

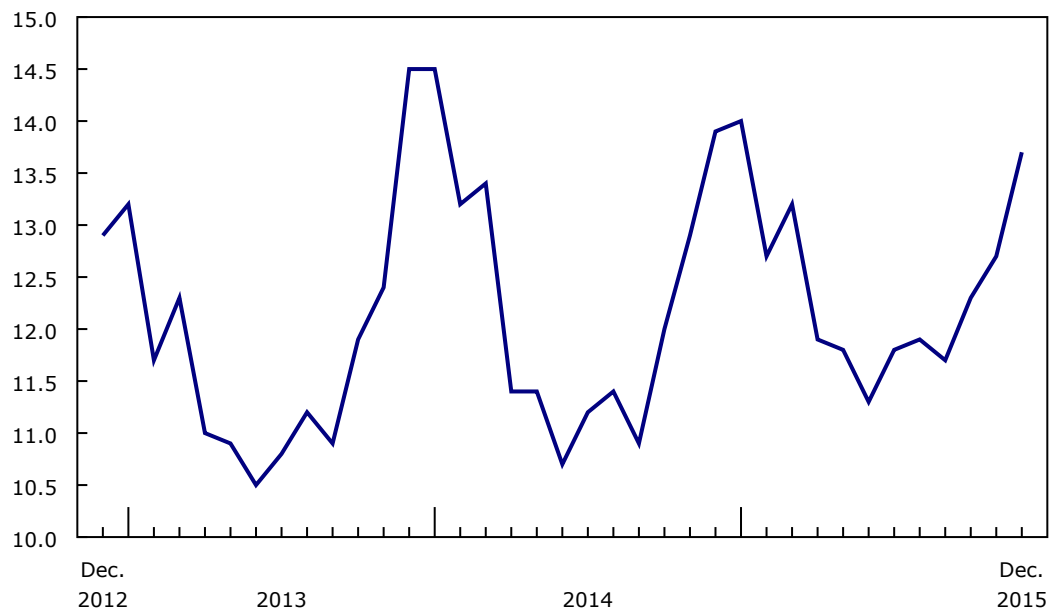
Natural gas transportation and distribution, December 2015

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Natural gas utilities received 13.7 billion cubic metres of total marketable gas in December, down 1.4% from the same month in 2014.

Chart 1
Marketable natural gas

billions of cubic metres



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

Gas utilities sold 9.4 billion cubic metres of natural gas in December, down 0.8%. Revenues decreased 12.8% to \$1.8 billion, mostly as a result of low natural gas prices.

The volumes of sales to the residential (-3.4%) and commercial sectors (-5.5%) were down compared with the same month a year earlier, while the volume of sales to the industrial sector was up 2.1%.



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Table 1
Natural gas sales by sector

	December 2014	December 2015 ^P	December 2014 to December 2015
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total sales	9 512 564	9 441 029	-0.8
Residential ¹	2 439 967	2 356 427	2.1
Commercial ²	1 791 121	1 693 042	-5.5
Industrial ³	5 281 476	5 391 560	-3.4

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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 December, total receipts of marketable gas were down 1.9% to 9.9 billion cubic metres in Alberta. All other provinces reported decreases except British Columbia, where receipts were up 3.2% to 3.4 billion cubic metres.

Revenues continue downward trend

Most provinces reported lower revenues in December, largely attributable to low natural gas prices. Revenues decreased 10.9% to \$755.7 million in Ontario and were down 17.1% to \$393.1 million in Alberta.

In terms of volume, Ontario recorded the largest decline in natural gas sales in December, down 9.3% from December 2014 to 2.7 billion cubic metres. Conversely, Alberta posted the largest increase in volumes, with sales up 7.4% to 4.2 billion cubic metres.

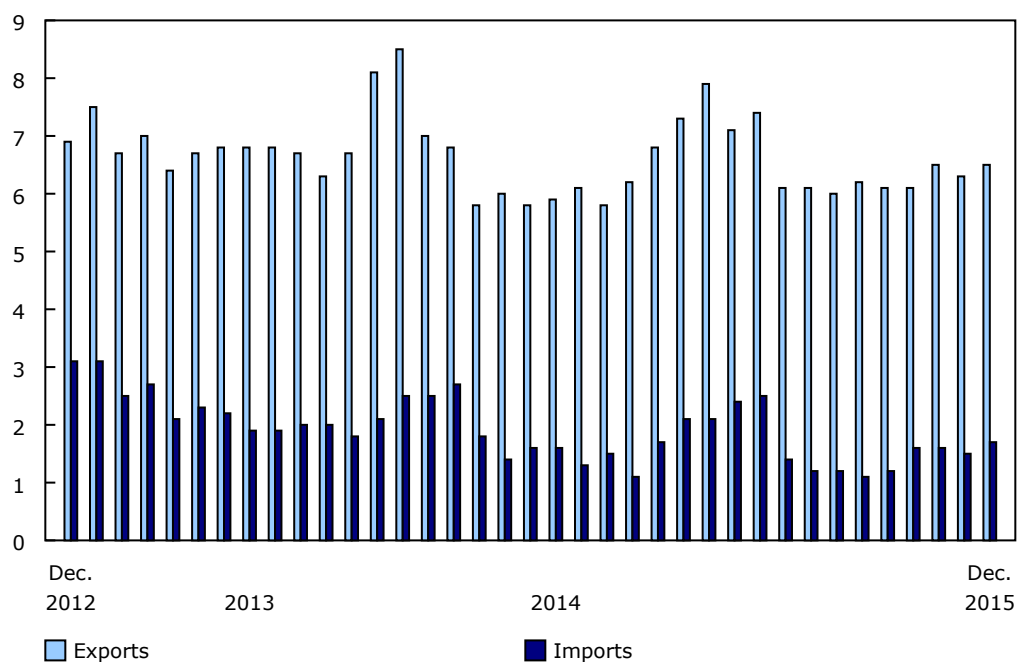
Imports decrease

Canada's imports of natural gas by pipelines from the United States decreased 21.9% to 1.7 billion cubic metres in December.

Exports of natural gas to the United States declined 11.7% to 6.5 billion cubic metres.

Chart 2 Natural gas exports and imports

billions of cubic metres



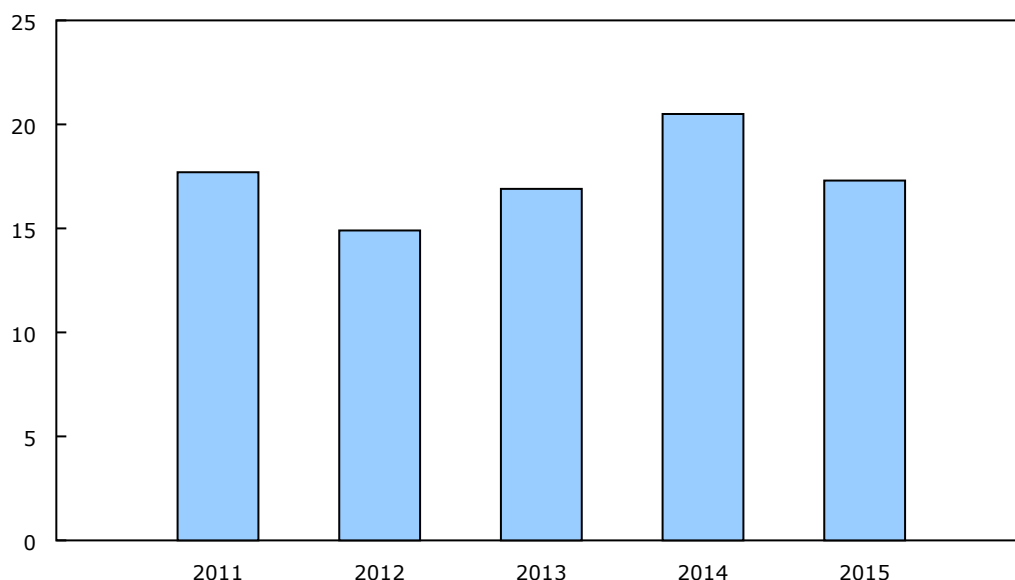
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Year 2015 annual review

In 2015, Canadian natural gas utilities received 149.0 billion cubic metres of marketable natural gas, up 1.3% from 2014. Natural gas sales increased 0.9% to 88.9 billion cubic metres, while revenues were down 16.0% to \$17.3 billion.

Chart 3
Annual natural gas revenue

billions of dollars



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

Imports of natural gas from the United States decreased 10.3% to 19.6 billion cubic metres, while exports edged up 0.4% to 78.3 billion cubic metres.

Note to readers

Data for November 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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