

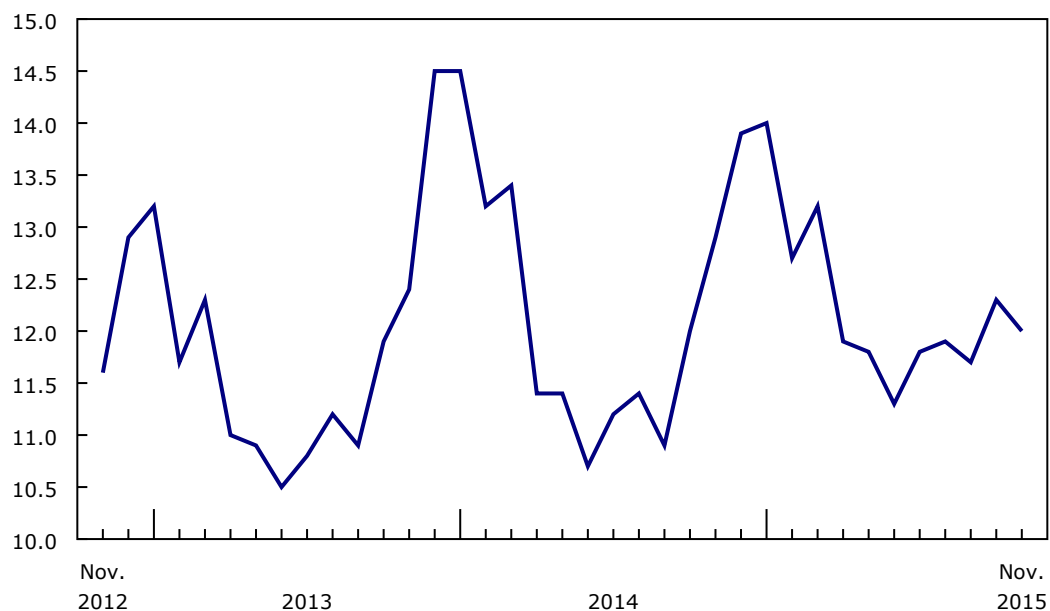
Natural gas transportation and distribution, November 2015

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Natural gas utilities received 12.0 billion cubic metres of total marketable gas in November, down 7.0% from the same month in 2014.

Chart 1
Marketable natural gas

billions of cubic metres



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

Gas utilities sold 8.1 billion cubic metres of natural gas in November, down 2.3%. Revenues decreased 15.1% to \$1.5 billion. Low prices continued to contribute to the downward trend in natural gas revenues.

The volume of sales to the residential (-9.1%) and commercial (-7.1%) sectors was down compared with the same month a year earlier, while the volume of sales to the industrial sector was up 1.7%.



Table 1
Natural gas sales by sector

	November 2014	November 2015 ^P	November 2014 to November 2015
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total sales	8 267 677	8 075 719	-2.3
Residential ¹	1 950 169	1 772 889	-9.1
Commercial ²	1 414 624	1 314 568	-7.1
Industrial ³	4 902 884	4 988 261	1.7

^P preliminary

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 November, total receipts of marketable gas were down 9.0% to 8.6 billion cubic metres in Alberta, while they fell 0.5% to 3.0 billion cubic metres in British Columbia.

Revenues continue downward trend

Most provinces posted lower revenues in November, largely attributable to sustained low natural gas prices. Revenues were down 31.1% to \$335.9 million in Alberta and down 12.6% to \$595.4 million in Ontario.

In terms of volume, Ontario recorded the largest decline in natural gas sales in November, down 11.5% from November 2014 to 2.1 billion cubic metres. Conversely, British Columbia posted the largest increase, with sales up 10.3% to 712.7 million cubic metres.

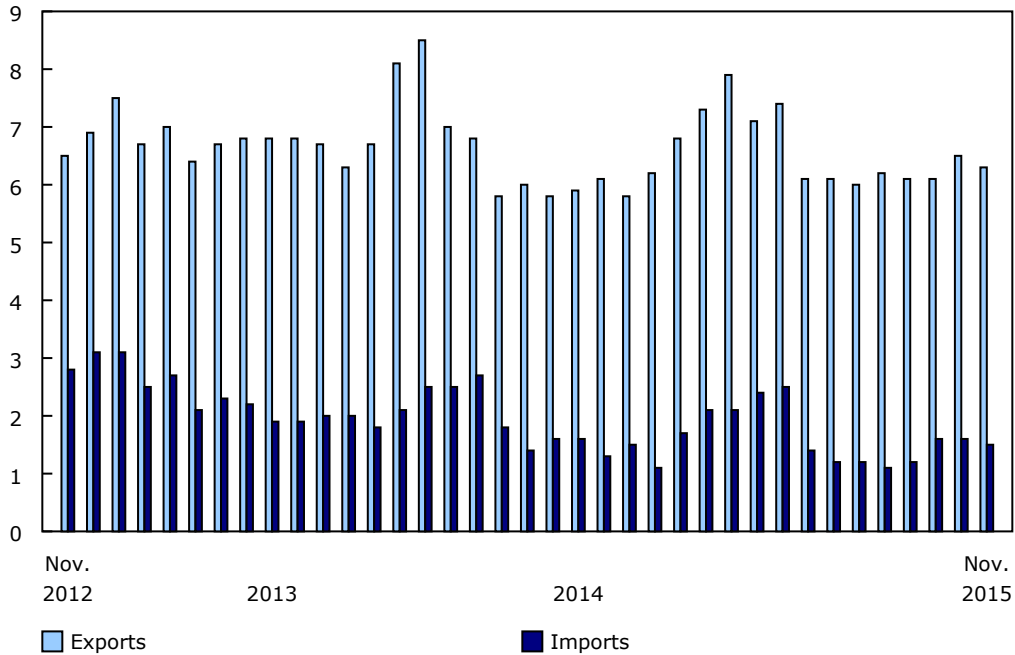
Imports decrease

Canada's imports of natural gas by pipelines from the United States decreased 12.7% to 1.5 billion cubic metres in November.

Exports of natural gas to the United States decreased 6.4% to 6.3 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 July to October 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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