

**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> 100	75	<sup>R</sup> 984	<sup>R</sup> 513	<sup>R</sup> 793	158	2,449	<sup>R</sup> 2,623
February .....	<sup>E</sup> 90	65	784	<sup>R</sup> 438	<sup>R</sup> 749	144	<sup>R</sup> 2,115	<sup>R</sup> 2,270
March .....	<sup>E</sup> 100	63	<sup>R</sup> 686	<sup>R</sup> 387	<sup>R</sup> 787	172	<sup>R</sup> 2,032	<sup>R</sup> 2,194
April .....	<sup>E</sup> 96	51	<sup>R</sup> 404	<sup>R</sup> 265	<sup>R</sup> 739	212	<sup>R</sup> 1,620	<sup>R</sup> 1,767
May .....	<sup>E</sup> 99	42	<sup>R</sup> 210	<sup>R</sup> 182	<sup>R</sup> 700	236	<sup>R</sup> 1,328	<sup>R</sup> 1,469
June .....	<sup>E</sup> 94	39	148	<sup>R</sup> 143	<sup>R</sup> 675	261	<sup>R</sup> 1,227	<sup>R</sup> 1,360
July .....	<sup>E</sup> 97	<sup>R</sup> 43	125	<sup>R</sup> 138	<sup>R</sup> 759	357	<sup>R</sup> 1,379	<sup>R</sup> 1,519
August .....	<sup>E</sup> 97	44	118	<sup>R</sup> 143	<sup>R</sup> 782	361	<sup>R</sup> 1,404	<sup>R</sup> 1,545
September .....	<sup>E</sup> 94	40	<sup>R</sup> 129	<sup>R</sup> 146	<sup>R</sup> 745	255	<sup>R</sup> 1,276	<sup>R</sup> 1,410
October .....	<sup>E</sup> 98	45	<sup>R</sup> 241	<sup>R</sup> 191	<sup>R</sup> 775	225	<sup>R</sup> 1,432	<sup>R</sup> 1,575
November .....	<sup>E</sup> 95	46	367	<sup>R</sup> 229	<sup>R</sup> 737	151	<sup>R</sup> 1,485	<sup>R</sup> 1,626
December .....	<sup>E</sup> 98	58	615	<sup>R</sup> 347	<sup>R</sup> 771	153	<sup>R</sup> 1,887	<sup>R</sup> 2,043
<b>Total</b> .....	<b><sup>E</sup>1,158</b>	<b>612</b>	<b><sup>R</sup>4,812</b>	<b><sup>R</sup>3,121</b>	<b><sup>R</sup>9,013</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b><sup>R</sup>19,633</b>	<b><sup>R</sup>21,402</b>
<b>2002</b>								
January .....	<sup>E</sup> 100	67	<sup>R</sup> 817	<sup>R</sup> 434	<sup>R</sup> 793	147	<sup>R</sup> 2,191	<sup>R</sup> 2,359
February .....	<sup>E</sup> 89	61	<sup>R</sup> 704	<sup>R</sup> 393	740	137	<sup>R</sup> 1,975	<sup>R</sup> 2,125
March .....	<sup>RE</sup> 100	61	<sup>R</sup> 665	<sup>R</sup> 374	757	161	<sup>R</sup> 1,958	<sup>R</sup> 2,118
April .....	<sup>RE</sup> 96	<sup>R</sup> 48	418	<sup>R</sup> 270	<sup>R</sup> 693	<sup>R</sup> 169	<sup>R</sup> 1,551	<sup>R</sup> 1,695
May .....	<sup>E</sup> 99	42	259	192	687	<sup>RE</sup> 180	<sup>R</sup> 1,319	<sup>R</sup> 1,459
June .....	<sup>E</sup> 92	40	164	164	679	NA	1,270	1,403
<b>2002 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> .....	<b>576</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>3,028</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>10,264</b>	<b>11,159</b>
<b>2001 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> .....	<b>578</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>4,443</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>10,771</b>	<b>11,683</b>
<b>2000 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> .....	<b>562</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>4,734</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>10,920</b>	<b>11,821</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. 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, and Form EIA-759. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5, for computation procedures and revision policy.