

**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	<sup>R</sup> 984	525	794	157	<sup>R</sup> 2,459	<sup>R</sup> 2,634
February .....	<sup>E</sup> 90	65	<sup>R</sup> 788	<sup>R</sup> 449	753	143	<sup>R</sup> 2,133	<sup>R</sup> 2,289
March .....	<sup>E</sup> 100	63	<sup>R</sup> 687	<sup>R</sup> 394	<sup>R</sup> 790	171	<sup>R</sup> 2,043	<sup>R</sup> 2,205
April .....	<sup>E</sup> 96	51	<sup>R</sup> 410	272	<sup>R</sup> 740	211	<sup>R</sup> 1,633	<sup>R</sup> 1,780
May .....	<sup>E</sup> 99	42	<sup>R</sup> 215	192	698	235	1,339	<sup>R</sup> 1,481
June .....	<sup>E</sup> 94	39	149	<sup>R</sup> 163	<sup>R</sup> 670	261	<sup>R</sup> 1,243	<sup>R</sup> 1,376
July .....	<sup>E</sup> 97	44	125	<sup>R</sup> 148	<sup>R</sup> 756	355	<sup>R</sup> 1,383	1,524
August .....	<sup>E</sup> 97	44	118	<sup>R</sup> 153	773	360	<sup>R</sup> 1,404	<sup>R</sup> 1,545
September .....	<sup>E</sup> 94	41	129	162	741	254	1,286	1,420
October .....	<sup>E</sup> 98	45	<sup>R</sup> 239	<sup>R</sup> 204	<sup>R</sup> 761	224	<sup>R</sup> 1,428	<sup>R</sup> 1,571
November .....	<sup>RE</sup> 94	<sup>R</sup> 46	<sup>R</sup> 365	238	<sup>R</sup> 730	151	<sup>R</sup> 1,483	<sup>R</sup> 1,624
December .....	<sup>E</sup> 93	58	605	349	764	153	1,871	2,022
<b>Total</b> .....	<sup>RE</sup> <b>1,152</b>	<sup>R</sup> <b>614</b>	<sup>R</sup> <b>4,814</b>	<sup>R</sup> <b>3,247</b>	<sup>R</sup> <b>8,969</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<sup>R</sup> <b>19,705</b>	<sup>R</sup> <b>21,470</b>
<b>2002</b>								
<b>January(STIFS)</b> .....	<sup>R</sup> 90	<sup>R</sup> 71	<sup>R</sup> 806	<sup>R</sup> 448	<sup>R</sup> 802	NA	<sup>R</sup> 2,212	<sup>R</sup> 2,373
<b>February(STIFS)</b> .....	<sup>RE</sup> 81	<sup>RE</sup> 63	<sup>RE</sup> 728	<sup>RE</sup> 422	<sup>RE</sup> 766	NA	<sup>RE</sup> 2,060	<sup>RE</sup> 2,204
<b>March(STIFS)</b> .....	<sup>E</sup> 89	<sup>E</sup> 62	<sup>E</sup> 673	<sup>E</sup> 390	<sup>E</sup> 799	NA	<sup>E</sup> 2,052	<sup>E</sup> 2,204
<b>2002 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> .....	<b>260</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>2,367</b>	NA	<b>6,325</b>	<b>6,781</b>
<b>2001 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> .....	<b>289</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>6,635</b>	<b>7,128</b>
<b>2000 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> .....	<b>283</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>2,429</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>6,892</b>

<sup>a</sup> Plant fuel data and 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>d</sup> Year-to-date volume represents months for which volume information is available in the current year.

<sup>R</sup> Revised Data.

<sup>E</sup> Estimated Data.

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

<sup>NA</sup> 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.