

Table 3. Natural Gas Consumption in the United States, 1992-1998
(Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Lease and Plant Fuel ^a	Pipeline Fuel ^b	Delivered to Consumers					Total Consumption
			Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Electric Utilities	Total	
1992 Total	1,171	588	4,690	^c 2,803	7,527	2,766	17,786	19,544
1993 Total	1,172	624	4,956	^c 2,863	7,981	2,682	18,483	20,279
1994 Total	1,124	685	4,848	^c 2,897	8,167	2,987	18,899	20,708
1995 Total	1,220	700	4,850	^c 3,034	8,580	3,197	19,660	21,581
1996								
January	106	85	934	480	800	168	2,382	2,574
February	101	77	831	443	747	137	2,158	2,335
March	106	72	705	387	781	156	2,030	2,209
April	104	59	474	284	736	170	1,663	1,826
May	106	50	271	183	701	264	1,420	1,576
June	102	46	162	133	710	299	1,305	1,454
July	105	46	124	126	677	358	1,285	1,436
August	105	47	118	123	704	367	1,312	1,465
September	102	45	138	124	706	285	1,253	1,399
October	104	49	243	171	737	226	1,378	1,531
November	103	62	503	295	764	170	1,732	1,896
December	105	74	738	409	807	132	2,086	2,266
Total	1,250	711	5,241	^c 3,161	8,870	2,732	20,006	21,967
1997								
January	^E 107	82	907	478	^R 804	139	^R 2,328	^R 2,516
February	^E 97	73	767	428	748	143	2,086	2,256
March	^E 107	68	^R 609	366	768	190	^R 1,933	^R 2,108
April	^E 102	58	^R 436	273	^R 732	193	1,634	1,794
May	^E 106	52	^R 288	213	^R 712	231	1,443	1,601
June	^E 101	47	^R 165	161	^R 687	296	^R 1,309	^R 1,458
July	^E 105	50	^R 129	^R 149	^R 685	428	^R 1,391	^R 1,546
August	^E 104	49	^R 117	^R 147	^R 713	391	^R 1,368	^R 1,522
September	^E 102	47	^R 130	^R 146	687	333	^R 1,296	^R 1,445
October	^E 105	50	^R 235	^R 194	^R 704	246	^R 1,379	^R 1,533
November	^E 104	61	499	^R 318	^R 723	180	^R 1,721	1,885
December	^E 107	75	732	^R 414	790	199	^R 2,134	^R 2,316
Total	^{RE} 1,245	712	^R 5,014	^R 3,286	^R 8,753	2,969	^R 20,022	^R 21,980
1998								
January	^E 107	^R 78	794	445	^R 799	171	^R 2,209	^R 2,393
February	^E 98	68	^R 681	392	^R 730	134	^R 1,936	^R 2,102
March	^E 107	69	^R 635	368	^R 749	194	^R 1,946	^R 2,122
April	^{RE} 102	55	^R 405	^R 254	694	190	^R 1,543	^R 1,700
May	^E 107	51	219	175	744	293	1,431	1,589
June(STIFS)	^E 100	^E 46	^E 166	^E 152	^E 662	NA	^E 1,322	^E 1,467
July(STIFS)	^E 103	^E 50	^E 134	^E 148	^E 677	NA	^E 1,389	^E 1,542
August(STIFS)	^E 103	^E 48	^E 120	^E 145	^E 708	NA	^E 1,409	^E 1,560
1998 YTD^d	^E 828	^E 466	^E 3,154	^E 2,079	^E 5,762	982	^E 13,184	^E 14,477
1997 YTD	^E 829	479	3,418	2,215	5,849	897	13,493	14,801
1996 YTD	836	482	3,620	2,159	5,857	895	13,554	14,873

^a Plant fuel data are only collected on an annual basis and monthly lease fuel data are only collected annually. Lease and plant fuel estimates have been between 6 and 7 percent of marketed production annually. Monthly lease and plant fuel use is estimated from monthly marketed production by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

^b Pipeline fuel use is only collected on an annual basis. Annually it is between 3 and 4 percent of total consumption. Monthly pipeline fuel data are estimated from monthly total consumption (excluding pipeline fuel) by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

^c Vehicle fuel deliveries, in billion cubic feet, were 0.4 in 1991, 0.5 in 1992, 1.0 in 1993, 1.7 in 1994, 2.7 in 1995 and 2.9 in 1996.

^d Year-to-date volume represents months for which volume information is available in the current year.

^R = Revised Data.

^E = Estimated Data.

^{RE} = Revised Estimated Data.

NA = Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1992 through 1996 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Estimates for the most recent three months are derived from the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS). Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use is classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1992-1996: Energy Information Administration (EIA): Form EIA-627, "Annual Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report," (thru 1994), Form EIA-895 "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," (1995 forward), Form EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report," EIA computations, and *Natural Gas Annual 1996*. January 1997 through the current month: EIA: Form 895, "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," Form EIA-857, Form EIA-759, and STIFS computations. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5, for computation procedures and revision policy.