

Table 9.11 Natural Gas Prices
(Dollars^a per Thousand Cubic Feet)

	Wellhead Price	City-gate Price	Consuming Sectors ^b								
			Residential		Commercial ^c		Industrial ^d		Transportation	Electric Power ^e	
			Price ^f	Percentage of Sector ^g	Price ^f	Percentage of Sector ^g	Price ^f	Percentage of Sector ^g	Vehicle Fuel ^h Price ^f	Price ^f	Percentage of Sector ^{g,i}
1973 Average	0.22	NA	1.29	NA	0.94	NA	0.50	NA	NA	0.38	92.1
1975 Average44	NA	1.71	NA	1.35	NA	.96	NA	NA	.77	96.1
1980 Average	1.59	NA	3.68	NA	3.39	NA	2.56	NA	NA	2.27	96.9
1985 Average	2.51	3.75	6.12	NA	5.50	NA	3.95	68.8	NA	3.55	94.0
1990 Average	1.71	3.03	5.80	99.2	4.83	86.6	2.93	35.2	3.39	2.38	76.8
1995 Average	1.55	2.78	6.06	99.0	5.05	76.7	2.71	24.5	3.98	2.02	71.4
1996 Average	2.17	3.27	6.34	99.0	5.40	77.6	3.42	19.4	4.34	2.69	68.4
1997 Average	2.32	3.66	6.94	98.8	5.80	70.8	3.59	18.1	4.44	2.78	68.0
1998 Average	1.96	3.07	6.82	97.7	5.48	67.0	3.14	16.1	4.59	2.40	63.7
1999 Average	2.19	3.10	6.69	95.2	5.33	66.1	3.12	18.8	4.34	2.62	58.3
2000 Average	3.68	4.62	7.76	92.6	6.59	63.9	4.45	19.8	5.54	4.38	50.5
2001 Average	4.00	5.72	9.63	92.4	8.43	66.0	5.24	20.8	6.60	4.61	40.2
2002 Average	2.95	4.12	7.89	97.9	6.63	77.4	4.02	22.7	5.10	^e 3.68	83.9
2003 Average	4.88	5.85	9.63	97.5	8.40	78.2	5.89	22.1	6.19	5.77	91.2
2004 Average	5.46	6.65	10.75	97.7	9.43	78.0	6.53	23.6	7.16	6.11	89.8
2005 Average	7.33	8.67	12.70	98.1	11.34	82.1	8.56	24.0	9.14	8.47	91.3
2006 Average	6.39	8.61	13.73	98.1	12.00	80.8	7.87	23.4	8.72	7.11	93.4
2007 Average	6.25	8.16	13.08	98.0	11.34	80.4	7.68	22.2	8.50	7.31	92.2
2008 Average	7.97	9.18	13.89	97.5	12.23	79.9	9.65	20.5	11.75	9.26	101.1
2009 Average	3.67	6.48	12.14	97.4	10.06	77.8	5.33	18.8	8.13	4.93	101.1
2010											
January	5.69	6.84	10.56	97.4	9.65	81.2	6.93	19.0	NA	6.98	101.0
February	5.30	6.64	10.69	97.8	9.71	81.8	6.76	18.6	NA	6.27	100.5
March	4.70	6.50	10.98	97.6	9.70	79.7	6.01	18.4	NA	5.47	101.0
April	4.10	5.88	11.97	96.2	9.55	75.7	5.12	17.7	NA	4.91	100.9
May	4.24	5.81	13.12	97.1	9.49	73.0	5.07	17.9	NA	4.96	100.9
June	4.27	6.02	14.86	96.9	9.73	71.9	5.03	18.0	NA	5.31	100.6
July	4.44	6.31	16.21	96.8	10.07	70.6	5.49	18.3	NA	5.34	100.6
August	4.38	6.22	16.65	96.4	9.96	69.8	5.37	17.8	NA	5.06	100.5
September	3.83	5.72	15.64	96.7	9.57	68.5	4.61	17.5	NA	4.61	100.7
October	4.05	5.70	13.37	96.8	9.28	71.8	4.74	16.8	NA	4.45	101.3
November	4.12	5.48	10.88	97.4	8.86	77.7	4.60	17.6	NA	4.55	101.0
December	4.68	5.74	9.88	97.4	8.56	80.2	5.42	17.8	NA	5.68	101.3
Average	4.48	6.18	11.39	97.4	9.47	77.5	5.49	18.0	6.25	5.27	100.8
2011											
January	^E 4.37	5.68	9.79	96.1	8.66	68.4	5.56	16.4	NA	5.63	101.5
February	^E 4.34	5.75	10.00	96.1	8.81	67.7	5.67	16.2	NA	5.28	102.1
March	^E 3.95	5.68	10.20	95.8	8.81	64.9	5.11	16.3	NA	4.82	101.2
April	^E 4.05	5.62	11.04	95.5	8.98	61.6	5.26	15.7	NA	5.03	101.8
May	^E 4.12	5.78	12.14	95.8	9.18	58.4	5.10	16.3	NA	5.01	101.1
June	^E 4.20	6.08	14.15	95.9	9.49	56.5	5.09	15.7	NA	5.19	101.2
July	^E 4.27	6.14	15.54	95.9	9.70	54.9	4.95	16.7	NA	5.11	100.2
August	^E 4.20	6.19	16.01	95.2	9.90	52.8	5.13	15.9	NA	4.84	100.9
September	^E 3.82	5.93	15.09	95.1	9.55	51.9	4.72	15.7	NA	4.69	101.5
October	^E 3.62	5.43	12.46	95.1	8.89	52.7	4.59	15.6	NA	4.47	101.6
November	^E 3.35	5.25	10.58	94.6	8.60	61.2	4.53	15.9	NA	4.24	101.2
December	^E 3.14	5.03	9.69	95.9	8.28	64.7	4.47	16.5	NA	4.15	101.4
Average	^E 3.95	5.62	10.81	95.7	8.86	62.3	5.02	16.1	NA	4.87	101.2
2012											
January	^E 2.89	4.86	9.55	95.7	8.23	65.1	4.47	15.5	NA	3.81	100.6
February	^E 2.46	4.75	9.40	95.6	7.97	63.4	4.25	15.6	NA	3.45	100.5
March	^E 2.25	4.84	10.36	95.6	8.46	60.8	3.64	15.7	NA	3.07	100.2
April	^E 1.89	4.21	10.75	94.8	8.10	56.3	3.14	15.1	NA	2.85	100.9
May	^E 1.94	4.32	12.19	94.8	8.09	53.2	2.94	15.5	NA	3.02	100.9
5-Month Average ...	^E 2.29	4.69	10.00	95.5	8.18	61.3	3.72	15.5	NA	3.22	100.6
2011 5-Month Average ...	^E 4.17	5.70	10.27	95.9	8.82	65.5	5.35	16.2	NA	5.16	101.5
2010 5-Month Average ...	4.81	6.51	11.02	97.4	9.65	79.5	6.05	18.4	NA	5.73	100.8

^a Prices are not adjusted for inflation. See "Nominal Dollars" in Glossary.

^b See Note 9, "Natural Gas Prices," at end of section.

^c Commercial sector, including commercial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and commercial electricity-only plants. See Note, "Classification of Power Plants Into Energy-Use Sectors," at end of Section 7.

^d Industrial sector, including industrial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and industrial electricity-only plants. See Note, "Classification of Power Plants Into Energy-Use Sectors," at end of Section 7.

^e 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. Through 2001, data are for electric utilities only; beginning in 2002, data also include independent power producers. See Note 8, "Costs of Fossil-Fuel Receipts at Electric Generating Plants," at end of section for plant coverage.

^f Includes taxes.

^g The percentage of the sector's consumption in Table 4.3 for which price data are available. For details on how the percentages are derived, see Table 9.11 Sources at end of section.

^h Much of the natural gas delivered for vehicle fuel represents deliveries to fueling stations that are used primarily or exclusively by fleet vehicles. Thus, the prices are often those associated with the cost of gas in the operation of fleet vehicles.

ⁱ Percentages exceed 100 percent when reported natural gas receipts are greater than reported natural gas consumption—this can occur when combined-heat-and-power plants report fuel receipts related to non-electric generating activities.

NA=Not available. E=Estimate.

Notes: • Prices are for natural gas, plus a small amount of supplemental gaseous fuels. • Prices are intended to include all taxes. See Note 9, "Natural Gas Prices," at end of section. • Wellhead annual and year-to-date prices are simple averages of the monthly prices; all other annual and year-to-date prices are volume-weighted averages of the monthly prices. • Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/#prices> for all available data beginning in 1973.

Sources: See end of section.