

Natural gas

Proved reserves

	At end 1987	At end 1997	At end 2006	At end 2007			
	Trillion cubic metres	Trillion cubic metres	Trillion cubic metres	Trillion cubic feet	Trillion cubic metres	Share of total	R/P ratio
US	5.30	4.74	5.98	211.08	5.98	3.4%	10.9
Canada	2.69	1.81	1.62	57.55	1.63	0.9%	8.9
Mexico	2.12	1.80	0.39	13.01	0.37	0.2%	8.0
Total North America	10.11	8.34	7.99	281.65	7.98	4.5%	10.3
Argentina	0.69	0.68	0.45	15.54	0.44	0.2%	9.8
Bolivia	0.14	0.12	0.74	26.13	0.74	0.4%	54.7
Brazil	0.11	0.23	0.35	12.89	0.36	0.2%	32.3
Colombia	0.10	0.20	0.12	4.41	0.13	0.1%	16.2
Peru	0.34	0.20	0.33	12.54	0.36	0.2%	*
Trinidad & Tobago	0.30	0.52	0.48	16.95	0.48	0.3%	12.3
Venezuela	2.84	4.12	5.10	181.87	5.15	2.9%	*
Other S. & Cent. America	0.15	0.15	0.07	2.51	0.07	♦	21.0
Total S. & Cent. America	4.67	6.21	7.64	272.84	7.73	4.4%	51.2
Azerbaijan	n/a	0.84	1.26	45.13	1.28	0.7%	*
Denmark	0.07	0.11	0.12	4.10	0.12	0.1%	12.6
Germany	0.38	0.26	0.16	4.84	0.14	0.1%	9.6
Italy	0.30	0.27	0.09	3.14	0.09	0.1%	10.0
Kazakhstan	n/a	1.87	1.90	67.20	1.90	1.1%	69.8
Netherlands	1.77	1.79	1.32	44.07	1.25	0.7%	19.4
Norway	2.29	3.65	2.89	104.57	2.96	1.7%	33.0
Poland	0.16	0.16	0.11	3.99	0.11	0.1%	26.4
Romania	0.20	0.37	0.63	22.18	0.63	0.4%	54.4
Russian Federation	n/a	45.17	44.60	1576.75	44.65	25.2%	73.5
Turkmenistan	n/a	2.71	2.67	94.22	2.67	1.5%	39.6
Ukraine	n/a	0.98	1.03	36.24	1.03	0.6%	54.0
United Kingdom	0.64	0.77	0.41	14.55	0.41	0.2%	5.7
Uzbekistan	n/a	1.63	1.74	61.60	1.74	1.0%	29.8
Other Europe & Eurasia	39.25	0.45	0.44	15.31	0.43	0.2%	39.4
Total Europe & Eurasia	45.06	61.02	59.37	2097.89	59.41	33.5%	55.2
Bahrain	0.20	0.14	0.09	3.00	0.09	♦	7.4
Iran	13.92	23.00	27.58	981.75	27.80	15.7%	*
Iraq	1.00	3.19	3.17	111.95	3.17	1.8%	*
Kuwait	1.21	1.49	1.78	63.00	1.78	1.0%	*
Oman	0.27	0.54	0.69	24.37	0.69	0.4%	28.6
Qatar	4.44	8.50	25.64	904.06	25.60	14.4%	*
Saudi Arabia	4.19	5.88	7.07	253.03	7.17	4.0%	94.4
Syria	0.13	0.24	0.29	10.17	0.29	0.2%	54.7
United Arab Emirates	5.68	6.06	6.11	215.07	6.09	3.4%	*
Yemen	0.11	0.48	0.49	17.23	0.49	0.3%	*
Other Middle East	†	†	0.05	1.73	0.05	♦	18.5
Total Middle East	31.18	49.53	72.95	2585.35	73.21	41.3%	*
Algeria	3.16	4.08	4.50	159.45	4.52	2.5%	54.4
Egypt	0.31	0.93	2.05	72.85	2.06	1.2%	44.3
Libya	0.73	1.31	1.49	52.80	1.50	0.8%	98.4
Nigeria	2.41	3.48	5.22	186.99	5.30	3.0%	*
Other Africa	0.79	0.82	1.20	42.84	1.21	0.7%	*
Total Africa	7.39	10.62	14.46	514.92	14.58	8.2%	76.6
Australia	1.07	1.48	2.49	88.64	2.51	1.4%	62.8
Bangladesh	0.35	0.30	0.39	13.77	0.39	0.2%	24.0
Brunei	0.33	0.39	0.33	12.11	0.34	0.2%	28.0
China	0.89	1.16	1.68	66.54	1.88	1.1%	27.2
India	0.55	0.69	1.08	37.26	1.06	0.6%	35.0
Indonesia	2.37	2.15	2.63	105.94	3.00	1.7%	45.0
Malaysia	1.49	2.46	2.48	87.40	2.48	1.4%	40.9
Myanmar	0.27	0.28	0.54	21.19	0.60	0.3%	40.8
Pakistan	0.63	0.60	0.85	30.02	0.85	0.5%	27.6
Papua New Guinea	0.09	0.43	0.44	15.36	0.44	0.2%	*
Thailand	0.18	0.21	0.33	11.65	0.33	0.2%	12.7
Vietnam	†	0.17	0.22	7.77	0.22	0.1%	28.5
Other Asia Pacific	0.23	0.41	0.37	13.02	0.37	0.2%	21.9
Total Asia Pacific	8.45	10.73	13.82	510.69	14.46	8.2%	36.9
TOTAL WORLD	106.86	146.46	176.22	6263.34	177.36	100.0%	60.3
of which: European Union	3.75	3.85	2.94	100.26	2.84	1.6%	14.8
OECD	17.19	17.05	15.79	556.89	15.77	8.9%	14.4
Former Soviet Union	38.90	53.44	53.46	1890.24	53.53	30.2%	67.7

*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 rate.

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