Table 5a. U.S. Natural Gas Supply, Consumption, and Inventories

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	2025				2026				2027				Year		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2025	2026	2027
Supply (billion cubic feet per day)															
U.S. total marketed natural gas production	**115.6**	**117.7**	**119.5**	**120.9**	**120.9**	**122.7**	**125.1**	**125.4**	**126.0**	**127.6**	**128.4**	**129.8**	**118.4**	**123.5**	**128.0**
Alaska	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Federal Gulf of America (a)	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.9
Lower 48 States (excl GOA) (b)	112.7	114.9	116.5	117.8	117.8	119.6	122.1	122.3	123.0	124.7	125.6	126.9	115.5	120.5	125.1
Appalachia region	36.3	36.7	36.7	36.9	36.9	37.2	37.2	37.1	37.4	37.9	37.6	37.7	36.6	37.1	37.6
Bakken region	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
Eagle Ford region	7.0	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.5	7.4	8.0	8.3
Haynesville region	14.7	14.9	15.0	15.6	16.0	16.6	17.2	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.8	18.0	15.0	16.8	17.8
Permian region	26.3	27.1	28.3	28.4	28.4	29.0	30.2	30.5	30.8	31.7	32.4	33.2	27.6	29.5	32.0
Rest of Lower 48 States	25.1	25.5	25.4	25.7	25.4	25.4	25.8	25.7	25.7	25.8	26.0	26.1	25.4	25.6	25.9
Total primary supply	**110.1**	**78.1**	**84.6**	**94.8**	**107.6**	**79.0**	**87.6**	**95.4**	**108.4**	**81.1**	**88.7**	**97.3**	**91.9**	**92.4**	**93.8**
Balancing item (c)	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	0.1	-0.9	-1.0	-1.2	-1.0	-1.7	-1.8	-1.3	-0.5	-0.8	-1.5
Total supply	**109.8**	**78.8**	**85.3**	**95.6**	**107.5**	**79.9**	**88.7**	**96.6**	**109.4**	**82.8**	**90.5**	**98.6**	**92.3**	**93.1**	**95.3**
U.S. total dry natural gas production	105.5	106.9	108.3	109.7	110.0	111.3	113.6	113.8	114.5	115.7	116.4	117.8	107.6	112.2	116.1
Net inventory withdrawals	17.7	-12.7	-7.0	3.5	15.6	-12.0	-5.7	3.1	15.1	-11.8	-5.8	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.0
Supplemental gaseous fuels	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Net imports	-13.7	-15.7	-16.2	-17.9	-18.4	-19.5	-19.4	-20.6	-20.5	-21.4	-20.4	-22.3	-15.9	-19.5	-21.1
LNG gross imports (d)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
LNG gross exports (d)	14.2	14.2	14.6	17.4	17.8	17.2	17.0	18.2	18.7	18.6	17.6	19.6	15.1	17.6	18.6
Pipeline gross imports	9.9	7.9	7.8	8.9	9.3	7.3	7.6	8.0	8.8	7.4	7.7	8.0	8.6	8.1	8.0
Pipeline gross exports	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.4	10.6	10.2	10.5	10.8	9.5	10.0	10.5
Consumption (billion cubic feet per day)															
Total consumption	**110.1**	**78.1**	**84.6**	**94.8**	**107.6**	**79.0**	**87.6**	**95.4**	**108.4**	**81.1**	**88.7**	**97.3**	**91.9**	**92.4**	**93.8**
Residential	26.2	7.1	3.6	16.4	24.2	6.6	3.4	15.8	23.9	7.3	3.6	15.8	13.3	12.5	12.6
Commercial	16.3	6.7	5.0	11.7	15.3	6.4	4.9	11.4	15.2	6.9	5.3	12.0	9.9	9.5	9.8
Industrial	25.6	22.5	22.2	24.3	25.1	22.9	22.5	24.8	26.0	23.4	23.2	25.3	23.6	23.8	24.5
Electric power (e)	32.1	33.1	44.8	32.9	32.9	34.1	47.4	33.6	32.9	34.2	47.0	34.0	35.8	37.0	37.1
Lease and plant fuel	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.6	5.8	6.0
Pipeline and distribution	4.3	3.0	3.3	3.7	4.2	3.1	3.4	3.7	4.2	3.1	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.6
Vehicle	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
End-of-period working natural gas inventories (billion cubic feet) (f)															
United States total	**1,836**	**2,990**	**3,626**	**3,306**	**1,906**	**2,995**	**3,523**	**3,240**	**1,883**	**2,957**	**3,493**	**3,231**	**3,306**	**3,240**	**3,231**
East region	294	610	851	705	275	601	860	757	328	638	848	745	705	757	745
Midwest region	365	691	988	829	351	720	1,006	890	390	724	1,001	883	829	890	883
South Central region	778	1,139	1,183	1,184	795	1,090	1,067	1,111	751	1,036	1,045	1,075	1,184	1,111	1,075
Mountain region	170	232	266	250	198	234	252	206	188	249	269	230	250	206	230
Pacific region	205	289	303	304	259	318	297	247	202	282	295	269	304	247	269
Alaska	25	28	36	33	28	33	40	29	25	29	35	30	33	29	30

(a) Marketed production from U.S. Federal leases in the Gulf of America.

(b) Regional production in this table is based on geographic regions and not geologic formations.

(c) The balancing item is the difference between total natural gas consumption (NGTCPUS) and total natural gas supply (NGPSUPP).

(d) LNG: liquefied natural gas

(e) Natural gas used for electricity generation and (a limited amount of) useful thermal output by electric utilities and independent power producers.

(f) For a list of states in each inventory region refer to *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report, Notes and Definitions (http://ir.eia.gov/ngs/notes.html)* .

Notes:

EIA completed modeling and analysis for this report on October 1, 2026.

- = no data available

The approximate break between historical and forecast values is shown with historical data with no shading; estimates and forecasts are shaded gray.

Minor discrepancies with published historical data are due to independent rounding.

Sources:

Historical data: Latest data available from Energy Information Administration databases supporting the following reports: *Natural Gas Monthly* ; and *Electric Power Monthly* .

Forecasts: EIA Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System.