

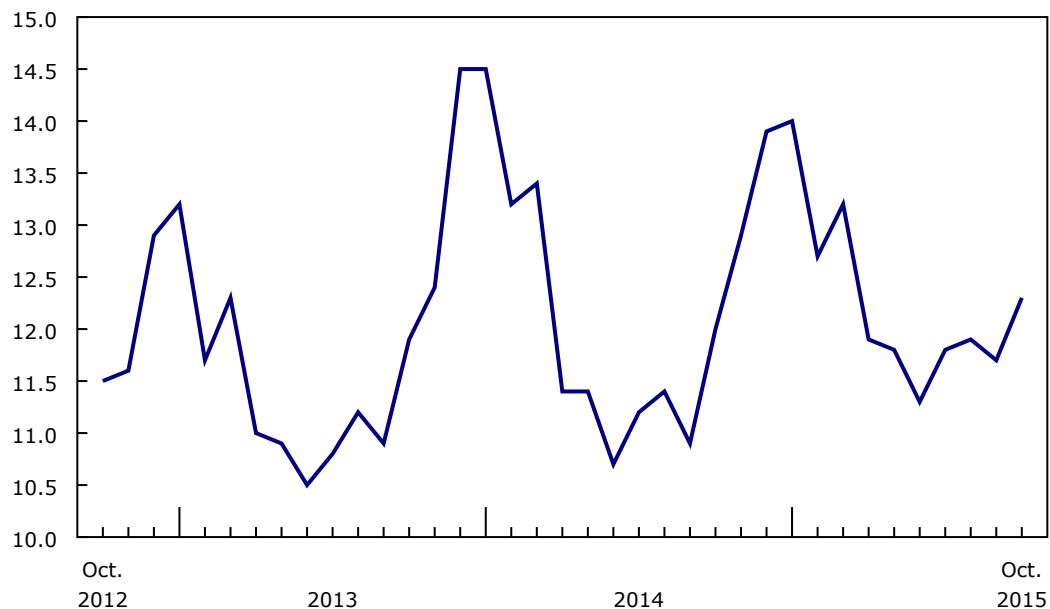
Natural gas transportation and distribution, October 2015

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Natural gas utilities received 12.3 billion cubic metres of total marketable gas in October, up 2.7% from the same month in 2014 and the seventh consecutive year-over-year increase.

Chart 1 Marketable natural gas

billions of cubic metres



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

Gas utilities sold 6.2 billion cubic metres of natural gas in October, up 3.2%. Meanwhile, revenues were down 26.7% from 12 months earlier to \$957.3 million. Low prices have continued the trend of depressed natural gas revenues.

The volume of sales increased across all market segments, including industrial (+3.8%), commercial (+3.0%) and residential (+0.5%) compared with the same month a year earlier.



Table 1
Natural gas sales by sector

	October 2014	October 2015 ^P	October 2014 to October 2015
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total sales	6 033 279	6 228 986	3.2
Residential ¹	870 309	874 970	0.5
Commercial ²	692 904	713 729	3.0
Industrial ³	4 470 066	4 640 287	3.8

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1. Gas sold for domestic purposes, including space heating, water heating and cooking, to a residential dwelling unit.

2. Gas sold to customers engaged in wholesale or retail trade, governments, institutions, office buildings, etc.

3. Gas sold to customers engaged in a process that creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. Includes mining and manufacturing establishments. Includes firm, interruptible and buy/sell agreements.

Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

Source(s): CANSIM table [129-0003](#).

In October, total receipts of marketable gas in Alberta were up 5.7% to 9.0 billion cubic metres. At the same time, British Columbia posted a 3.1% decrease to 3.0 billion cubic metres.

Revenues continue downward trend

Most provinces posted lower revenues in October, largely attributable to sustained low natural gas prices. Revenues in Alberta were down 56.7% to \$198.1 million, while in Ontario they were down 5.2% to \$441.3 million.

By province, Alberta (up 4.3% to 3.1 billion cubic metres) and British Columbia (up 18.1% to 464.6 million cubic metres) reported the two biggest changes in natural gas sales compared with October 2014.

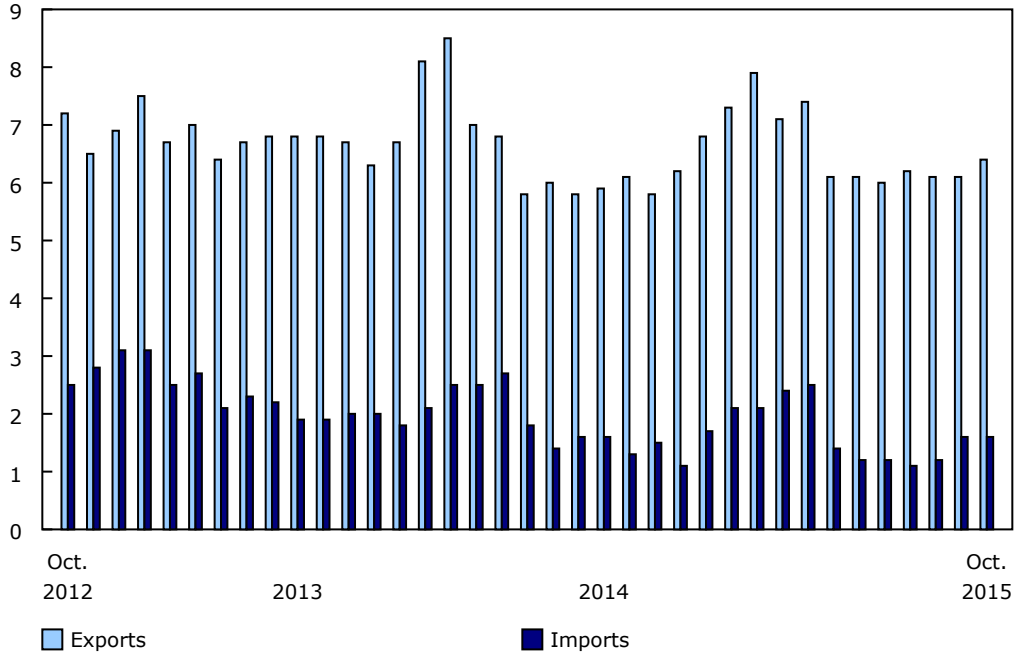
Imports increase

Canada's imports of natural gas by pipelines from the United States rose 47.3% to 1.6 billion cubic metres in October.

Exports of natural gas to the United States rose 2.5% to 6.4 billion cubic metres.

Chart 2
Natural gas exports and imports

billions of cubic metres



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

Note to readers

Data for September 2015 have been revised.

Import and export data are a combination of National Energy Board and survey 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, 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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