 1,734	E 4	292	73	219	-402	R 19	R 1,575
June	R 2,145	RE 1,788	73	RE 1,715	E 5	R 283	R 65	R 218	-339	R 11	R 1,609
July	2,216	E 1,862	77	E 1,785	E 4	E 313	E 64	E 249	-341	96	E 1,793
7-Month Total	15,198	E 12,524	530	E 11,994	E 29	E 2,294	E 603	E 1,691	363	183	E 14,260
2007 7-Month Total	14,073	E 11,532	499	E 11,033	E 37	2,735	444	2,291	183	137	13,681
2006 7-Month Total	13,577	11,194	523	10,671	37	2,431	416	2,015	-146	353	12,930

^a Gas withdrawn from natural gas and crude oil wells; excludes lease condensate.

^b Gross withdrawals minus repressuring, nonhydrocarbon gases removed, and vented and flared. See Note 1, "Production," at end of section.

^c See Note 2, "Extraction Loss," at end of section.

^d Marketed production (wet) minus extraction loss.

^e See Note 3, "Supplemental Gaseous Fuels," at end of section.

^f Net withdrawals from underground storage. For 1980-2006, also includes net withdrawals of liquefied natural gas in above-ground tanks. See Note 4, "Storage," at end of section.

^g See Note 5, "Balancing Item," at end of section. Since 1980, excludes transit shipments that cross the U.S.-Canada border (i.e., natural gas delivered to its destination via the other country).

^h See Note 6, "Consumption," at end of section.

ⁱ May include unknown quantities of nonhydrocarbon gases.

^j For 1989-1992, a small amount of consumption at independent power producers may be counted in both "Other Industrial" and "Electric Power Sector" on Table 4.3. See Note 7, "Consumption, 1989-1992," at end of section.

R=Revised. E=Estimate. (s)=Less than 500 million cubic feet and greater than -500 million cubic feet. NA=Not available.

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Sources: • **Imports and Exports:** Table 4.2. • **Consumption:** Table 4.3.

• **Balancing Item:** Calculated as consumption minus dry gas production, supplemental gaseous fuels, net imports, and net storage withdrawals. • **All Other Data:** 1973-2002—Energy Information Administration (EIA), *Natural Gas Annual*, annual reports. 2003 forward—EIA, *Natural Gas Monthly*, September 2008, Table 1.

Table 4.2 Natural Gas Trade by Country
(Billion Cubic Feet)

	Imports										Exports			
	Algeria ^a	Canada ^b	Egypt ^a	Mexico ^b	Nigeria ^a	Oman ^a	Qatar ^a	Trinidad and Tobago ^a	Other ^{a,c}	Total	Canada ^b	Japan ^a	Mexico ^b	Total
1973 Total	3	1,028	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1,033	15	48	14	77
1975 Total	5	948	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	953	10	53	9	73
1980 Total	86	797	0	102	0	0	0	0	0	985	(s)	45	4	49
1985 Total	24	926	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	950	(s)	53	2	55
1990 Total	84	1,448	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,532	17	53	16	86
1995 Total	18	2,816	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	2,841	28	65	61	154
1996 Total	35	2,883	0	14	0	0	0	0	5	2,937	52	68	34	153
1997 Total	66	2,899	0	17	0	0	0	0	12	2,994	56	62	38	157
1998 Total	69	3,052	0	15	0	0	0	0	17	3,152	40	66	53	159
1999 Total	76	3,368	0	55	0	0	20	51	17	3,586	39	64	61	163
2000 Total	47	3,544	0	12	13	10	46	99	11	3,782	73	66	106	244
2001 Total	65	3,729	0	10	38	12	23	98	2	3,977	167	66	141	373
2002 Total	27	3,785	0	2	8	3	35	151	5	4,015	189	63	263	516
2003 Total	53	3,437	0	0	50	9	14	378	3	3,944	271	66	343	680
2004 Total	120	3,607	0	0	12	9	12	462	36	4,259	395	62	397	854
2005 Total	97	3,700	73	9	8	2	3	439	9	4,341	358	65	305	729
2006 January	3	320	3	1	3	0	0	30	0	360	32	6	18	56
February	3	282	5	(s)	3	0	0	28	0	321	33	6	20	59
March	3	314	0	1	0	0	0	30	0	348	37	6	26	69
April	3	273	14	(s)	6	0	0	36	0	332	16	6	24	45
May	0	283	20	(s)	3	0	0	44	0	351	21	6	36	63
June	3	286	14	0	6	0	0	39	0	348	23	6	37	66
July	3	313	15	0	6	0	0	33	0	371	17	6	37	59
August	0	313	9	0	6	0	0	37	0	365	17	6	32	55
September	0	290	9	3	6	0	0	25	0	334	23	4	26	53
October	0	296	3	1	9	0	0	25	0	334	30	3	25	59
November	0	290	17	1	6	0	0	25	0	339	45	5	20	70
December	0	328	11	4	3	0	0	37	0	383	47	4	21	72
Total	17	3,590	120	13	57	0	0	389	0	4,186	341	61	322	724
2007 January	3	336	9	4	5	0	0	37	0	393	41	5	24	69
February	0	321	6	8	6	0	0	33	0	373	34	5	17	57
March	9	309	15	6	9	0	0	54	0	402	53	5	19	77
April	24	279	14	9	9	0	0	51	0	387	32	4	15	51
May	24	283	15	3	15	0	3	38	0	380	35	4	24	62
June	12	291	15	4	20	0	6	30	3	381	28	3	26	57
July	0	315	12	5	12	0	3	62	9	419	38	4	29	71
August	0	335	11	4	15	0	6	49	6	427	28	4	30	62
September	3	318	12	2	3	0	0	24	0	361	33	4	28	65
October	0	314	3	2	0	0	0	29	0	347	31	2	29	^d 64
November	0	311	3	3	0	0	0	24	0	341	58	3	26	86
December	0	372	0	4	0	0	0	21	0	397	72	4	25	101
Total	74	3,783	114	54	95	0	18	451	18	4,608	482	47	292	^d 822
2008 January	0	353	3	1	0	0	0	25	0	383	68	3	42	113
February	0	320	0	0	0	0	0	21	3	343	62	3	40	105
March	0	336	0	1	0	0	0	21	3	361	69	4	33	106
April	0	286	3	(s)	3	0	0	26	0	318	46	4	26	76
May	0	257	3	4	0	0	0	25	3	292	43	5	25	73
June	0	^R 247	6	^R 3	3	0	3	21	0	^R 283	^R 30	5	^R 30	^R 65
July	0	^E 282	6	NA	0	0	0	25	0	^E 313	^E 29	5	^E 30	^E 64
7-Month Total	0	^E 2,081	22	NA	6	0	3	164	9	^E 2,294	^E 348	27	^E 227	^E 603
2007 7-Month Total	72	2,133	85	39	77	0	12	305	12	2,735	261	29	153	444
2006 7-Month Total	17	2,072	71	3	27	0	0	241	0	2,431	179	39	198	416

^a As liquefied natural gas.

^b By pipeline, except for very small amounts of liquefied natural gas imported from Canada in 1973, 1977, and 1981 and exported to Mexico beginning in 1998. See Note 8, "Imports and Exports," at end of section.

^c Australia in 1997-2001 and 2004; Brunei in 2002; Equatorial Guinea in 2007; Indonesia in 1986 and 2000; Malaysia in 1999 and 2002-2005; Norway in 2008; United Arab Emirates in 1996-2000; and Other (unassigned) in 2004.

^d Includes 2 billion cubic feet to Russia.

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Notes: • See Note 8, "Imports and Exports," at end of section. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. • U.S. geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

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Sources: • **1973-1987:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Form FPC-14, "Annual Report for Importers and Exporters of Natural Gas." • **1988-2005:** EIA, *Natural Gas Annual*, annual reports. • **2006 forward:** EIA, *Natural Gas Monthly*, September 2008, Table 4; and Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, "Natural Gas Imports and Exports."

Table 4.3 Natural Gas Consumption by Sector
(Billion Cubic Feet)

	End-Use Sectors										Electric Power Sector ^{f,g}	Total
	Residential	Commercial ^a	Lease and Plant Fuel	Industrial			Total	Transportation				
				Other Industrial		Pipelines ^d and Distribution ^e		Vehicle Fuel	Total			
				CHP ^b	Non-CHP ^c					Total		
1973 Total	4,879	2,597	1,496	(h)	8,689	8,689	10,185	728	NA	728	3,660	22,049
1975 Total	4,924	2,508	1,396	(h)	6,968	6,968	8,365	583	NA	583	3,158	19,538
1980 Total	4,752	2,611	1,026	(h)	7,172	7,172	8,198	635	NA	635	3,682	19,877
1985 Total	4,433	2,432	966	(h)	5,901	5,901	6,867	504	NA	504	3,044	17,281
1990 Total	4,391	2,623	1,236	1,055	5,963	7,018	8,255	660	(s)	660	3,245	19,174
1995 Total	4,850	3,031	1,220	1,258	6,906	8,164	9,384	700	5	705	4,237	22,207
1996 Total	5,241	3,158	1,250	1,289	7,146	8,435	9,685	711	6	718	3,807	22,610
1997 Total	4,984	3,215	1,203	1,282	7,229	8,511	9,714	751	8	760	4,065	22,737
1998 Total	4,520	2,999	1,173	1,355	6,965	8,320	9,493	635	9	645	4,588	22,246
1999 Total	4,726	3,045	1,079	1,401	6,678	8,079	9,158	645	12	657	4,820	22,405
2000 Total	4,996	3,182	1,151	1,386	6,757	8,142	9,293	642	13	655	5,206	23,333
2001 Total	4,771	3,023	1,119	1,310	6,035	7,344	8,463	625	15	640	5,342	22,239
2002 Total	4,889	3,144	1,113	1,240	6,267	7,507	8,620	667	15	682	5,672	23,007
2003 Total	5,079	3,179	1,122	1,144	6,007	7,150	8,273	591	18	610	5,135	22,277
2004 Total	4,869	3,129	1,098	1,191	6,052	7,243	8,341	566	21	587	5,464	22,389
2005 Total	4,827	2,999	1,112	1,084	5,514	6,597	7,709	584	23	607	5,869	22,011
2006 January	714	397	94	91	486	577	672	59	2	61	318	2,162
February	702	390	86	83	474	556	642	59	2	60	346	2,141
March	626	353	95	91	491	581	676	58	2	60	407	2,122
April	355	226	92	84	448	532	624	45	2	47	426	1,678
May	204	161	94	92	426	518	612	41	2	43	504	1,524
June	141	134	93	94	412	506	599	41	2	43	630	1,547
July	116	122	95	103	407	510	605	47	2	49	864	1,756
August	108	127	95	104	424	528	624	47	2	49	840	1,748
September	125	133	93	91	426	517	610	39	2	41	548	1,458
October	240	188	96	97	445	542	638	44	2	46	528	1,640
November	413	256	94	89	462	551	645	47	2	50	397	1,761
December	624	347	96	95	480	576	671	58	2	60	414	2,116
Total	4,368	2,835	1,124	1,115	5,380	6,495	7,618	584	25	609	6,222	21,653
2007 January	803	431	E 96	97	519	616	712	E 66	2	E 69	442	2,456
February	900	476	E 87	88	506	594	681	E 69	2	E 71	427	2,555
March	617	353	E 98	89	479	567	665	E 57	2	E 59	417	2,112
April	408	259	E 95	86	442	R 527	622	E 49	2	E 51	457	1,798
May	216	168	E 98	90	R 428	518	616	E 42	2	E 44	508	1,552
June	137	135	E 96	99	R 507	507	R 603	E 42	2	E 44	627	1,547
July	118	122	E 100	109	R 404	513	E 613	E 45	2	E 47	762	1,662
August	112	127	E 100	135	R 398	533	R 632	E 52	2	E 54	1,007	1,933
September	117	128	E 97	109	R 413	523	R 619	E 43	2	E 45	679	1,588
October	175	158	E 100	107	442	R 548	649	E 44	2	E 46	605	1,633
November	404	255	E 99	91	478	570	669	E 49	2	E 51	446	1,826
December	717	392	E 104	103	R 513	616	720	E 65	2	E 67	496	2,393
Total	4,724	3,005	E 1,168	1,202	R 5,431	R 6,633	R 7,802	E 622	26	E 649	6,874	R 23,053
2008 January	878	472	E 103	93	561	654	758	E 73	3	E 76	528	2,711
February	819	454	E 98	83	528	610	709	E 67	2	E 69	432	2,484
March	658	377	E 106	86	517	603	709	E 61	3	E 64	462	2,270
April	398	256	E 102	79	474	553	655	RE 49	2	E 52	459	R 1,819
May	233	179	E 105	84	456	539	645	RE 43	3	RE 45	473	R 1,575
June	R 145	134	RE 104	R 88	R 424	511	615	E 43	2	RE 45	R 669	R 1,609
July	119	128	E 108	F 114	E 410	524	632	E 48	3	E 50	F 863	E 1,793
7-Month Total	3,251	2,001	E 726	E 626	E 3,369	3,995	4,721	E 384	18	E 401	E 3,886	E 14,260
2007 7-Month Total	3,200	1,944	E 669	657	3,186	3,843	4,512	E 369	15	E 385	3,641	13,681
2006 7-Month Total	2,858	1,784	649	638	3,142	3,781	4,430	350	14	364	3,495	12,930

^a All commercial sector fuel use, including that at commercial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and commercial electricity-only plants. See Table 7.4c for CHP fuel use.

^b Industrial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and a small number of industrial electricity-only plants.

^c All industrial sector fuel use other than that in "Lease and Plant Fuel" and "CHP."

^d Natural gas consumed in the operation of pipelines, primarily in compressors.

^e Natural gas used as fuel in the delivery of natural gas to consumers.

^f The electric power sector comprises electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants within the NAICS 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public.

^g Through 1988, data are for electric utilities only. Beginning in 1989, data are for electric utilities and independent power producers.

^h Included in "Non-CHP."

ⁱ For 1989-1992, a small amount of consumption at independent power producers may be counted in both "Other Industrial" and "Electric Power Sector." See Note 7, "Consumption, 1989-1992," at end of section.

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Notes: • Data are for natural gas, plus a small amount of supplemental gaseous fuels. • See Note, "Classification of Power Plants Into Energy-Use Sectors," at end of Section 7. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. • Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/natgas.html> for all available data beginning in 1973.

Sources: • Residential, Commercial, Lease and Plant Fuel, Other Industrial Total and Pipelines and Distribution: 1973-2002—Energy Information Administration (EIA), *Natural Gas Annual (NGA)*, annual reports. 2003 forward—EIA, *Natural Gas Monthly (NGM)*, September 2008, Table 2. • Industrial CHP: Table 7.4c. • Vehicle Fuel: 1990 and 1991—EIA, *NGA 2000*, (November 2001), Table 95. 1992-1998—"Alternatives to Traditional Transportation Fuels 1999" (October 1999), Table 10, and "Alternatives to Traditional Transportation Fuels 2003" (February 2004), Table 10. Data for compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas in gasoline-equivalent gallons were converted to cubic feet by multiplying by the motor gasoline conversion factor (see Table A3) and dividing by the natural gas end-use sectors conversion factor (see Table A4). 1999-2002—EIA, *NGA*, annual reports. 2003 forward—EIA, *NGM*, September 2008, Table 2. • Electric Power Sector: Table 7.4b.

Table 4.4 Natural Gas in Underground Storage

(Volumes in Billion Cubic Feet)

	Natural Gas in Underground Storage, End of Period			Change in Working Gas From Same Period Previous Year		Storage Activity		
	Base Gas	Working Gas	Total ^a	Volume	Percent	Withdrawals	Injections	Net ^{b,c}
1973 Total	2,864	2,034	4,898	305	17.6	1,533	1,974	-442
1975 Total	3,162	2,212	5,374	162	7.9	1,760	2,104	-344
1980 Total	3,642	2,655	6,297	-99	-3.6	1,910	1,896	14
1985 Total	3,842	2,607	6,448	-270	-9.4	2,359	2,128	231
1990 Total	3,868	3,068	6,936	555	22.1	1,934	2,433	-499
1995 Total	4,349	2,153	6,503	-453	-17.4	2,974	2,566	408
1996 Total	4,341	2,173	6,513	19	.9	2,911	2,906	6
1997 Total	4,350	2,175	6,525	2	.1	2,824	2,800	24
1998 Total	4,326	2,730	7,056	554	25.5	2,379	2,905	-526
1999 Total	4,383	2,523	6,906	-207	-7.6	2,772	2,598	174
2000 Total	4,352	1,719	6,071	-806	-31.9	3,498	2,684	814
2001 Total	4,301	2,904	7,204	1,185	68.9	2,309	3,464	-1,156
2002 Total	4,340	2,375	6,715	-528	-18.2	3,138	2,670	468
2003 Total	4,303	2,563	6,866	187	7.9	3,099	3,292	-193
2004 Total	4,201	2,696	6,897	133	5.2	3,150	3,150	-113
2005 Total	4,200	2,635	6,835	-61	-2.3	3,057	3,002	55
2006 January	4,202	2,371	6,573	377	18.9	374	110	264
February	4,202	1,886	6,089	322	20.6	539	54	485
March	4,197	1,692	5,889	407	31.7	331	131	200
April	4,198	1,945	6,143	447	29.8	77	332	-255
May	4,202	2,310	6,512	435	23.2	52	420	-367
June	4,215	2,617	6,832	419	19.1	62	373	-311
July	4,214	2,779	6,993	329	13.4	144	305	-161
August	4,213	2,969	7,182	307	11.5	113	302	-189
September	4,215	3,323	7,539	391	13.4	37	395	-358
October	4,217	3,452	7,669	258	8.1	115	246	-131
November	4,216	3,407	7,623	217	6.8	206	159	48
December	4,211	3,070	7,281	435	16.5	443	99	343
Total	4,211	3,070	7,281	435	16.5	2,493	2,924	-431
2007 January	4,215	2,379	6,594	8	.3	740	56	684
February	4,214	1,649	5,863	-238	-12.6	782	51	731
March	4,242	1,603	5,845	-89	-5.2	269	221	48
April	4,246	1,720	5,966	-225	-11.6	154	274	-120
May	4,251	2,179	6,430	-131	-5.7	39	498	-459
June	4,230	2,580	6,810	-37	-1.4	48	437	-389
July	4,229	2,894	7,123	114	4.1	84	397	-313
August	4,226	3,017	7,243	48	1.6	168	294	-126
September	4,232	3,316	7,547	-7	-.2	73	372	-298
October	4,236	3,567	7,803	115	3.3	76	334	-258
November	4,238	3,456	7,694	49	1.5	255	148	108
December	4,234	2,879	7,113	-191	-6.2	633	64	569
Total	4,234	2,879	7,113	-191	-6.2	3,321	3,144	177
2008 January	4,232	2,055	6,287	-324	-13.6	892	68	824
February	4,222	1,465	5,687	-184	-11.1	649	56	593
March	4,221	1,247	5,468	-356	-22.2	350	131	219
April	4,223	1,436	5,659	-284	-16.5	106	295	-190
May	4,226	1,836	6,062	-342	-15.7	56	458	-402
June	4,230	2,171	6,401	-409	-15.8	80	420	-339
July	4,228	2,516	6,745	-377	-13.0	88	430	-341
7-Month Total	--	--	--	--	--	2,221	1,858	363
2007 7-Month Total	--	--	--	--	--	2,115	1,933	183
2006 7-Month Total	--	--	--	--	--	1,579	1,724	-145

^a For total underground storage capacity at the end of each calendar year, see Note 4, "Storage," at end of section.

^b For 1980-2006, data differ from those shown on Table 4.1, which includes liquefied natural gas storage for that period.

^c Positive numbers indicate that withdrawals are greater than injections. Negative numbers indicate that injections are greater than withdrawals. Net withdrawals or injections may not equal the difference between applicable ending stocks. See Note 4, "Storage," at end of section.

-- =Not applicable.

Notes: • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. • Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/natgas.html> for all available data beginning in 1973.

Sources: • **Storage Activity: 1973-1975**—Energy Information Administration (EIA), *Natural Gas Annual 1994, Volume 2*, Table 9. **1976-1979**—EIA, *Natural Gas*

Production and Consumption 1979, Table 1. **1980-1995**—EIA, *Historical Natural Gas Annual 1930 Through 2000*, Table 11. **1996-2002**—EIA, *Natural Gas Monthly (NGM)*, monthly issues. **2003 forward**—EIA, *NGM*, September 2008, Table 6.

• **All Other Data: 1973 and 1974**—American Gas Association (AGA), *Gas Facts, 1972 Data*, Table 57, *Gas Facts, 1973 Data*, Table 57, and *Gas Facts, 1974 Data*, Table 40. **1975 and 1976**—Federal Energy Administration (FEA), Form FEA-G318-M-0, "Underground Gas Storage Report," and Federal Power Commission (FPC), Form FPC-8, "Underground Gas Storage Report." **1977 and 1978**—EIA, Form FEA-G318-M-0, "Underground Gas Storage Report," and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Form FERC-8, "Underground Gas Storage Report." **1979-1995**—EIA, Form EIA-191, "Underground Gas Storage Report," and FERC, Form FERC-8, "Underground Gas Storage Report." **1996-2005**—EIA, *NGM*, monthly issues. **2006 forward**—EIA, *NGM*, September 2008, Table 6.

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Note 1. Production.

Annual data—Final annual data are from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) *Natural Gas Annual (NGA)*.

Estimated monthly data—Data for the two most recent months presented are estimated. Some of the data for earlier months are also estimated or computed. For a discussion of computation and estimation procedures, see the EIA *Natural Gas Monthly (NGM)*.

Preliminary monthly data—Monthly data are considered preliminary until after publication of the EIA *NGA*. Preliminary monthly data are gathered from reports to the Interstate Oil Compact Commission and the U.S. Minerals Management Service. Volumetric data are converted, as necessary, to a standard 14.73 psi pressure base. Unless there are major changes, data are not revised until after publication of the EIA *NGA*.

Final monthly data—Differences between annual data in the EIA *NGA* and the sum of preliminary monthly data (January–December) are allocated proportionally to the months to create final monthly data.

Note 2. Extraction Loss. Extraction loss is the reduction in volume of natural gas resulting from the removal of natural gas liquid constituents at natural gas processing plants.

Annual data are from the EIA *NGA*, where they are estimated on the basis of the type and quantity of liquid products extracted from the gas stream and the calculated volume of such products at standard conditions. For a detailed explanation of the calculations used to derive estimated extraction losses, see the EIA *NGA*.

Preliminary monthly data are estimated on the basis of extraction loss as an annual percentage of marketed production. This percentage is applied to each month's marketed production to estimate monthly extraction loss.

Monthly data are revised and considered final after the publication of the EIA *NGA*. Final monthly data are estimated by allocating annual extraction loss data to the months on the basis of total natural gas marketed production data from the EIA *NGA*.

Note 3. Supplemental Gaseous Fuels. Supplemental gaseous fuels are any substances that, introduced into or commingled with natural gas, increase the volume available for disposition. Such substances include, but are not limited to, propane-air, refinery gas, coke oven gas, still gas, manufactured gas, biomass gas, or air or inert gases added for Btu stabilization.

Annual data beginning with 1980 are from the EIA, *NGA*. Unknown quantities of supplemental gaseous fuels are included in consumption data for 1979 and earlier years.

Monthly data are considered preliminary until after the publication of the EIA *NGA*. Monthly estimates are based on the annual ratio of supplemental gaseous fuels to the sum of dry gas production, net imports, and net withdrawals from storage. The ratio is applied to the monthly sum of the three elements to compute a monthly supplemental gaseous fuels figure.

Although the total amount of supplemental gaseous fuels consumed is known for 1980 forward, EIA estimates the amount consumed by each energy-use sector. It is assumed that supplemental gaseous fuels are commingled with natural gas consumed by the residential, commercial, other industrial, and electric power sectors, but are not commingled with natural gas used for lease and plant fuel, pipelines and distribution, or vehicle fuel. The estimated consumption of supplemental gaseous fuels by each sector (residential, commercial, other industrial, and electric power) is calculated as that sector's natural gas consumption (see Table 4.3) divided by the sum of natural gas consumption by the residential, commercial, other industrial, and electric power sectors (see Table 4.3). For estimated sectoral consumption of supplemental gaseous fuels in Btu, the residential, commercial, and other industrial values in cubic feet are multiplied by the "End-Use Sectors" conversion factors (see Table A4), and the electric power values in cubic feet are multiplied by the "Electric Power Sector" conversion factors (see Table A4). Total supplemental gaseous fuels consumption in Btu is calculated as the sum of the Btu values for the sectors.

Note 4. Storage. Natural gas in storage at the end of a reporting period may not equal the quantity derived by adding or subtracting net injections or withdrawals from the quantity in storage at the end of the previous period. The difference is due to changes in the quantity of native gas included in the base gas and/or losses in base gas due to migration from storage reservoirs.

Total underground storage capacity at the end of each calendar year since 1975 (first year data were available), in billion cubic feet, was:

1975 .. 6,280	1986 ... 8,145	1997 ... 8,332
1976 .. 6,544	1987 ... 8,124	1998 ... 8,179
1977 .. 6,678	1988 ... 8,124	1999 ... 8,229
1978 .. 6,890	1989 ... 8,120	2000 ... 8,241
1979 .. 6,929	1990 ... 7,794	2001 ... 8,415
1980 .. 7,434	1991 ... 7,993	2002 ... 8,207
1981 .. 7,805	1992 ... 7,932	2003 ... 8,206
1982 .. 7,915	1993 ... 7,989	2004 ... 8,255
1983 .. 7,985	1994 ... 8,043	2005 ... 8,268
1984 .. 8,043	1995 ... 7,953	2006 ... 8,330
1985 .. 8,087	1996 ... 7,980	

Monthly underground storage data are collected from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Form FERC-8 (interstate data) and EIA Form EIA-191 (intrastate data). Beginning in January 1991, all data are collected on the revised Form EIA-191. Injection and withdrawal data from

the FERC-8/EIA-191 survey are adjusted to correspond to data from Form EIA-176 following publication of the EIA *NGA*.

The final monthly and annual storage and withdrawal data for 1980–2005 include both underground and liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage. Annual data on LNG additions and withdrawals are from Form EIA-176. Monthly data are estimated by computing the ratio of each month's underground storage additions and withdrawals to annual underground storage additions and withdrawals and applying the ratio to the annual LNG data.

Note 5. Balancing Item. The balancing item for natural gas represents the difference between the sum of the components of natural gas supply and the sum of components of natural gas disposition. The differences may be due to quantities lost or to the effects of data reporting problems. Reporting problems include differences due to the net result of conversions of flow data metered at varying temperature and pressure bases and converted to a standard temperature and pressure base; the effect of variations in company accounting and billing practices; differences between billing cycle and calendar period time frames; and imbalances resulting from the merger of data reporting systems which vary in scope, format, definitions, and type of respondents.

The increase of 0.2 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) in the “Balancing Item” category in 1983, followed by a decline of 0.5 Tcf in 1984, reflected unusually large differences resulting from the use of the annual billing cycle (essentially December 15 through the following December 14) consumption data in conjunction with calendar year supply data. Record cold temperatures during the last half of December 1983 resulted in a reported 0.3 Tcf increase in net withdrawals from underground storage for peak shaving as compared with the same period in 1982, but the effect of this cold weather was reflected primarily in 1984 consumption data. For underground storage data, see Table F2 in the May 1985 EIA *NGM*, which was published in July 1985.

Note 6. Consumption. Consumption includes use for lease and plant fuel, pipelines and distribution, vehicle

fuel, and electric power plants, as well as deliveries to residential, commercial, and other industrial customers.

Final data for series other than “Other Industrial CHP” and “Electric Power Sector” are from the EIA *NGA*. Monthly data are considered preliminary until after publication of the EIA *NGA*. For more detailed information on the methods of estimating preliminary and final monthly data, see the EIA *NGM*.

Note 7. Consumption, 1989-1992. Prior to 1993, deliveries to nonutility generators were not separately collected from natural gas companies on Form EIA-176, “Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition.” As a result, for 1989 through 1992, those volumes are probably included in both the industrial and electric power sectors and double-counted in total consumption. In 1993, 0.28 trillion cubic feet was reported as delivered to nonutility generators.

Note 8. Imports and Exports. The United States imports natural gas via pipeline from Canada and Mexico and imports liquefied natural gas (LNG) via tanker from Algeria, Australia, Brunei, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Arab Emirates. In addition, very small amounts of LNG arrived from Canada in 1973 (667 million cubic feet), 1977 (572 million cubic feet), and 1981 (6 million cubic feet). The United States exports natural gas via pipeline to Canada and Mexico and exports LNG via tanker to Japan. Also, small amounts of LNG have gone to Mexico since 1998.

Annual and final monthly data are from the annual EIA Form FPC-14, “Annual Report for Importers and Exporters of Natural Gas,” which requires data to be reported by month for the calendar year.

Preliminary monthly data are EIA estimates. For a discussion of estimation procedures, see the EIA *NGM*. Preliminary data are revised after the publication of the EIA *U.S. Imports and Exports of Natural Gas*.