

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

Year and Month	Lease and Plant Fuel ^a	Pipeline Fuel ^b	Delivered to Consumers					Total Consumption
			Residential	Commercial ^c	Industrial	Electric Utilities	Total	
1996 Total	1,250	711	5,241	3,161	8,870	2,732	20,006	21,967
1997 Total	1,203	751	4,984	3,219	8,832	2,968	20,004	21,959
1998 Total	1,173	635	4,520	3,005	8,686	3,258	19,469	21,277
1999 Total	1,079	645	4,726	3,050	9,006	3,113	19,895	21,620
2000								
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
Total	1,130	644	4,992	3,226	9,512	3,043	20,772	22,547
2001								
January	^{RE} 100	75	984	^R 513	^R 793	157	^R 2,446	^R 2,621
February	^E 90	65	788	^R 441	^R 751	143	^R 2,122	^R 2,277
March	^E 100	63	687	^R 388	^R 789	171	^R 2,035	^R 2,198
April	^E 96	51	410	^R 268	^R 740	211	^R 1,629	^R 1,776
May	^E 99	42	215	^R 190	^R 700	235	^R 1,340	1,481
June	^E 94	39	149	^R 162	^R 673	261	^R 1,244	^R 1,378
July	^E 97	^R 43	125	^R 146	756	355	^R 1,381	^R 1,522
August	^E 97	44	118	^R 152	773	360	1,404	1,545
September	^{RE} 94	41	129	^R 161	741	254	^R 1,285	^R 1,419
October	^E 98	45	239	^R 202	770	224	^R 1,436	^R 1,580
November	^{RE} 95	46	364	^R 235	730	151	^R 1,480	^R 1,621
December	^E 97	58	608	^R 345	764	153	^R 1,870	^R 2,025
Total	^{RE} 1,157	^R 613	4,815	^R 3,203	^R 8,981	2,675	^R 19,673	^R 21,443
2002								
January	^{RE} 98	^R 67	^R 818	^R 434	^R 765	^R 175	^R 2,192	^R 2,357
February	^E 84	55	696	388	716	NA	1,984	2,123
March(STIFS)	^E 100	^E 60	^E 679	^E 408	^E 799	NA	^E 2,070	^E 2,230
April(STIFS)	^E 95	^E 48	^E 437	^E 274	^E 743	NA	^E 1,659	^E 1,802
May(STIFS)	^E 97	^E 42	^E 254	^E 211	^E 741	NA	^E 1,443	^E 1,582
2002 YTD^d	474	273	2,884	1,715	3,764	NA	9,348	10,094
2001 YTD^d	484	296	3,083	1,798	3,774	157	9,573	10,353
2000 YTD^d	469	296	2,815	1,672	3,967	190	9,542	10,308

^a 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.

^b 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.

^c 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.

^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 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.