

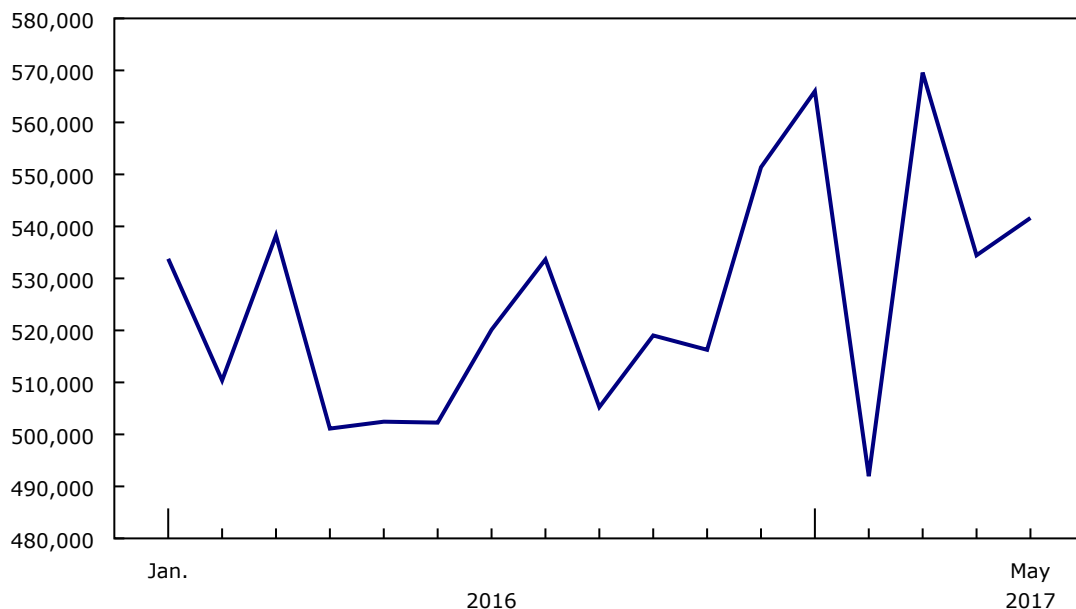
Natural gas transmission, storage and distribution, May 2017

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Natural gas transmission pipelines received 541.6 million gigajoules of natural gas from fields, gathering systems and plants in May, up 7.8% from the same month in 2016. Six provinces posted receipts, with Alberta (72.3%) and British Columbia (25.2%) receiving the majority.

Chart 1
Receipts from fields, gas gathering systems and/or gas plants

thousands of gigajoules



Source(s): CANSIM table [129-0006](#).

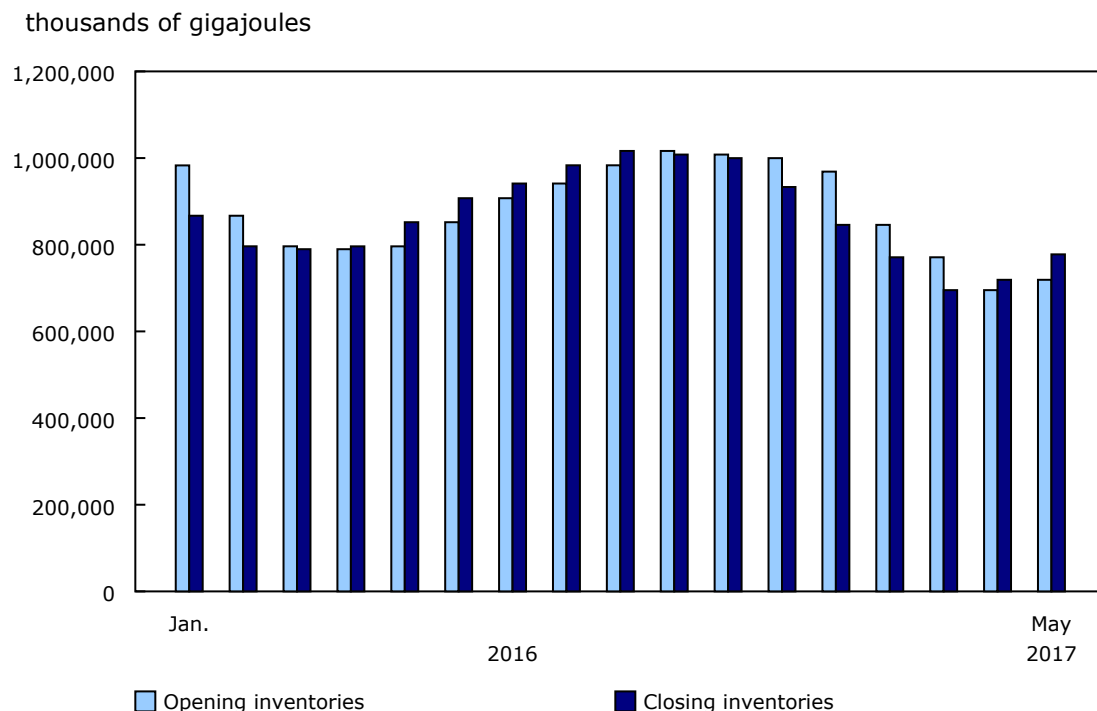
Provincial deliveries

In Alberta, deliveries of natural gas rose 33.2% from May 2016 to 133.6 million gigajoules. Wildfires in Fort McMurray that started in May 2016 contributed to lower natural gas pipeline activity last May.

In Ontario, 64.0 million gigajoules of natural gas were delivered. Of this total, the industrial sector received 41.5%, the residential sector received 32.7% and the commercial sector received 25.8%.



Chart 2
Canadian monthly natural gas inventories



Source(s): CANSIM table [129-0005](#).

Inventories

Opening inventories of natural gas in Canadian facilities totalled 719.1 million gigajoules in May. Over the month, inventories rose 8.2% to close at 777.8 million gigajoules.

Opening inventories of natural gas in Western Canada rose 7.4% to close the month at 586.0 million gigajoules, while opening inventories in Central Canada increased 10.7% to close at 191.8 million gigajoules.

Exports and imports

Canada exported 275.6 million gigajoules of natural gas by pipeline to the United States in May, up 2.8% from the same month in 2016. Meanwhile, imports of natural gas from the United States increased 21.4% to 78.9 million gigajoules.

Note to readers

Data have been revised from January 2016 to April 2017.

In January 2016, changes were made to the Monthly Natural Gas Transmission Survey and the Monthly Natural Gas Distribution Survey. In addition, the Monthly Natural Gas Storage Survey was introduced to provide measures on gas storage characteristics related to inventories and flows.

Storage data are now published in CANSIM table 129-0005, transmission data in CANSIM table 129-0006 and distribution data in CANSIM table 129-0007. CANSIM tables 129-0001, 129-0002, 129-0003 and 129-0004 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 releases prior to January 2016) 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.

Pipeline fuel is used to power compressors to move gas through pipelines.

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

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

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