

imports was \$4.43 per Mcf. However, for the second straight year, the price of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports was less than that of natural gas imports via pipeline from Canada. The higher prices for gas supplies led to corresponding increases in prices of gas delivered to all consuming sectors.

Some additional highlights related to the supply data follow.

Natural Gas Production Was at Its Highest Level in Almost 30 Years

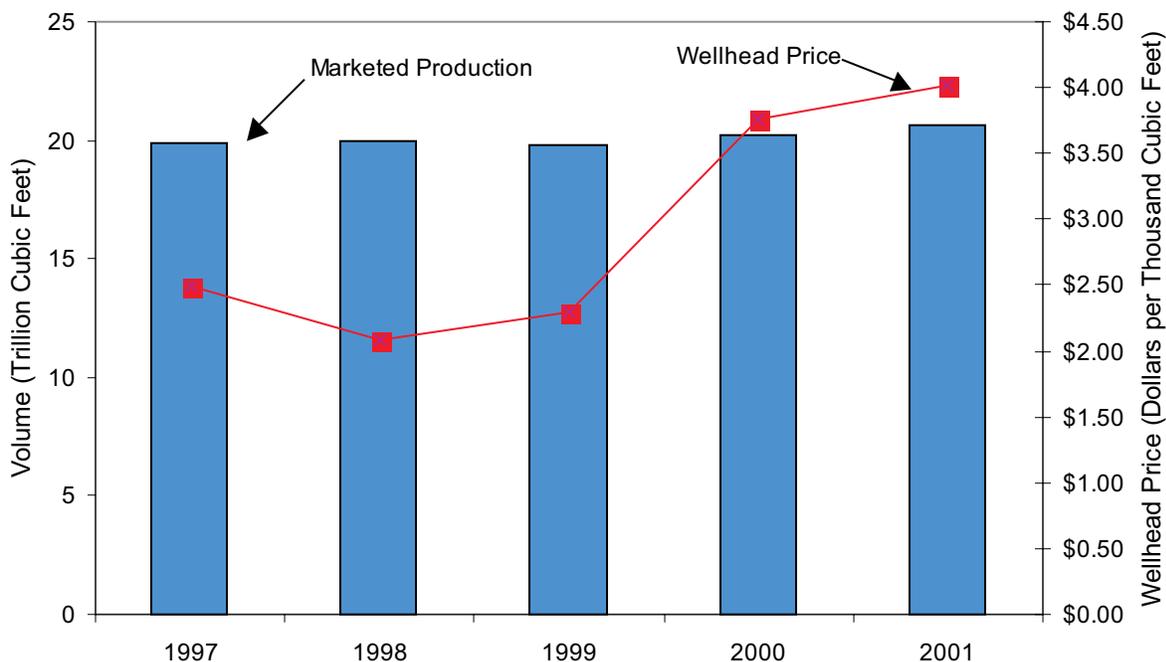
- **The United States had 20.7 trillion cubic feet of marketed natural gas production in 2001 (Figure 7), which is the highest it has been since 1974 when marketed production reached 21.6 trillion cubic feet.** This 2 percent increase from 2000 is the largest year-to-year increase in marketed production

in the last 5 years. Moreover, marketed production was almost 1 trillion cubic feet or over 4 percent greater than the level reported in 1999.

- **Marketed natural gas production from State and Federal waters was nearly 5.7 trillion cubic feet in 2001, almost 4 percent greater than in 2000.** Off-shore fields accounted for over 27 percent of total marketed production in the United States in 2001.²
- **The United States had 183 trillion cubic feet of dry natural gas reserves as of December 31, 2001, a 3 percent increase over the 2000 level.** Additions to dry gas reserves in 2001 were nearly 26 trillion cubic feet, which was the equivalent of over 125 percent of marketed gas production.

² As noted in the Preface, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) has not provided monthly production data for the Gulf of Mexico region since July 2001. As a result, EIA estimated volume and revenues for the remainder of the year for the Federal offshore production, which is included in the production estimates and prices for the States of Alabama, Louisiana and Texas.

Figure 7. Average Wellhead Prices and Marketed Production in the United States, 1997-2001



Note: Prices in 2001 dollars.

Source: Constant dollars derived using chain-weighted Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Bureau of Labor Statistics