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Releases

Natural gas sales, April 2012 (preliminary data)

Natural gas sales totalled 6 612 million cubic metres in April, down 0.6% compared with April 2011.

During the same period, the volume of sales to the industrial sector (+9.6%) was up and the volume of sales to the residential (-14.2%) and commercial (-15.4%) sectors were down.

Total sales in April were 18.9% lower compared with March.

Table 1
Natural gas sales

	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012 ^P	March to April 2012	April 2011 to April 2012
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
Total sales	6 649 048	8 157 692	6 612 415	-18.9	-0.6
Residential ¹	1 599 372	1 964 162	1 371 526	-30.2	-14.2
Commercial ²	1 173 916	1 424 804	993 356	-30.3	-15.4
Industrial ³ and direct sales ⁴	3 875 760	4 768 726	4 247 533	-10.9	9.6

^P preliminary

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.

4. Represents direct, non-utility, sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

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Registered apprenticeship training programs, 2010

In 2010, total registrations in apprenticeship training programs across Canada reached their highest level, at 430,452, up 5.2% from 2009. This followed a 4.7% increase the previous year.

Training programs received 92,568 new registrations in 2010, up 9.1% from 2009. This followed a 13.9% decline from 2008 to 2009, during the recent economic downturn.

In 2010, 51,864 certificates were granted to both apprentices and trade qualifiers/challengers, up 6.9% from 2009. This followed a 1.6% increase the previous year.

Of these 51,864 certificates, 36,018 were granted to apprentices who completed their training, a 16.6% increase from 2009. This was almost three times the rate of growth of 6.1% during the previous year.

Just over 18,800 apprentices, or 52% of the total, obtained a Red Seal certificate compared with 54% in 2009.

The overall number of certificates granted to trade qualifiers/challengers declined 10.0% in 2010 to 15,846. This followed a 5.5% decline the previous year.

About 39% of certificates granted to trade qualifiers/challengers were Red Seal certificates in 2010, while 61% were non-Red Seal certificates.

Note to readers

A Certificate of Qualification in a trade can be obtained by registered apprentices who have completed their training and have passed their examination. A Certificate of Qualification can also be obtained by individuals known as 'trade qualifiers/challengers.' These are individuals who, having extensive experience and knowledge in a trade but who have not completed a formal apprenticeship training program, can write ('challenge') the examination and, if successful, receive their Certificate of Qualification.

The certificates granted each year are awarded in either Interprovincial Standard Red Seal-endorsed trades or in non-Red Seal-endorsed trades. The Red Seal-endorsed trades were established to provide mobility for anyone who has obtained the Red Seal endorsement on their certificate, allowing them to work in any province or territory that recognizes the Red Seal endorsement, without that individual having to re-write their examination.

Table 1
Registered apprenticeship training: Registrations and certifications, 2008 to 2010

	2008	2009	2010	2008 to 2009	2009 to 2010
	thousands			% change	
Total registrations	390,705	409,041	430,452	4.7	5.2
New registrations	98,553	84,885	92,568	-13.9	9.1
Total certificates	47,739	48,501	51,864	1.6	6.9
Total apprentice certificates	29,124	30,903	36,018	6.1	16.6
With Red Seal endorsement	14,811	16,683	18,816	12.6	12.8
Without Red Seal endorsement	14,313	14,220	17,202	-0.6	21.0
Total trade qualifier/challenger certificates	18,615	17,598	15,846	-5.5	-10.0
With Red Seal endorsement	7,143	6,456	6,165	-9.6	-4.5
Without Red Seal endorsement	11,472	11,142	9,681	-2.9	-13.1

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Refined petroleum products, May 2012 (preliminary data)

Preliminary data on the production, inventories and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for May. Other selected data about these products are also available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

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Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products, April 2012 (preliminary data)

Preliminary data on closing inventories, held in Canada; tanks: crude oil and condensate; and exports of crude oil are available for April upon request.

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