

Natural gas transport and distribution systems, 2016

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Canadian natural gas transport and distribution systems reported total operating revenues of \$17.5 billion and total operating expenses of \$13.6 billion in 2016. As a result, net revenue from operations was \$3.9 billion, while net income after taxes totalled \$3.0 billion.

Balance sheet

In 2016, total assets reported in the Canadian natural gas transport and distribution systems were \$120.0 billion. Total investment (\$54.2 billion) and net plant (\$52.4 billion) held the majority share of total assets, followed by current assets (\$6.2 billion).

On the liabilities side, Canadian natural gas transport and distribution companies reported total liabilities of \$84.9 billion, which included total long-term debt (\$65.1 billion), current liabilities (\$10.8 billion) and deferred credit and appropriations (\$9.0 billion).

Total shareholders' equity was \$35.1 billion in 2016.

Salaries and wages

Canadian natural gas transport and distribution companies employed 15,818 people, whose salaries and wages totalled \$1.6 billion in 2016.

Pipeline distances

In 2016, there were 365,865 kilometres (km) of natural gas transport and distribution pipelines in Canada. Of the total, distribution pipelines comprised 268,145 km, followed by transport pipelines (92,133 km) and gathering pipelines (5,587 km).

Note to readers

The Natural Gas Transport and Distribution Annual is a census that collects data on the financial, employment and operating activities of natural gas transport pipelines and distribution systems operating in Canada.

For reference year 2016, the survey's coverage was expanded to improve the data quality of the program. As a result, year-over-year comparisons of some of the estimates were affected by the increased coverage.

The survey collects financial and operating statistics on Canadian companies primarily engaged in natural gas distribution (North American Industry Classification System 221210) or in natural gas pipeline transportation (North American Industry Classification System 486210). More specifically, the survey collects financial, employment, income and balance sheet information, as well as engineering and operating statistics.

Transport pipelines include gathering pipelines and transmission pipelines. Gathering pipelines collect natural gas from fields and plants. The gathered gas is then fed into large transmission pipelines that either deliver to distribution systems or to industrial consumers, such as oil and gas producers or power plants. In Canada, transport systems originate near the major gas producing regions of British Columbia and Alberta.

Distribution systems are pipeline networks that deliver gas directly to residential, commercial and industrial consumers. All the largest cities in Canada are serviced by natural gas distributors.

Data are available upon request.



Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2180](#).

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