

**Table 6.2 Natural Gas Production, Selected Years, 1949-2003**  
(Billion Cubic Feet)

Year	Natural Gas Gross Withdrawals			Repressuring	Nonhydrocarbon Gases Removed	Vented and Flared	Marketed Production	Extraction Loss <sup>1</sup>	Dry Gas Production
	Natural Gas Wells	Crude Oil Wells	Total						
1949	4,986	2,561	7,547	1,273	NA	854	5,420	224	5,195
1950	5,603	2,876	8,480	1,397	NA	801	6,282	260	6,022
1955	7,842	3,878	11,720	1,541	NA	774	9,405	377	9,029
1960	10,853	4,234	15,088	1,754	NA	563	12,771	543	12,228
1965	13,524	4,440	17,963	1,604	NA	319	16,040	753	15,286
1970	18,595	5,192	23,786	1,376	NA	489	21,921	906	21,014
1971	18,925	5,163	24,088	1,310	NA	285	22,493	883	21,610
1972	19,043	4,974	24,016	1,236	NA	248	22,532	908	21,624
1973	19,372	4,696	24,067	1,171	NA	248	22,648	917	21,731
1974	18,669	4,181	22,850	1,080	NA	169	21,601	887	20,713
1975	17,380	3,723	21,104	861	NA	134	20,109	872	19,236
1976	17,191	3,753	20,944	859	NA	132	19,952	854	19,098
1977	17,416	3,681	21,097	935	NA	137	20,025	863	19,163
1978	17,394	3,915	21,309	1,181	NA	153	19,974	852	19,122
1979	18,034	3,849	21,883	1,245	NA	167	20,471	808	19,663
1980	17,573	4,297	21,870	1,365	199	125	20,180	777	19,403
1981	17,337	4,251	21,587	1,312	222	98	19,956	775	19,181
1982	15,809	4,463	20,272	1,388	208	93	18,582	762	17,820
1983	14,153	4,506	18,659	1,458	222	95	16,884	790	16,094
1984	15,513	4,754	20,267	1,630	224	108	18,304	838	17,466
1985	14,535	5,071	19,607	1,915	326	95	17,270	816	16,454
1986	14,154	4,977	19,131	1,838	337	98	16,859	800	16,059
1987	14,807	5,333	20,140	2,208	376	124	17,433	812	16,621
1988	15,467	5,532	20,999	2,478	460	143	17,918	816	17,103
1989	15,709	5,366	21,074	2,475	362	142	18,095	785	17,311
1990	16,054	5,469	21,523	2,489	289	150	18,594	784	17,810
1991	16,018	5,732	21,750	2,772	276	170	18,532	835	17,698
1992	16,165	5,967	22,132	2,973	280	168	18,712	872	17,840
1993	16,691	6,035	22,726	3,103	414	227	18,982	886	18,095
1994	17,351	6,230	23,581	3,231	412	228	19,710	889	18,821
1995	17,282	6,462	23,744	3,565	388	284	19,506	908	18,599
1996	17,737	6,376	24,114	3,511	518	272	19,812	958	18,854
1997	17,844	6,369	24,213	3,492	599	256	19,866	964	18,902
1998	17,729	6,380	24,108	3,427	617	103	19,961	938	19,024
1999	17,590	6,233	23,823	3,293	615	110	19,805	973	18,832
2000	17,726	6,448	24,174	3,380	505	91	20,198	1,016	19,182
2001	<sup>R</sup> 18,129	<sup>R</sup> 6,371	<sup>R</sup> 24,501	<sup>R</sup> 3,371	<sup>R</sup> 463	<sup>R</sup> 97	<sup>R</sup> 20,570	954	<sup>R</sup> 19,616
2002	<sup>R</sup> 17,728	<sup>R</sup> 6,249	<sup>R</sup> 23,977	<sup>R</sup> 3,455	<sup>R</sup> 502	<sup>R</sup> 99	<sup>R</sup> 19,921	<sup>R</sup> 957	<sup>R</sup> 18,964
2003	<sup>E</sup> 17,896	<sup>E</sup> 6,369	<sup>P</sup> 24,265	<sup>P</sup> 3,716	<sup>P</sup> 385	<sup>P</sup> 95	<sup>P</sup> 20,070	<sup>P</sup> 964	<sup>P</sup> 19,106

<sup>1</sup> Volume reduction resulting from the removal of natural gas plant liquids. Natural gas plant liquids are transferred to petroleum supply.

R=Revised. P=Preliminary. E=Estimate. NA=Not available.

Notes: • Beginning with 1965 data, all volumes are shown on a pressure base of 14.73 p.s.i.a. at 60° F. For prior years, the pressure base was 14.65 p.s.i.a. at 60° F. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

Web Pages: • For data not shown for 1951-1969, see <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/aer/natgas.html>.

• For related information, see [http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil\\_gas/natural\\_gas/info\\_glance/natural\\_gas.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/natural_gas/info_glance/natural_gas.html).

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