

Natural gas transportation and distribution, March 2015

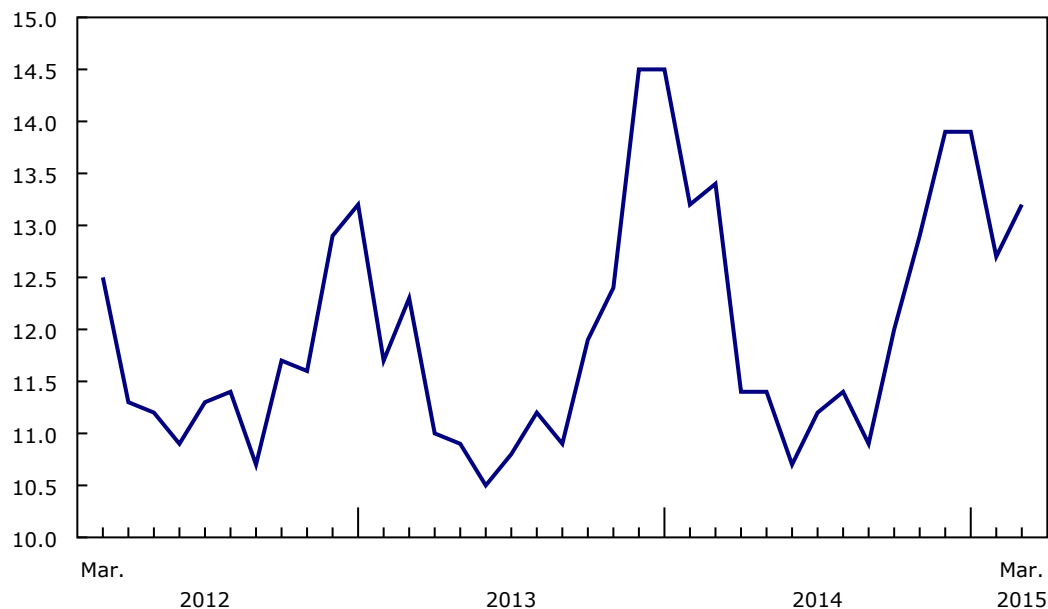
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Canadian natural gas utilities received 13.2 billion cubic metres of total marketable gas in March, down 1.3% from the same month in 2014.

Gas utilities sold 9.6 billion cubic metres of natural gas in March, down 3.7%. Revenues decreased 19.9% from 12 months earlier to \$1.9 billion, as a result of lower volumes and prices. According to the Raw Material Price Index, natural gas prices decreased 20.9% in March compared with the same period a year earlier.

Chart 1
Total marketable natural gas

billions of cubic metres



Source(s): CANSIM table [129-0002](#).

Sales and revenues down in five provinces

In March, total receipts of marketable gas decreased 3.6% in Alberta to 9.4 billion cubic metres. The decline was partially offset by higher receipts in British Columbia (up 6.9% to 3.2 billion cubic metres).

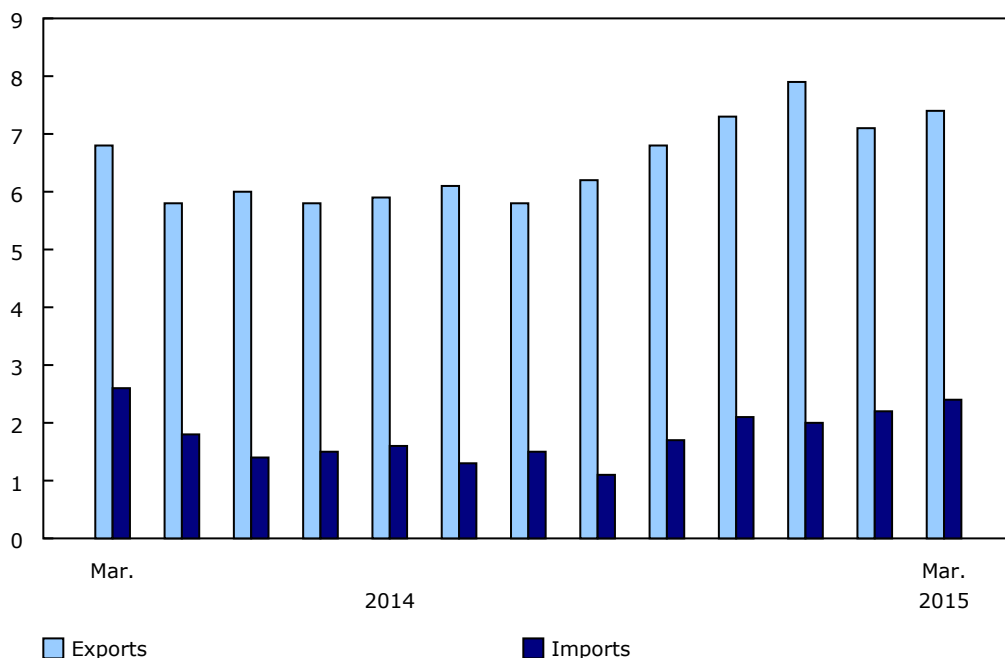
Sales of natural gas were lower in Alberta (down 5.0% to 3.6 billion cubic metres) and Ontario (down 5.9% to 3.5 billion cubic metres) compared with March 2014.

The decrease in revenues at the national level was led by lower revenues in Ontario (down 0.7% to \$913.0 million), Alberta (down 55.8% to \$341.6 million) and British Columbia (down 14.2% to \$171.5 million).



Chart 2 Natural gas exports and imports

billions of cubic metres



Source(s): CANSIM table [129-0002](#).

Exports increase

In March, exports of natural gas by pipelines to the United States from Canada rose 9.1% to 7.4 billion cubic metres. Higher exports from British Columbia and Ontario contributed to the national increase.

Canada's imports of natural gas decreased 8.9% to 2.5 billion cubic metres, mainly as a result of the decline in Ontario.

Note to readers

Data for January and February 2015 have been revised.

Import and export data are a combination of National Energy Board and respondent data.

Marketable gas data reported for British Columbia also include data for Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

Total marketable gas includes gas received from fields and processing or reprocessing plants after re-injection, field uses, processing plant and reprocessing plant shrinkage, plant use and losses have been deducted.

Available in CANSIM: tables [129-0001](#) to [129-0004](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2149](#).

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