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New records for U.S. natural gas exports

The U.S. Energy Information Administration is reporting that the United States exported more natural gas than it imported again in 2018. EIA estimates that net U.S. natural gas exports averaged 2.2 billion cubic feet per day for the year.

In its January *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, EIA forecasts gross U.S. natural gas exports to increase by a record 34% in 2019 and reach an average of 13.6 billion cubic feet per day. The forecast expects an additional increase of nearly 14% in 2020, which estimates the average for gross exports to reach 15.5 billion cubic feet per day. EIA attributes these historic increases to record levels of natural gas production, new infrastructure, and significant increases in liquefied natural gas exports.

EIA is forecasting LNG exports to more than double from 2018 to 2020, increasing from an estimated 2.9 billion cubic feet per day to 6.8 billion cubic feet per day.

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