

Table 20. Average price of natural gas sold to residential consumers, by state, 2016-2018
(dollars per thousand cubic feet)

State	2018	2017	2016	2018				
	10-Month YTD	10-Month YTD	10-Month YTD	October	September	August	July	June
Alabama	15.42	16.33	13.76	21.79	22.08	21.90	21.93	21.00
Alaska	11.25	10.47	9.89	11.02	12.23	13.06	13.77	12.73
Arizona	NA	15.84	15.67	18.44	20.97	NA	22.69	21.27
Arkansas	12.13	13.19	10.98	16.74	20.97	21.64	21.08	19.74
California	NA	12.70	11.57	12.16	12.30	NA	12.36	12.14
Colorado	8.16	8.45	7.56	7.93	13.17	14.61	17.24	14.43
Connecticut	NA	14.40	13.10	16.50	22.39	23.72	22.33	19.93
Delaware	NA	12.80	11.83	20.85	NA	24.29	23.32	20.31
District of Columbia	11.91	12.87	10.81	16.83	20.98	19.11	18.51	14.51
Florida	21.65	21.23	20.14	27.03	26.09	27.70	26.56	24.53
Georgia	15.98	18.88	14.95	23.01	29.61	29.63	27.63	27.65
Hawaii	43.53	38.71	36.59	48.05	47.36	43.50	45.44	41.62
Idaho	NA	7.95	8.59	6.99	9.31	10.33	10.35	9.55
Illinois	8.54	9.62	8.09	9.84	17.47	19.09	18.98	15.17
Indiana	NA	9.92	8.27	10.65	NA	19.42	20.19	18.83
Iowa	9.07	9.45	8.25	12.29	18.67	18.83	19.70	15.09
Kansas	10.91	11.75	10.26	12.31	18.84	22.61	21.99	18.46
Kentucky	NA	12.60	10.38	13.51	NA	24.87	25.01	24.49
Louisiana	NA	13.47	11.18	16.90	16.62	17.41	16.97	15.97
Maine	NA	14.85	14.06	15.73	23.71	24.72	25.84	20.22
Maryland	11.83	13.45	11.53	14.17	20.80	21.01	19.57	18.38
Massachusetts	NA	13.28	12.26	13.28	16.02	16.56	15.82	14.57
Michigan	8.40	8.82	8.45	8.25	12.34	13.39	13.52	13.49
Minnesota	NA	8.74	8.19	8.85	12.31	14.97	15.40	12.97
Mississippi	10.34	12.35	10.09	16.41	16.67	17.72	17.53	16.68
Missouri	10.55	12.09	11.08	16.75	23.40	24.89	24.11	22.21
Montana	NA	7.68	7.39	7.76	10.50	11.60	10.20	9.11
Nebraska	NA	9.23	8.07	11.38	17.44	17.81	NA	15.72
Nevada	9.69	8.81	10.84	11.01	13.47	14.46	13.86	12.72
New Hampshire	15.38	14.43	14.20	18.70	22.78	22.73	21.07	17.88
New Jersey	9.05	8.95	8.09	9.91	12.05	12.66	12.11	11.30
New Mexico	NA	9.45	7.99	10.65	13.45	13.09	12.79	11.23
New York	12.52	12.22	11.04	17.16	20.16	20.83	20.11	19.32
North Carolina	NA	14.56	11.44	17.24	NA	NA	NA	NA
North Dakota	7.40	8.24	7.69	8.21	17.48	21.42	20.79	15.45
Ohio	9.52	10.62	9.21	12.62	25.54	27.80	26.49	25.45
Oklahoma	9.82	11.92	10.62	19.57	25.14	26.63	25.69	22.84
Oregon	11.23	10.81	12.48	11.33	14.07	16.88	15.10	14.21
Pennsylvania	11.60	11.64	10.34	13.23	19.34	20.44	19.76	17.96
Rhode Island	NA	13.92	13.88	20.36	NA	NA	27.60	20.69
South Carolina	NA	15.92	12.78	20.65	27.98	26.56	29.36	NA
South Dakota	NA	8.40	7.62	8.88	15.04	15.86	14.73	11.80
Tennessee	NA	10.76	9.10	14.77	18.96	NA	19.68	18.42
Texas	NA	13.79	11.53	16.96	22.08	NA	21.64	20.20
Utah	NA	8.93	9.09	8.67	10.23	10.44	10.24	10.26
Vermont	13.62	14.17	14.30	16.70	21.78	23.26	21.61	18.72
Virginia	11.71	12.87	10.88	15.93	19.64	20.61	20.51	18.27
Washington	10.80	10.89	10.94	10.60	13.27	15.81	14.98	13.36
West Virginia	NA	9.55	9.54	10.96	17.79	18.80	18.19	17.75
Wisconsin	8.10	8.73	8.22	7.89	12.55	14.53	14.06	12.39
Wyoming	8.99	9.26	8.74	10.45	16.81	17.53	16.18	13.11
Total	10.85	11.38	10.19	12.26	17.32	18.63	17.92	16.51

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Table 20. Average price of natural gas sold to residential consumers, by state, 2016-2018
(dollars per thousand cubic feet) – continued

State	2018					2017		
	May	April	March	February	January	Total	December	November
Alabama	17.27	15.07	15.29	14.15	13.38	16.11	14.72	16.97
Alaska	11.85	11.29	10.77	10.62	10.59	10.52	10.66	10.65
Arizona	19.20	16.78	14.22	13.97	13.76	15.78	14.43	17.54
Arkansas	14.02	11.47	12.06	10.82	10.08	12.97	11.81	12.80
California	12.42	11.60	12.26	12.09	12.11	12.49	11.76	11.41
Colorado	10.47	7.40	7.31	6.60	6.59	8.08	6.84	7.39
Connecticut	NA	13.17	12.75	12.69	12.02	13.95	11.94	13.42
Delaware	14.91	12.22	11.64	11.84	NA	12.84	12.44	14.34
District of Columbia	12.42	10.79	11.32	11.32	10.31	12.53	10.47	13.14
Florida	23.12	20.48	20.07	18.77	18.08	21.15	19.69	22.42
Georgia	21.53	14.10	13.01	12.42	10.55	16.93	11.23	14.39
Hawaii	44.49	42.51	42.16	42.05	39.90	38.88	39.57	39.91
Idaho	9.17	7.70	7.08	NA	7.33	7.65	6.82	7.15
Illinois	12.61	7.57	7.25	6.91	6.66	8.83	6.81	7.47
Indiana	15.37	8.06	7.55	7.99	6.90	8.94	6.56	7.77
Iowa	10.94	7.89	8.11	7.84	7.35	9.30	8.52	9.68
Kansas	15.30	11.89	10.04	8.89	8.69	10.95	9.02	8.98
Kentucky	18.47	9.65	9.21	9.68	8.53	11.62	9.03	10.65
Louisiana	13.37	12.33	NA	9.92	8.72	13.04	10.76	13.25
Maine	17.01	15.58	NA	16.46	14.65	14.61	13.59	14.14
Maryland	14.33	10.31	9.79	11.85	10.40	12.97	11.46	12.12
Massachusetts	16.69	17.69	NA	16.21	14.22	13.32	13.78	12.74
Michigan	11.94	7.93	7.60	7.74	7.41	8.38	7.30	7.66
Minnesota	NA	7.75	NA	8.72	7.84	8.47	7.91	7.73
Mississippi	12.91	9.99	10.78	9.08	7.68	11.83	9.72	11.40
Missouri	13.57	9.69	9.42	8.56	8.11	11.78	9.87	12.26
Montana	7.71	7.11	NA	6.95	7.00	7.62	7.42	7.47
Nebraska	10.00	7.70	7.71	7.41	6.94	9.01	7.91	8.69
Nevada	11.55	9.92	8.24	8.15	8.12	8.82	8.26	9.97
New Hampshire	16.60	15.68	15.51	13.93	13.28	14.55	14.36	16.92
New Jersey	9.26	7.74	8.76	8.63	8.87	9.14	9.53	10.00
New Mexico	NA	7.94	7.28	7.06	7.08	9.22	8.05	9.02
New York	14.20	11.29	12.10	11.23	9.51	12.04	10.52	13.07
North Carolina	20.40	13.12	10.40	13.44	9.72	13.29	10.70	11.93
North Dakota	8.71	6.49	6.09	5.95	5.85	7.64	6.05	6.47
Ohio	14.97	8.10	7.30	7.61	6.45	9.72	7.02	8.78
Oklahoma	12.34	9.00	7.97	7.37	6.72	11.40	8.65	11.14
Oregon	13.66	11.10	9.85	9.81	10.85	10.59	9.77	10.43
Pennsylvania	14.14	10.80	10.45	10.86	10.02	11.40	10.38	11.33
Rhode Island	17.80	16.34	14.83	13.45	13.13	14.02	14.01	15.34
South Carolina	NA	13.49	10.57	15.91	NA	14.57	11.48	12.83
South Dakota	8.05	6.98	NA	6.89	6.86	8.18	7.55	7.66
Tennessee	11.80	9.10	9.03	8.74	7.89	10.31	8.66	10.32
Texas	16.22	12.92	11.17	9.61	8.84	13.61	11.91	14.66
Utah	9.44	NA	NA	10.08	9.40	9.05	9.76	9.14
Vermont	14.02	12.31	12.93	11.80	12.37	14.12	13.22	15.43
Virginia	14.22	10.95	9.38	11.63	10.04	12.34	10.54	11.89
Washington	12.99	10.34	9.93	9.62	10.18	10.62	9.66	10.22
West Virginia	NA	9.63	9.27	9.27	8.94	9.43	9.00	9.41
Wisconsin	10.22	6.93	7.33	7.65	7.38	8.40	7.51	7.87
Wyoming	9.63	8.51	7.88	7.49	7.67	9.01	7.97	8.45
Total	13.65	10.04	9.78	9.63	8.91	10.91	9.29	10.15

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Table 20. Average price of natural gas sold to residential consumers, by state, 2016-2018
(dollars per thousand cubic feet) – continued

State	2017							
	October	September	August	July	June	May	April	March
Alabama	22.17	22.63	22.97	22.15	21.14	20.57	16.19	14.51
Alaska	11.17	12.13	13.39	13.72	12.79	11.00	10.23	9.58
Arizona	20.10	22.25	23.41	22.74	20.48	18.19	16.82	15.32
Arkansas	19.52	20.36	21.39	20.16	18.25	15.66	14.02	12.52
California	12.10	12.28	12.53	12.55	13.14	12.96	12.51	12.41
Colorado	8.44	12.16	13.78	14.70	12.67	9.17	8.04	7.92
Connecticut	19.83	21.74	22.65	22.04	18.83	16.62	13.81	12.30
Delaware	22.06	22.02	24.65	22.84	18.85	16.02	12.07	11.34
District of Columbia	18.88	19.33	21.24	18.15	16.92	16.24	12.27	11.67
Florida	24.92	24.47	26.57	25.36	24.01	22.19	19.77	19.42
Georgia	22.07	31.00	32.32	32.42	29.52	27.26	18.21	13.69
Hawaii	39.77	39.98	40.28	39.99	37.63	39.21	38.06	38.69
Idaho	7.43	9.46	10.87	11.26	10.46	8.32	8.02	8.08
Illinois	10.49	16.81	17.86	16.90	15.32	11.11	10.22	7.95
Indiana	10.47	17.64	20.65	20.06	19.15	11.89	11.67	7.74
Iowa	13.37	18.63	17.36	17.65	14.96	10.83	8.95	7.71
Kansas	14.20	21.05	22.57	21.69	19.45	18.15	12.84	10.01
Kentucky	14.80	22.54	24.81	24.49	23.98	18.07	13.70	10.39
Louisiana	16.52	16.49	17.30	16.44	15.43	14.89	13.56	12.71
Maine	18.92	23.14	24.48	23.45	17.86	14.97	14.11	13.03
Maryland	18.42	20.14	21.61	20.23	18.91	16.53	14.62	10.86
Massachusetts	12.26	15.45	15.95	15.46	13.48	13.63	13.22	12.90
Michigan	9.50	12.19	13.79	14.46	13.24	9.89	9.22	7.77
Minnesota	8.93	11.95	13.40	13.36	12.48	9.69	8.44	7.63
Mississippi	16.62	18.00	18.07	17.37	16.11	15.02	12.82	10.64
Missouri	22.34	25.33	27.73	26.50	21.51	15.45	12.35	10.48
Montana	8.21	10.53	11.64	10.99	9.59	8.08	7.51	7.38
Nebraska	14.15	17.19	17.53	16.79	14.15	10.36	8.70	7.87
Nevada	11.06	12.81	14.10	13.23	11.62	10.63	8.99	7.76
New Hampshire	22.75	24.80	25.25	22.46	16.35	14.31	12.22	12.75
New Jersey	11.24	11.55	12.08	11.86	10.28	9.66	8.31	8.65
New Mexico	12.87	14.89	15.78	15.10	12.74	10.44	9.03	8.07
New York	17.16	18.12	19.05	19.13	16.28	14.45	11.10	10.81
North Carolina	19.66	22.88	23.14	22.49	23.15	19.75	17.86	11.65
North Dakota	9.09	15.60	20.47	21.82	19.59	13.01	7.59	6.46
Ohio	15.19	23.38	27.28	26.34	23.63	14.49	10.25	7.73
Oklahoma	24.54	26.70	29.06	25.92	21.84	15.91	13.17	10.28
Oregon	11.18	14.68	16.69	15.42	14.30	12.23	10.98	10.67
Pennsylvania	16.27	17.48	20.04	19.34	16.79	13.12	11.68	10.33
Rhode Island	19.30	19.93	20.19	19.15	16.38	15.11	13.18	12.79
South Carolina	19.35	25.03	26.44	24.68	24.33	21.98	17.13	11.79
South Dakota	11.01	14.40	14.62	14.52	12.01	9.06	7.73	7.46
Tennessee	16.00	17.18	19.34	18.74	16.89	14.15	10.96	9.62
Texas	20.64	21.76	23.39	20.93	18.54	17.09	15.59	12.25
Utah	8.22	10.38	11.21	10.88	9.56	8.35	9.15	9.18
Vermont	19.84	21.13	22.39	21.62	18.03	15.03	12.94	12.53
Virginia	20.00	20.71	22.04	20.79	18.59	17.62	13.56	10.54
Washington	10.92	13.81	16.05	15.38	14.64	12.02	10.66	10.24
West Virginia	11.26	14.16	17.51	18.81	14.75	11.56	9.55	8.47
Wisconsin	9.12	13.59	14.31	15.03	12.99	8.98	9.03	7.49
Wyoming	9.55	15.05	17.86	17.26	12.41	10.07	9.32	8.51
Total	13.36	16.92	18.22	17.86	16.06	13.26	11.34	9.86

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Table 20. Average price of natural gas sold to residential consumers, by state, 2016-2018

(dollars per thousand cubic feet) – continued

State	2017							2016
	February	January	Total	December	November	October	September	August
Alabama	14.69	13.50	14.06	14.29	19.11	21.24	21.16	21.29
Alaska	9.61	9.44	9.81	9.51	9.73	10.07	11.34	12.66
Arizona	12.66	12.70	15.28	12.70	15.69	18.72	20.81	22.42
Arkansas	11.81	10.40	11.17	10.66	17.46	18.13	18.76	18.56
California	12.65	13.10	11.84	13.08	12.33	13.31	13.26	12.82
Colorado	7.44	6.86	7.35	6.46	7.38	9.71	12.07	14.22
Connecticut	13.18	12.39	12.91	11.73	13.29	16.63	22.19	24.07
Delaware	11.04	10.65	11.88	11.38	13.77	19.82	22.52	24.25
District of Columbia	10.92	10.93	10.90	10.62	13.28	12.53	18.63	19.25
Florida	18.38	17.71	20.27	19.10	23.55	26.53	25.75	26.80
Georgia	13.57	11.84	14.56	11.95	16.05	24.53	26.14	25.14
Hawaii	37.91	36.66	36.48	37.57	34.17	37.56	35.43	34.94
Idaho	7.53	7.23	8.14	7.22	7.37	8.24	9.49	10.16
Illinois	8.39	7.58	7.88	6.74	8.71	12.16	16.72	17.33
Indiana	8.64	7.68	7.92	6.41	8.48	11.89	17.65	18.56
Iowa	7.98	7.62	8.13	6.93	10.22	14.77	16.31	17.64
Kansas	9.83	8.50	9.85	8.62	9.29	18.34	19.96	21.74
Kentucky	10.88	9.23	10.14	8.65	11.45	19.46	22.92	24.45
Louisiana	12.30	10.89	11.35	11.02	14.96	16.25	15.87	16.66
Maine	13.70	13.71	13.82	12.87	13.30	15.75	21.33	22.79
Maryland	12.26	11.35	11.53	10.84	13.22	17.39	20.27	20.97
Massachusetts	13.11	12.91	12.46	13.15	13.27	13.70	14.97	15.22
Michigan	7.98	7.59	8.21	7.35	7.98	9.38	12.85	14.65
Minnesota	8.06	8.05	8.01	7.31	7.98	9.51	13.20	13.37
Mississippi	10.67	10.02	10.06	8.86	13.44	15.87	15.19	15.99
Missouri	9.32	8.27	10.94	9.09	15.25	21.71	24.01	26.41
Montana	7.29	6.73	7.27	6.74	7.37	7.93	10.06	11.11
Nebraska	7.93	7.38	8.01	7.05	10.07	13.31	15.73	16.13
Nevada	7.10	6.96	10.23	7.57	9.70	11.49	13.81	14.42
New Hampshire	13.60	13.26	14.25	14.19	14.97	19.46	24.66	24.61
New Jersey	8.16	8.36	8.30	8.75	9.37	10.25	11.74	12.12
New Mexico	8.16	7.86	8.05	7.64	10.06	12.56	14.49	15.18
New York	11.04	9.86	10.84	9.60	10.95	14.87	17.34	17.86
North Carolina	13.82	11.72	11.31	10.61	11.89	18.54	21.70	21.26
North Dakota	6.79	5.93	7.21	5.68	6.96	8.49	16.28	20.06
Ohio	8.15	7.13	9.03	7.80	10.00	18.54	25.81	26.97
Oklahoma	8.78	7.13	10.57	8.37	18.86	24.82	26.09	28.99
Oregon	9.89	9.16	11.67	9.34	11.37	11.81	14.32	16.61
Pennsylvania	10.32	9.70	10.18	9.21	10.62	13.58	18.88	19.48
Rhode Island	12.72	12.58	13.80	13.03	14.27	17.92	20.26	20.37
South Carolina	15.05	13.40	12.62	11.62	13.55	22.15	25.25	25.55
South Dakota	7.80	6.89	7.60	6.73	9.58	10.46	13.36	14.15
Tennessee	9.29	8.55	9.21	8.77	12.18	17.97	17.59	18.88
Texas	10.61	9.56	11.73	10.83	18.72	20.34	21.23	22.98
Utah	8.78	8.40	9.12	8.99	9.91	9.23	10.12	10.76
Vermont	12.47	12.79	14.15	13.13	14.31	18.75	22.57	23.02
Virginia	11.78	9.99	10.88	10.16	12.69	16.02	20.91	20.99
Washington	10.04	9.75	10.78	10.06	11.05	11.53	13.92	16.14
West Virginia	8.39	8.19	9.26	8.22	8.92	11.65	16.69	18.41
Wisconsin	7.56	8.05	8.07	7.41	8.26	9.20	14.29	15.04
Wyoming	8.09	7.51	8.51	7.32	8.77	10.25	15.68	16.54
Total	10.01	9.32	10.05	9.06	10.77	13.74	16.78	17.60

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Table 20. Average price of natural gas sold to residential consumers, by state, 2016-2018
(dollars per thousand cubic feet) – continued

State	2016						
	July	June	May	April	March	February	January
Alabama	20.59	19.33	17.18	14.46	12.17	11.27	12.16
Alaska	12.98	12.14	10.41	9.63	9.09	8.99	8.87
Arizona	21.61	19.59	17.54	16.63	18.16	13.91	12.06
Arkansas	16.74	15.32	13.66	10.84	10.27	9.01	9.49
California	11.90	11.31	11.45	10.44	10.54	11.46	11.39
Colorado	13.96	12.46	7.06	6.84	6.68	6.45	6.07
Connecticut	21.76	19.19	15.04	12.88	11.74	10.67	10.34
Delaware	21.38	17.57	13.46	11.49	10.26	9.73	10.11
District of Columbia	17.60	14.70	12.03	10.10	10.27	9.12	9.53
Florida	26.17	23.35	21.72	20.29	17.88	15.31	16.52
Georgia	25.12	23.85	19.43	15.77	12.53	10.57	10.40
Hawaii	34.84	42.65	39.99	36.94	37.08	33.73	33.45
Idaho	9.88	9.80	9.21	8.94	8.79	8.23	8.00
Illinois	16.49	12.62	10.48	7.53	7.08	6.30	5.83
Indiana	18.89	16.48	10.09	7.76	8.07	6.41	6.02
Iowa	16.05	13.28	8.74	7.53	7.33	6.52	6.53
Kansas	20.13	18.92	13.42	11.08	9.43	7.89	7.27
Kentucky	23.07	20.15	14.84	10.32	8.75	7.61	7.85
Louisiana	15.97	13.89	13.16	11.12	10.32	8.54	9.25
Maine	21.88	17.99	13.46	12.56	12.97	13.07	13.19
Maryland	19.83	15.79	12.44	11.30	10.85	9.30	9.78
Massachusetts	14.42	12.73	12.35	11.91	11.60	11.97	11.88
Michigan	13.50	13.02	9.65	7.84	7.82	7.61	7.29
Minnesota	13.50	11.71	9.87	7.62	7.66	7.12	7.05
Mississippi	15.67	13.92	12.95	10.76	9.01	7.96	8.43
Missouri	24.86	19.73	15.60	11.32	9.32	8.13	7.99
Montana	10.33	8.36	7.19	6.77	7.02	6.90	6.81
Nebraska	15.03	12.37	9.25	7.63	7.02	6.52	6.45
Nevada	14.63	12.99	11.92	11.25	10.84	9.75	9.12
New Hampshire	23.02	18.19	13.97	12.22	11.76	12.70	14.05
New Jersey	11.33	10.64	9.37	8.86	8.12	6.79	6.48
New Mexico	13.85	11.38	8.73	7.48	7.06	6.44	6.35
New York	16.64	14.69	10.99	9.88	9.64	9.45	10.30
North Carolina	22.51	19.62	16.42	13.11	12.62	9.06	8.76
North Dakota	20.50	19.20	9.52	6.90	6.30	5.60	5.49
Ohio	25.18	19.02	11.57	7.94	7.07	6.37	6.41
Oklahoma	24.71	19.80	16.73	10.96	8.92	6.81	6.53
Oregon	16.56	15.90	15.29	13.81	12.08	11.97	10.36
Pennsylvania	18.34	15.62	11.38	9.91	9.51	8.64	8.75
Rhode Island	19.20	16.89	14.49	13.42	12.64	12.35	12.73
South Carolina	26.86	24.09	18.62	15.18	13.47	9.75	9.04
South Dakota	13.48	11.34	7.74	6.87	7.14	6.59	6.29
Tennessee	17.11	14.81	12.58	9.52	7.88	7.27	7.40
Texas	19.53	16.70	16.50	11.75	10.12	7.87	7.85
Utah	10.67	9.81	8.89	8.96	9.51	8.79	8.59
Vermont	21.11	18.40	14.26	13.30	12.66	12.53	13.24
Virginia	19.60	15.27	12.49	10.47	10.04	8.63	9.30
Washington	15.24	13.58	11.62	10.55	10.34	9.90	9.53
West Virginia	17.03	15.58	11.72	9.36	8.82	8.31	8.31
Wisconsin	14.31	10.57	8.63	7.57	7.39	7.25	7.46
Wyoming	16.97	11.27	8.49	8.24	7.61	7.62	7.33
Total	16.56	14.43	11.62	9.65	9.19	8.36	8.28

^R Revised data.

^{NA} Not available.

Notes: Geographic coverage is the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Average prices for gas delivered to residential consumers reflect onsystem sales prices, with the following exception: Residential price data are based on total gas deliveries in the states of Georgia, New York and Ohio only. Published prices are considered to be total prices paid by end-users per thousand cubic feet of natural gas in the respective sectors, inclusive of all tax, delivery, commodity, demand and other charges. Prices are in nominal dollars. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 8, for discussion of computations and revision policy. See Table 24 for data on onsystem sales expressed as a percentage of total residential, total commercial, and total industrial deliveries.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA): Form EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," and Form EIA-910, "Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey."