

**Table 3. Natural Gas Consumption in the United States, 1996-2002**  
(Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Lease and Plant Fuel <sup>a</sup>	Pipeline Fuel <sup>b</sup>	Delivered to Consumers					Total Consumption
			Residential	Commercial <sup>c</sup>	Industrial	Electric Utilities	Total	
<b>1996 Total</b> .....	<b>1,250</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>5,241</b>	<b>3,161</b>	<b>8,870</b>	<b>2,732</b>	<b>20,006</b>	<b>21,967</b>
<b>1997 Total</b> .....	<b>1,203</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>4,984</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>8,832</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>20,004</b>	<b>21,959</b>
<b>1998 Total</b> .....	<b>1,173</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>4,520</b>	<b>3,005</b>	<b>8,686</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>19,469</b>	<b>21,277</b>
<b>1999 Total</b> .....	<b>1,079</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>4,726</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>9,006</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>19,895</b>	<b>21,620</b>
<b>2000</b>								
January .....	96	73	862	454	835	190	2,342	2,510
February .....	89	67	774	423	809	167	2,174	2,331
March .....	97	59	550	353	785	208	1,894	2,051
April .....	92	51	401	259	767	215	1,640	1,783
May .....	94	46	228	183	772	309	1,492	1,633
June .....	92	43	154	150	767	307	1,378	1,513
July .....	95	43	128	139	746	373	1,387	1,526
August .....	96	47	122	153	825	410	1,510	1,653
September .....	93	42	141	151	765	284	1,340	1,475
October .....	98	44	236	184	793	213	1,426	1,568
November .....	93	55	482	293	806	180	1,761	1,909
December .....	94	75	913	475	843	187	2,418	2,587
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,130</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>4,992</b>	<b>3,226</b>	<b>9,512</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>20,772</b>	<b>22,547</b>
<b>2001</b>								
January .....	<sup>E</sup> 99	75	982	525	794	157	2,457	2,632
February .....	<sup>E</sup> 90	65	787	450	753	143	2,132	2,287
March .....	<sup>E</sup> 100	63	686	395	792	171	2,045	2,207
April .....	<sup>E</sup> 96	51	409	272	729	211	1,620	1,767
May .....	<sup>E</sup> 99	42	214	192	697	235	1,339	1,480
June .....	<sup>RE</sup> 94	39	149	164	673	261	1,246	1,379
July .....	<sup>RE</sup> 97	44	125	149	755	355	1,383	<sup>R</sup> 1,524
August .....	<sup>E</sup> 97	44	118	155	763	360	1,396	1,537
September .....	<sup>E</sup> 94	40	129	157	732	254	1,272	1,406
October .....	<sup>E</sup> 98	45	236	204	760	224	1,424	1,567
<b>November(STIFS)</b> .....	<sup>RE</sup> 90	<sup>R</sup> 51	<sup>E</sup> 336	<sup>E</sup> 241	<sup>E</sup> 737	NA	<sup>E</sup> 1,466	<sup>RE</sup> 1,607
<b>December(STIFS)</b> .....	<sup>E</sup> 98	<sup>E</sup> 68	<sup>E</sup> 606	<sup>E</sup> 364	<sup>E</sup> 783	NA	<sup>E</sup> 1,905	<sup>E</sup> 2,072
<b>Total</b> .....	<sup>RE</sup> 1,152	<sup>RE</sup> 628	<sup>RE</sup> 4,777	<sup>RE</sup> 3,265	<sup>RE</sup> 8,969	NA	<sup>RE</sup> 19,685	<sup>RE</sup> 21,465
<b>2002</b>								
<b>January(STIFS)</b> .....	<sup>E</sup> 93	<sup>E</sup> 77	<sup>E</sup> 811	<sup>E</sup> 443	<sup>E</sup> 805	NA	<sup>E</sup> 2,192	<sup>E</sup> 2,362

<sup>a</sup> Plant fuel data and monthly lease fuel data are collected only 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.

<sup>b</sup> Pipeline fuel use is collected only on an annual basis. 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.

<sup>c</sup> Vehicle fuel is included in the annual total of deliveries to commercial consumers for 1996-2000 but not in the monthly volumes. Volumes delivered for use as vehicle fuel (in billion cubic feet) were 2.9 in 1996, 4.4 in 1997, 5.1 in 1998, 5.7 in 1999, and 8.3 in 2000.

<sup>R</sup> Revised Data.

<sup>E</sup> Estimated Data.

<sup>RE</sup> Revised Estimated Data.

NA Not Available.

**Notes:** Data for 1996 through 2000 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. Beginning in 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use was classified as industrial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

**Sources:** 1996-2000: Energy Information Administration (EIA): Form EIA-895 "Monthly Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report," 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 2000*. January 2001 through the current month: EIA: Form EIA-895, Form EIA-857, Form EIA-759, and STIFS computations. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5, for computation procedures and revision policy.