

Natural Gas

Note 1. 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 British thermal unit (Btu) stabilization.

Annual data beginning with 1980 are from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), *Natural Gas Annual*. Unknown quantities of supplemental gaseous fuels are included in consumption data for 1979 and earlier years.

Although the total amount of supplemental gaseous fuels consumed is known for 1980 forward, the amount consumed by each energy-use sector is estimated by EIA. These estimates are used to create natural gas (without supplemental gaseous fuels) data for Tables 1.3, 2.1b, 2.1c, 2.1d, and 2.1f (note: to avoid double-counting in these tables, supplemental gaseous fuels are accounted for in their primary energy category: “Coal,” “Petroleum,” or “Biomass”). 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 6.5) divided by the sum of natural gas consumption by the residential, commercial, other industrial, and electric power sectors (see Table 6.5), and then multiplied by total supplemental gaseous fuels consumption (see Table 6.1). 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 2. Natural Gas Consumption. Natural gas consumption statistics are compiled from surveys of natural gas production, transmission, and distribution companies and from surveys of electric power generation. Consumption by sector from these surveys is compiled on a national and individual State basis and then balanced with national and individual State supply data. Included in the data are the following: **Residential Sector**—Consumption by private households for space heating, cooking, and other household uses; **Commercial Sector**—Consumption by nonmanufacturing establishments; government agencies; and, through 1995, those engaged in agriculture, forestry, and fishing. The commercial sector includes

generators that produce electricity and/or useful thermal output primarily to support the activities of the above-mentioned commercialestablishments; **Industrial Sector**—Consumption by establishments engaged primarily in processing unfinished materials into another form of product (including mining; petroleum refining; manufacturing; and, beginning in 1996, agriculture, forestry, and fishing), and natural gas industry use for lease and plant fuel. The industrial sector includes generators that produce electricity and/or useful thermal output primarily to support the above-mentioned industrial activities; **Transportation Sector**—Natural gas transmission (pipeline) fuel, and natural gas delivered for use as vehicle fuel; and **Electric Power Sector (electric utilities and independent power producers)**—Consumption for electricity generation and useful thermal output at electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants within the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public.

Note 3. Natural Gas 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 1989-1992, 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 4. Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel. In Table 6.5, for 1992 forward, natural gas vehicle fuel data do not reflect revised data shown in Table 10.5. These revisions, in million cubic feet, are: 1992–2,112; 1993–2,860; 1994–3,222; 1995–4,619; 1996–6,111; 1997–8,393; 1998–9,416; 1999–10,398; 2000–11,461; 2001–13,788; 2002–15,872; 2003–17,484; 2004–21,487; 2005–22,578; 2006–23,317; 2007–24,256; 2008–25,659; 2009–26,936; and 2010 –28,297.

Note 5. Coverage of Electric Power Sector Natural Gas Prices. For 1973-1982, data for electric power sector natural gas prices include all electric utility plants at which the generator nameplate capacity of all steam-electric units combined totaled 25 megawatts or greater. For 1974-1982, peaking units are also included and counted toward the 25-megawatt-or-greater total. For 1983-1990, data include all electric utility plants at which the generator nameplate capacity of all steam-electric units combined totaled 50 megawatts or greater. For 1991-2001, data include all electric utility plants at which the generator nameplate capacity of all steam-electric units and combined-cycle units together totaled 50 megawatts or greater. For 2002 forward, data include electric utility and independent power producer plants at which the total facility fossil-fueled nameplate generating capacity is 50 or more megawatts, regardless of unit type.