

Natural Gas

Note 1. Natural Gas Deliveries to Nonutilities, 1989-1992. Prior to 1993, deliveries to nonutility generators were not separately collected from natural gas companies on Form EIA-176, “Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition.” As a result, for 1989-1992, those volumes are probably included in both the industrial and electric power sectors and double-counted in total consumption. In 1993, 0.28 trillion cubic feet was reported as delivered to nonutility generators.

Note 2. Natural Gas Consumption. Natural gas consumption statistics are compiled from surveys of natural gas production, transmission, and distribution companies and from surveys of electric power generation. Consumption by sector from these surveys is compiled on a national and individual State basis and then balanced with national and individual State supply data. Included in the data are the following: **Residential Sector**—Consumption by private households for space heating, cooking, and other household uses; **Commercial Sector**—Consumption by nonmanufacturing establishments; municipalities for institutional heating and lighting; and, through 1995, those engaged in agriculture, forestry, and fishing. The commercial sector includes generators that produce electricity and/or useful thermal output primarily to support the activities of the above-mentioned commercial establishments; **Industrial Sector**—Consumption by establishments engaged primarily in processing unfinished materials into another form of product (including mining;

petroleum refining; manufacturing; and, beginning in 1996, agriculture, forestry, and fishing), and natural gas industry use for lease and plant fuel. The industrial sector includes generators that produce electricity and/or useful thermal output primarily to support the above-mentioned industrial activities; **Transportation Sector**—Natural gas transmission (pipeline) fuel, and natural gas delivered for use as vehicle fuel; and **Electric Power Sector (electric utilities and independent power producers)**—Consumption for electricity generation and useful thermal output at electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants within the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public.

Note 3. Coverage of Electric Power Sector Natural Gas Prices. For 1973-1982, data for electric power sector natural gas prices include all electric utility plants at which the generator nameplate capacity of all steam-electric units combined totaled 25 megawatts or greater. For 1974-1982, peaking units are also included and counted toward the 25-megawatt-or-greater total. For 1983-1990, data include all electric utility plants at which the generator nameplate capacity of all steam-electric units combined totaled 50 megawatts or greater. For 1991-2001, data include all electric utility plants at which the generator nameplate capacity of all steam-electric units and combined-cycle units together totaled 50 megawatts or greater. For 2002 forward, data include electric utility and independent power producer plants at which the total facility fossil-fueled nameplate generating capacity is 50 or more megawatts, regardless of unit type.