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Natural gas sales

January 2000 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 8 855 million cubic metres in January, 3.3% higher than in January 1999. Sales were higher in all three sectors (residential, commercial and industrial). Sales to the industrial sector, including direct sales, rose 5.0% over January 1999, due to electric utilities' greater demand for natural gas.

Natural gas sales

	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	2000 ^p	1999	1999
			to
			Jan.
			2000
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas sales	8 854 866	8 574 142	3.3
Residential	2 540 463	2 511 027	1.2
Commercial	1 771 024	1 735 744	2.0
Industrial	2 043 720	2 065 484	
			5.0
Direct	2 499 659	2 261 887	

p Preliminary figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1052-1055.

The January 2000 issue of *Natural gas transportation and distribution* (55-002-XIB, \$13/\$125) will be available in April. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567; smalgar@statcan.ca) or Tom Lewis (613-951-3596; talewis@statcan.ca), Energy Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

Energy supply and demand

First quarter 1999

Data on energy supply and demand in the first quarter of 1999 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4945, 4946, 4950-4962 and 7976-8001.

The first quarter 1999 issue of *Quarterly report on energy supply/demand in Canada* (57-003-XPB, \$43/\$141), will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

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