

Natural gas



Proved reserves

	At end 1985 Trillion cubic metres	At end 1995 Trillion cubic metres	At end 2004 Trillion cubic metres	Trillion cubic feet	At end 2005		R/P ratio
					Trillion cubic metres	Share of total	
USA	5.41	4.62	5.45	192.5	5.45	3.0%	10.4
Canada	2.78	1.93	1.59	56.0	1.59	0.9%	8.6
Mexico	2.17	1.92	0.42	14.5	0.41	0.2%	10.4
Total North America	10.37	8.47	7.46	263.3	7.46	4.1%	9.9
Argentina	0.68	0.62	0.55	17.8	0.50	0.3%	11.1
Bolivia	0.13	0.13	0.76	26.1	0.74	0.4%	71.1
Brazil	0.09	0.15	0.33	10.9	0.31	0.2%	27.3
Colombia	0.11	0.22	0.12	4.0	0.11	0.1%	16.7
Peru	†	0.20	0.33	11.5	0.33	0.2%	*
Trinidad & Tobago	0.32	0.35	0.53	19.2	0.55	0.3%	18.8
Venezuela	1.73	4.06	4.29	152.3	4.32	2.4%	*
Other S. & Cent. America	0.24	0.23	0.17	5.9	0.17	0.1%	87.7
Total S. & Cent. America	3.32	5.96	7.07	247.8	7.02	3.9%	51.8
Azerbaijan	n/a	n/a	1.37	48.4	1.37	0.8%	*
Denmark	0.09	0.12	0.08	2.4	0.07	♦	6.5
Germany	0.30	0.22	0.20	6.6	0.19	0.1%	11.8
Italy	0.26	0.30	0.18	5.9	0.17	0.1%	14.0
Kazakhstan	n/a	n/a	3.00	105.9	3.00	1.7%	*
Netherlands	1.86	1.82	1.45	49.6	1.41	0.8%	22.3
Norway	0.57	1.81	2.39	84.9	2.41	1.3%	28.3
Poland	0.10	0.15	0.11	3.8	0.11	0.1%	25.3
Romania	0.27	0.41	0.30	22.2	0.63	0.3%	48.6
Russian Federation	n/a	n/a	47.80	1688.0	47.82	26.6%	80.0
Turkmenistan	n/a	n/a	2.90	102.4	2.90	1.6%	49.3
Ukraine	n/a	n/a	1.11	39.0	1.11	0.6%	58.7
United Kingdom	0.65	0.70	0.53	18.7	0.53	0.3%	6.0
Uzbekistan	n/a	n/a	1.86	65.3	1.85	1.0%	33.2
Other Europe & Eurasia	40.37	57.64	0.46	16.2	0.46	0.3%	47.0
Total Europe & Eurasia	44.45	63.16	63.73	2259.4	64.01	35.6%	60.3
Bahrain	0.21	0.15	0.09	3.2	0.09	0.1%	9.1
Iran	13.99	19.35	26.74	943.9	26.74	14.9%	*
Iraq	0.82	3.36	3.17	111.9	3.17	1.8%	*
Kuwait	1.04	1.49	1.57	55.5	1.57	0.9%	*
Oman	0.22	0.45	1.00	35.1	1.00	0.6%	56.9
Qatar	4.44	8.50	25.78	910.1	25.78	14.3%	*
Saudi Arabia	3.69	5.54	6.83	243.6	6.90	3.8%	99.3
Syria	0.12	0.24	0.31	10.9	0.31	0.2%	57.3
United Arab Emirates	3.15	5.86	6.06	213.0	6.04	3.4%	*
Yemen	–	0.43	0.48	16.9	0.48	0.3%	*
Other Middle East	†	†	0.05	1.8	0.05	♦	26.7
Total Middle East	27.67	45.37	72.09	2546.0	72.13	40.1%	*
Algeria	3.35	3.69	4.55	161.7	4.58	2.5%	52.2
Egypt	0.26	0.65	1.87	66.7	1.89	1.1%	54.4
Libya	0.63	1.31	1.49	52.6	1.49	0.8%	*
Nigeria	1.34	3.47	5.23	184.6	5.23	2.9%	*
Other Africa	0.59	0.81	1.17	42.2	1.20	0.7%	*
Total Africa	6.16	9.93	14.30	508.1	14.39	8.0%	88.3
Australia	0.77	1.28	2.52	89.0	2.52	1.4%	67.9
Bangladesh	0.35	0.27	0.44	15.4	0.44	0.2%	30.7
Brunei	0.24	0.40	0.34	12.0	0.34	0.2%	28.3
China	0.87	1.67	2.20	83.0	2.35	1.3%	47.0
India	0.48	0.68	0.92	38.9	1.10	0.6%	36.2
Indonesia	1.98	1.95	2.77	97.4	2.76	1.5%	36.3
Malaysia	1.49	2.27	2.46	87.5	2.48	1.4%	41.4
Myanmar	0.27	0.27	0.50	17.7	0.50	0.3%	38.5
Pakistan	0.62	0.60	0.80	34.0	0.96	0.5%	32.2
Papua New Guinea	†	0.43	0.43	15.1	0.43	0.2%	*
Thailand	0.22	0.18	0.35	12.5	0.35	0.2%	16.5
Vietnam	–	0.15	0.24	8.3	0.24	0.1%	45.6
Other Asia Pacific	0.25	0.41	0.38	13.1	0.37	0.2%	34.7
Total Asia Pacific	7.57	10.54	14.35	523.7	14.84	8.3%	41.2
TOTAL WORLD	99.54	143.42	179.00	6348.1	179.83	100.0%	65.1
of which: European Union 25	3.49	3.44	2.65	90.8	2.57	1.4%	12.9
OECD	15.38	15.09	15.02	527.7	14.95	8.3%	13.8
Former Soviet Union	40.00	57.37	58.32	2058.8	58.32	32.4%	76.7

*More than 100 years.

†Less than 0.05.

♦Less than 0.05%.

n/a not available.

Notes: Proved reserves of natural gas – Generally taken to be those quantities that geological and engineering information indicates with reasonable certainty can be recovered in the future from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions.

Reserves-to-production (R/P) ratio – If the reserves remaining at the end of any year are divided by the production in that year, the result is the length of time that those remaining reserves would last if production were to continue at that level.

Source of data – The estimates in this table have been compiled using a combination of primary official sources and third-party data from Cedigaz and the OPEC Secretariat.

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