

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	^E 100	75	984	500	820	158	2,462	2,636
February	^E 90	65	784	424	772	144	2,123	2,278
March	^E 100	63	686	376	813	172	2,048	2,211
April	^E 96	51	404	257	759	212	1,633	1,780
May	^E 99	42	210	166	727	236	1,339	1,480
June	^E 94	39	148	137	693	261	1,239	1,372
July	^E 97	43	125	132	736	357	1,350	1,490
August	^E 97	43	118	138	757	361	1,374	1,514
September	^E 94	39	129	143	719	255	1,247	1,380
October	^E 98	44	241	188	747	225	1,400	1,543
November	^E 95	46	367	230	725	151	1,474	1,615
December	^E 98	58	617	347	749	153	1,866	2,021
Total	^E1,158	609	4,815	3,037	9,016	2,686	19,554	21,322
2002								
January	^E 100	67	821	434	^R 764	147	^R 2,166	^R 2,332
February	^E 89	60	704	394	^R 709	137	^R 1,945	^R 2,094
March	^E 100	60	666	375	^R 737	161	^R 1,940	^R 2,099
April	^E 96	49	419	271	696	169	1,556	1,700
May	^E 99	42	259	193	687	180	1,319	1,459
June	^E 96	39	164	157	^R 685	229	^R 1,234	^R 1,369
July	^{RE} 100	^R 41	128	145	^R 731	^R 294	^R 1,298	^R 1,439
August	^E 95	41	118	150	746	288	1,302	1,438
2002 YTD^d	774	398	3,279	2,118	5,755	1,606	12,759	13,931
2001 YTD^d	773	422	3,460	2,130	6,076	1,902	13,568	14,762
2000 YTD^d	753	429	3,220	2,114	6,305	2,179	13,818	15,000

^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.

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.