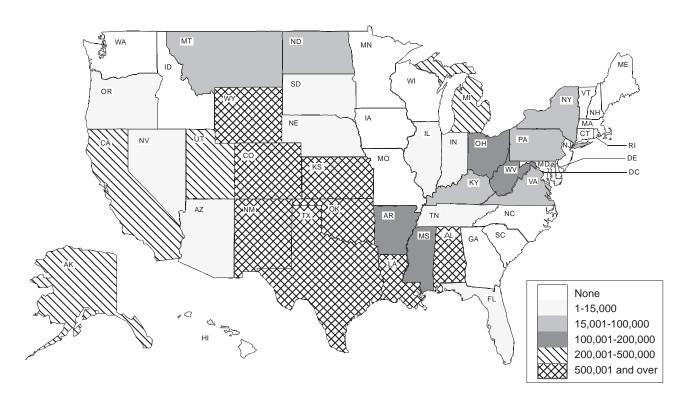
Supply

Production

During 1998, natural gas marketed production declined slightly (1 percent), to 19.6 trillion cubic feet from the 19.9 trillion cubic feet produced during 1997. Marketed production is derived from gross withdrawals by subtracting quantities used for repressuring, nonhydrocarbon gases removed during processing, and gas vented and flared. Marketed production volumes in 1998 were 13 percent below the 1973 historical peak of 22.6 trillion cubic feet. Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico continually lead the nation in the production of natural gas. Together these four States supplied 14.8 trillion cubic feet, 75 percent of marketed natural gas production in 1998.

From 1997 to 1998, Louisiana had a modest increase in marketed production, with a gain of 58 billion cubic feet (1 percent) to 5.3 trillion cubic feet. Four other States showed increases in marketed production: Colorado, 59 billion cubic feet (9 percent); California, 30 billion cubic feet (10 percent); Wyoming, 23 billion cubic feet (3 percent), and Utah, 20 billion cubic feet (8 percent). Marketed production in Texas fell 135 billion cubic feet (2 percent) from the previous year's level. Marketed production also declined 84 billion cubic feet (12 percent) in Kansas, 59 billion cubic feet (3 percent) in Oklahoma, and 19 billion cubic feet (3 percent) in Alabama. Although Texas saw a slight decline in its marketed production, this State and Louisiana continue to be the two largest producing States, accounting for

Figure 4. Marketed Production of Natural Gas in the United States, 1998 (Million Cubic Feet)



Sources: West Virginia, 1998: Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. Crude Oil, Natural Gas, and Natural Gas Liquids Reserves, Annual Reports, DOE/EIA-0216; and EIA computations. All other data: Form EIA-895, "Monthly Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report" and the United States Minerals Management Service.