

# Natural gas



## Production\*

| Billion cubic metres                | 1994          | 1995          | 1996          | 1997          | 1998          | 1999          | 2000          | 2001          | 2002          | 2003          | 2004          | Change<br>2004 over<br>2003 | 2004<br>share<br>of total |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>USA</b>                          | 541.8         | 534.3         | 541.7         | 543.1         | 549.2         | 541.6         | 550.6         | 565.8         | 544.3         | 549.6         | <b>542.9</b>  | -1.2%                       | 20.2%                     |
| Canada                              | 149.1         | 158.7         | 163.6         | 165.8         | 171.3         | 177.4         | 183.2         | 186.8         | 187.8         | 182.7         | <b>182.8</b>  | ♦                           | 6.8%                      |
| Mexico                              | 25.9          | 26.6          | 28.0          | 31.7          | 34.3          | 37.2          | 35.8          | 35.3          | 35.3          | 36.4          | <b>37.1</b>   | 2.0%                        | 1.4%                      |
| <b>Total North America</b>          | <b>716.7</b>  | <b>719.6</b>  | <b>733.3</b>  | <b>740.6</b>  | <b>754.8</b>  | <b>756.2</b>  | <b>769.6</b>  | <b>787.9</b>  | <b>767.4</b>  | <b>768.7</b>  | <b>762.8</b>  | <b>-0.8%</b>                | <b>28.3%</b>              |
| Argentina                           | 22.3          | 25.0          | 28.9          | 27.4          | 29.6          | 34.6          | 37.4          | 37.1          | 36.1          | 41.0          | <b>44.9</b>   | 9.4%                        | 1.7%                      |
| Bolivia                             | 3.3           | 3.2           | 3.2           | 2.7           | 2.8           | 2.3           | 3.2           | 4.7           | 4.9           | 5.7           | <b>8.5</b>    | 49.6%                       | 0.3%                      |
| Brazil                              | 4.5           | 4.8           | 5.5           | 6.0           | 6.3           | 6.7           | 7.2           | 7.6           | 9.2           | 10.1          | <b>11.1</b>   | 9.6%                        | 0.4%                      |
| Colombia                            | 4.2           | 4.4           | 4.7           | 5.9           | 6.3           | 5.2           | 5.9           | 6.1           | 6.2           | 6.1           | <b>6.4</b>    | 4.6%                        | 0.2%                      |
| Trinidad & Tobago                   | 6.2           | 6.1           | 7.1           | 7.4           | 8.6           | 11.7          | 14.1          | 15.2          | 17.3          | 24.7          | <b>27.7</b>   | 12.0%                       | 1.0%                      |
| Venezuela                           | 24.7          | 27.5          | 29.7          | 30.8          | 32.3          | 27.4          | 27.9          | 29.6          | 28.4          | 25.2          | <b>28.1</b>   | 11.5%                       | 1.0%                      |
| Other S. & Cent. America            | 2.2           | 2.2           | 2.3           | 2.4           | 2.5           | 2.1           | 2.2           | 2.3           | 2.3           | 2.2           | <b>2.5</b>    | 15.3%                       | 0.1%                      |
| <b>Total S. &amp; Cent. America</b> | <b>67.4</b>   | <b>73.2</b>   | <b>81.4</b>   | <b>82.5</b>   | <b>88.5</b>   | <b>90.0</b>   | <b>97.9</b>   | <b>102.6</b>  | <b>104.4</b>  | <b>115.0</b>  | <b>129.1</b>  | <b>12.2%</b>                | <b>4.8%</b>               |
| Azerbaijan                          | 6.0           | 6.2           | 5.9           | 5.6           | 5.2           | 5.6           | 5.3           | 5.2           | 4.8           | 4.8           | <b>4.6</b>    | -3.5%                       | 0.2%                      |
| Denmark                             | 4.9           | 5.3           | 6.4           | 7.9           | 7.6           | 7.8           | 8.1           | 8.4           | 8.4           | 8.0           | <b>9.4</b>    | 18.4%                       | 0.4%                      |
| Germany                             | 15.6          | 16.1          | 17.4          | 17.1          | 16.7          | 17.8          | 16.9          | 17.0          | 17.0          | 17.7          | <b>16.4</b>   | -7.5%                       | 0.6%                      |
| Italy                               | 20.6          | 20.4          | 20.0          | 19.3          | 19.0          | 17.5          | 16.2          | 15.2          | 14.6          | 13.7          | <b>13.0</b>   | -5.5%                       | 0.5%                      |
| Kazakhstan                          | 4.2           | 5.5           | 6.1           | 7.6           | 7.4           | 9.3           | 10.8          | 10.8          | 10.6          | 12.9          | <b>18.5</b>   | 42.9%                       | 0.7%                      |
| Netherlands                         | 66.4          | 67.0          | 75.8          | 67.1          | 63.6          | 59.3          | 57.3          | 61.9          | 59.9          | 58.4          | <b>68.8</b>   | 17.9%                       | 2.6%                      |
| Norway                              | 26.8          | 27.8          | 37.4          | 43.0          | 44.2          | 48.5          | 49.7          | 53.9          | 65.5          | 73.1          | <b>78.5</b>   | 7.3%                        | 2.9%                      |
| Poland                              | 3.4           | 3.5           | 3.6           | 3.6           | 3.6           | 3.4           | 3.7           | 3.9           | 4.0           | 4.0           | <b>4.4</b>    | 8.7%                        | 0.2%                      |
| Romania                             | 18.7          | 18.0          | 17.2          | 15.0          | 14.0          | 14.0          | 13.8          | 13.6          | 13.2          | 13.0          | <b>13.2</b>   | 1.6%                        | 0.5%                      |
| Russian Federation                  | 566.4         | 555.4         | 561.1         | 532.6         | 551.3         | 551.0         | 545.0         | 542.4         | 555.4         | 578.6         | <b>589.1</b>  | 1.8%                        | 21.9%                     |
| Turkmenistan                        | 33.3          | 30.1          | 32.8          | 16.1          | 12.4          | 21.3          | 43.8          | 47.9          | 49.9          | 55.1          | <b>54.6</b>   | -0.9%                       | 2.0%                      |
| Ukraine                             | 17.0          | 17.0          | 17.2          | 17.4          | 16.8          | 16.9          | 16.7          | 17.1          | 17.4          | 17.7          | <b>18.3</b>   | 3.4%                        | 0.7%                      |
| United Kingdom                      | 64.6          | 70.8          | 84.2          | 85.9          | 90.2          | 99.1          | 108.4         | 105.8         | 103.6         | 102.9         | <b>95.9</b>   | -6.7%                       | 3.6%                      |
| Uzbekistan                          | 44.0          | 45.3          | 45.7          | 47.8          | 51.1          | 51.9          | 52.6          | 53.5          | 53.8          | 53.6          | <b>55.8</b>   | 4.1%                        | 2.1%                      |
| Other Europe & Eurasia              | 15.8          | 15.9          | 14.6          | 13.4          | 12.4          | 11.5          | 11.2          | 11.0          | 11.3          | 10.7          | <b>10.9</b>   | 2.0%                        | 0.4%                      |
| <b>Total Europe &amp; Eurasia</b>   | <b>907.7</b>  | <b>904.2</b>  | <b>945.4</b>  | <b>899.1</b>  | <b>915.5</b>  | <b>934.9</b>  | <b>959.5</b>  | <b>967.7</b>  | <b>989.4</b>  | <b>1024.3</b> | <b>1051.5</b> | <b>2.7%</b>                 | <b>39.1%</b>              |
| Bahrain                             | 7.1           | 7.2           | 7.4           | 8.0           | 8.4           | 8.7           | 8.8           | 9.1           | 9.5           | 9.6           | <b>9.8</b>    | 1.4%                        | 0.4%                      |
| Iran                                | 31.8          | 35.3          | 39.0          | 47.0          | 50.0          | 56.4          | 60.2          | 66.0          | 75.0          | 81.5          | <b>85.5</b>   | 4.9%                        | 3.2%                      |
| Kuwait                              | 6.0           | 9.3           | 9.3           | 9.3           | 9.5           | 8.6           | 9.6           | 8.5           | 8.0           | 9.1           | <b>9.7</b>    | 6.6%                        | 0.4%                      |
| Oman                                | 2.9           | 4.1           | 4.4           | 5.0           | 5.2           | 5.5           | 8.7           | 14.0          | 15.0          | 16.5          | <b>17.6</b>   | 6.7%                        | 0.7%                      |
| Qatar                               | 13.5          | 13.5          | 13.7          | 17.4          | 19.6          | 22.1          | 23.7          | 27.0          | 29.5          | 31.4          | <b>39.2</b>   | 24.8%                       | 1.5%                      |
| Saudi Arabia                        | 42.8          | 42.9          | 44.4          | 45.3          | 46.8          | 46.2          | 49.8          | 53.7          | 56.7          | 60.1          | <b>64.0</b>   | 6.6%                        | 2.4%                      |
| Syria                               | 1.5           | 1.9           | 2.5           | 3.8           | 4.3           | 4.5           | 4.2           | 4.1           | 5.0           | 5.2           | <b>5.2</b>    | -                           | 0.2%                      |
| United Arab Emirates                | 25.8          | 31.3          | 33.8          | 36.3          | 37.1          | 38.5          | 38.4          | 39.4          | 43.4          | 44.8          | <b>45.8</b>   | 2.2%                        | 1.7%                      |
| Other Middle East                   | 3.4           | 3.4           | 3.5           | 3.3           | 3.2           | 3.4           | 3.4           | 3.0           | 2.6           | 1.8           | <b>3.2</b>    | 80.2%                       | 0.1%                      |
| <b>Total Middle East</b>            | <b>134.8</b>  | <b>148.9</b>  | <b>158.0</b>  | <b>175.4</b>  | <b>184.0</b>  | <b>193.8</b>  | <b>206.8</b>  | <b>224.8</b>  | <b>244.7</b>  | <b>259.9</b>  | <b>279.9</b>  | <b>7.7%</b>                 | <b>10.4%</b>              |
| Algeria                             | 51.6          | 58.7          | 62.3          | 71.8          | 76.6          | 86.0          | 84.4          | 78.2          | 80.4          | 82.8          | <b>82.0</b>   | -1.0%                       | 3.0%                      |
| Egypt                               | 10.6          | 11.0          | 11.5          | 11.6          | 12.2          | 14.7          | 18.3          | 21.5          | 22.7          | 25.0          | <b>26.8</b>   | 7.5%                        | 1.0%                      |
| Libya                               | 5.8           | 5.8           | 5.8           | 6.0           | 5.8           | 4.7           | 5.4           | 5.6           | 5.7           | 6.4           | <b>7.0</b>    | 9.3%                        | 0.3%                      |
| Nigeria                             | 4.4           | 4.8           | 5.4           | 5.1           | 5.1           | 6.0           | 12.5          | 14.9          | 14.2          | 19.2          | <b>20.6</b>   | 7.3%                        | 0.8%                      |
| Other Africa                        | 2.9           | 3.0           | 3.8           | 4.9           | 5.0           | 5.4           | 5.9           | 6.6           | 8.0           | 8.1           | <b>8.7</b>    | 7.1%                        | 0.3%                      |
| <b>Total Africa</b>                 | <b>75.3</b>   | <b>83.3</b>   | <b>88.9</b>   | <b>99.4</b>   | <b>104.8</b>  | <b>116.9</b>  | <b>126.6</b>  | <b>126.8</b>  | <b>130.9</b>  | <b>141.5</b>  | <b>145.1</b>  | <b>2.6%</b>                 | <b>5.4%</b>               |
| Australia                           | 28.1          | 29.8          | 29.8          | 29.8          | 30.4          | 30.8          | 31.2          | 32.5          | 32.6          | 33.2          | <b>35.2</b>   | 6.2%                        | 1.3%                      |
| Bangladesh                          | 6.6           | 7.4           | 7.6           | 7.6           | 7.8           | 8.3           | 10.0          | 10.7          | 11.4          | 12.3          | <b>13.2</b>   | 7.0%                        | 0.5%                      |
| Brunei                              | 10.4          | 11.8          | 11.7          | 11.7          | 10.8          | 11.2          | 11.3          | 11.4          | 11.5          | 12.4          | <b>12.1</b>   | -2.0%                       | 0.4%                      |
| China                               | 16.6          | 17.6          | 19.9          | 22.2          | 22.3          | 24.3          | 27.2          | 30.3          | 31.9          | 34.4          | <b>40.8</b>   | 18.5%                       | 1.5%                      |
| India                               | 16.6          | 19.4          | 20.5          | 23.0          | 24.7          | 25.9          | 26.9          | 27.2          | 28.7          | 29.9          | <b>29.4</b>   | -1.7%                       | 1.1%                      |
| Indonesia                           | 62.5          | 63.4          | 67.5          | 67.2          | 64.3          | 71.0          | 68.5          | 66.3          | 70.4          | 72.8          | <b>73.3</b>   | 0.7%                        | 2.7%                      |
| Malaysia                            | 26.1          | 28.9          | 33.6          | 38.6          | 38.5          | 40.8          | 45.3          | 46.9          | 48.3          | 51.8          | <b>53.9</b>   | 4.0%                        | 2.0%                      |
| Myanmar                             | 1.3           | 1.5           | 1.6           | 1.8           | 1.8           | 2.6           | 4.4           | 6.2           | 6.5           | 6.9           | <b>7.4</b>    | 6.6%                        | 0.3%                      |
| New Zealand                         | 4.4           | 4.1           | 4.9           | 5.1           | 4.5           | 5.2           | 5.5           | 5.8           | 5.5           | 4.1           | <b>3.6</b>    | -13.8%                      | 0.1%                      |
| Pakistan                            | 13.3          | 14.6          | 15.4          | 15.6          | 16.0          | 17.3          | 18.9          | 19.9          | 20.6          | 21.1          | <b>23.2</b>   | 10.0%                       | 0.9%                      |
| Thailand                            | 9.5           | 10.4          | 12.2          | 15.2          | 16.3          | 17.7          | 18.6          | 18.0          | 18.9          | 19.6          | <b>20.3</b>   | 3.4%                        | 0.8%                      |
| Vietnam                             | 0.3           | 0.1           | 0.3           | 0.5           | 0.9           | 1.3           | 1.6           | 2.0           | 2.4           | 2.4           | <b>4.2</b>    | 75.3%                       | 0.2%                      |
| Other Asia Pacific                  | 3.6           | 3.5           | 3.6           | 3.5           | 3.6           | 3.6           | 3.7           | 3.9           | 5.5           | 6.7           | <b>6.6</b>    | -1.2%                       | 0.2%                      |
| <b>Total Asia Pacific</b>           | <b>199.4</b>  | <b>212.4</b>  | <b>228.4</b>  | <b>241.8</b>  | <b>241.6</b>  | <b>260.0</b>  | <b>272.9</b>  | <b>281.1</b>  | <b>294.2</b>  | <b>307.7</b>  | <b>323.2</b>  | <b>5.0%</b>                 | <b>12.0%</b>              |
| <b>TOTAL WORLD</b>                  | <b>2101.3</b> | <b>2141.7</b> | <b>2235.5</b> | <b>2238.9</b> | <b>2289.0</b> | <b>2351.7</b> | <b>2433.2</b> | <b>2490.9</b> | <b>2531.1</b> | <b>2617.1</b> | <b>2691.6</b> | <b>2.8%</b>                 | <b>100.0%</b>             |
| of which: European Union 25         | 188.0         | 195.4         | 219.0         | 211.1         | 209.8         | 213.1         | 218.4         | 220.1         | 215.4         | 211.9         | <b>215.2</b>  | 1.6%                        | 8.0%                      |
| OECD                                | 966.7         | 979.1         | 1026.8        | 1032.1        | 1046.4        | 1056.7        | 1077.5        | 1103.0        | 1089.3        | 1094.4        | <b>1098.6</b> | 0.4%                        | 40.8%                     |
| Former Soviet Union                 | 671.2         | 659.8         | 669.0         | 627.4         | 644.6         | 656.3         | 674.5         | 677.3         | 692.2         | 723.1         | <b>741.3</b>  | 2.5%                        | 27.5%                     |
| Other EMEs                          | 463.4         | 502.7         | 539.6         | 579.5         | 598.0         | 638.7         | 681.2         | 710.6         | 749.5         | 799.5         | <b>851.7</b>  | 6.5%                        | 31.6%                     |

\*Excluding gas flared or recycled.

♦Less than 0.05%.

**Notes:** As far as possible, the data above represents standard cubic metres (measured at 15°C and 1013 mbar); as it is derived directly from tonnes of oil equivalent using an average conversion factor, it does not necessarily equate with gas volumes expressed in specific national terms.

Because of rounding, some totals may not agree exactly with the sum of their component parts.

Natural gas production data expressed in billion feet per day is available at [www.bp.com/statisticalreview](http://www.bp.com/statisticalreview).