

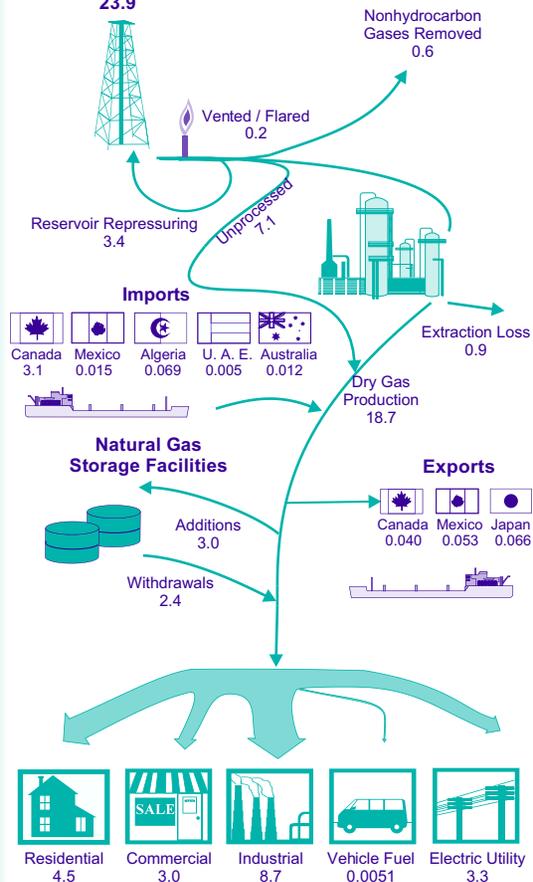
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- Natural gas accounts for about 25 percent of the energy used each year in the United States. During 1998, 21 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of gas was consumed.
- Production was 18.7 Tcf in 1998. These supplies were supplemented by 3 Tcf of imports, with Canada as the primary supplier. Net imports accounted for 15 percent of end-use consumption.

Natural Gas Supply and Disposition in the United States, 1998 (Trillion Cubic Feet)

Gross Withdrawals from Gas and Oil Wells 23.9



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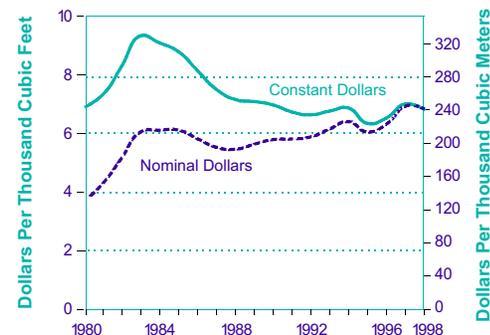
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Average Price of Natural Gas Delivered to Residential Consumers, 1980-1998



The natural gas industry currently provides service to more than 50 million residential customers. During 1998, the average price paid by residential consumers in nominal dollars decreased modestly to \$6.82 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf), 2 percent below \$6.94 per Mcf seen during 1997. The 1998 price, after adjusting for inflation, was still 27 percent below the 1983 peak price.

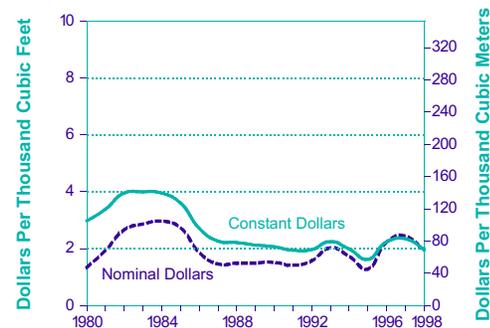
Prices of Natural Gas by End-Use Sector

	1997	1998
Residential	\$6.94	\$6.82
Commercial*	\$5.80	\$5.48
Industrial**	\$3.59	\$3.14
Electric Utilities	\$2.78	\$2.40
Vehicle Fuel	\$4.44	\$4.59

*onsystem sales, representing 67 to 71 percent of deliveries

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Average Wellhead Price of Natural Gas, 1980-1998



The average wellhead price of natural gas in nominal dollars fell 16 percent (\$0.38 per Mcf) from \$2.32 per Mcf in 1997 to \$1.94 Mcf in 1998. Adjusted for inflation, the 1998 price was still more than 51 percent below the 1983 peak price.

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