

Table 11. Underground Natural Gas Storage - Salt Cavern Storage Fields, 1996-1998
(Volumes in Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Natural Gas in Salt Cavern Underground Storage at End of Period			Change in Working Gas from Same Period Previous Year		Storage Activity		
	Base Gas	Working Gas	Total ^a	Volume	Percent	Injections	Withdrawals	Net Withdrawals
1996								
January	63	59	122	-14	-19.3	23	41	17
February	63	48	111	-17	-26.2	23	33	10
March	63	38	101	-21	-35.2	21	32	11
April	63	57	120	-9	-13.7	30	10	-20
May	63	62	126	-11	-15.1	19	13	-6
June	63	71	135	-7	-8.9	21	12	-9
July	60	71	131	-5	-6.7	20	14	-6
August	60	76	136	13	20.5	21	16	-5
September	60	85	145	4	5.0	23	13	-9
October	60	88	148	0	0.4	17	14	-3
November	64	87	151	3	4.0	16	20	5
December	64	85	149	14	18.8	25	28	2
Total	—	—	—	—	—	258	246	-13
1997								
January	65	57	122	-2	-3.1	21	50	30
February	59	49	109	2	4.0	15	23	8
March	65	56	121	18	47.3	22	16	-6
April	65	58	123	1	1.8	21	19	-3
May	65	73	138	11	17.3	27	13	-14
June	66	80	145	8	11.7	22	15	-7
July	65	66	131	-5	-7.5	15	29	14
August	65	67	132	-9	-12.4	23	22	-1
September	65	78	143	-7	-8.7	26	14	-12
October	66	93	159	5	5.6	30	14	-16
November	67	95	162	8	9.1	25	23	-2
December	67	82	150	-3	-3.1	18	31	12
Total	—	—	—	—	—	266	270	4
1998								
January	66	70	136	13	22.4	17	31	14
February	65	67	132	18	35.9	17	21	3
March	68	64	132	8	14.4	23	28	6
April	68	80	148	22	37.9	29	11	-17

^a Total underground storage capacity at the end of each calendar year (in billion cubic feet): 1995 - 5,314; and 1996 - 7,952.

— = Not Applicable.

Notes: Data for 1995 and 1996 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise noted. See Explanatory Note 7 of the *Natural Gas Monthly* for discussion of the reporting of underground storage information. Gas in storage at the end of a reporting period may not equal the quantity derived by adding or subtracting net injections or withdrawals during the period to the quantity of gas in storage at the beginning of the period. This is due to changes in the quantities of native gas included in base gas and/or losses in base gas due to migration from storage reservoirs. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Positive net withdrawals indicate the volume of withdrawals in excess of injections. Negative net withdrawals indicate the volume of injections in excess of withdrawals.

Sources: Form EIA-191, "Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report," and Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition."