

Natural gas transmission, storage and distribution, March 2016

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Natural gas transmission pipelines received 538.3 million gigajoules of natural gas from fields, gathering systems and plants in March.

Natural gas transmission and distribution systems delivered 192.0 million gigajoules of natural gas to industrial consumers, 87.5 million gigajoules to residential consumers and 68.8 million gigajoules to commercial and institutional consumers.

Provincial deliveries

Deliveries of natural gas in Alberta totalled 141.5 million gigajoules in March. The industrial sector received 80.4% of these deliveries.

In Ontario, deliveries totalled 127.6 million gigajoules, with the residential sector (42.5%) accounting for the largest share of deliveries.

Opening and closing inventories

In March, opening inventories of natural gas stored in Canadian facilities totalled 727.8 million gigajoules. Closing inventories were 737.2 million gigajoules, up 1.3%.

Natural gas stored in Western Canada (British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan combined) increased 1.1% in March, and closing inventories were 521.6 million gigajoules. Inventories in Central Canada (Ontario and Quebec combined) rose 1.6% and closed at 215.6 million gigajoules.

Exports and imports

Canada exported 256.5 million gigajoules of natural gas by pipelines to the United States in March. Imports of natural gas from the United States totalled 80.3 million gigajoules.



Note to readers

Content and methodology changes were made to the Monthly Natural Gas Transmission and Monthly Natural Gas Distribution surveys to provide readers with more detailed industry data. In addition, the Monthly Natural Gas Storage survey was developed and implemented to capture information on gas storage characteristics related to inventories and flows.

Data in this monthly release are now expressed in gigajoules, while data in CANSIM are available in both gigajoules and cubic metres.

The changes to the surveys were implemented as part of Statistics Canada's Integrated Business Statistics Program. For more information, please consult the methodology documents on [storage](#), [transmission](#) and [distribution](#).

Data on natural gas storage, transmission and distribution previously found in CANSIM tables 129-0001, 129-0002, 129-0003 and 129-0004 will be published in separate tables. Storage data will be published in CANSIM table 129-0005, transmission data will be published in CANSIM table 129-0006 and distribution data will be published in CANSIM table 129-0007.

As a result of these changes, data in the new CANSIM tables will not be comparable with data from the previous tables. However, previous tables will remain available for reference purposes.

Definitions

Data on **natural gas** no longer correspond to marketable natural gas but represent natural gas from fields, gas-gathering systems and gas plants.

Natural gas deliveries (termed "sales" in previous releases) include deliveries to industrial, commercial and institutional, and residential consumers.

Opening inventories correspond to inventories as of the first day of the reference month, while **closing inventories** correspond to inventories as of the last day of the reference month. For example, the reference period for the opening inventory in January was January 1, while the reference period for the closing inventory was January 31.

Available in CANSIM: tables [129-0005](#) to [129-0007](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers [2149](#), [5210](#) and [5215](#).

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