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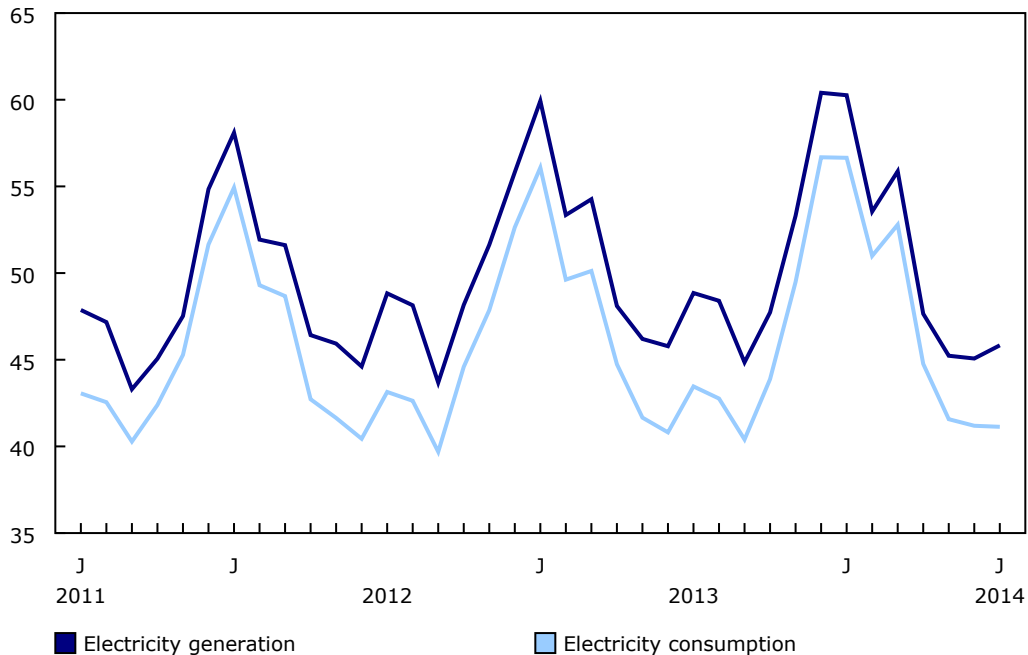
### Electric power statistics, July 2014

Electric power generation in Canada declined 6.2% to 45.8 million megawatt hours (MWh) in July compared with the same month in 2013. Hydro power generation was down 6.0% to 28.0 million MWh. Generation by utilities fell 7.4% to 42.2 million MWh, while industrial generation was up 11.4% to 3.6 million MWh.

Canada consumed 41.1 million MWh of electricity in July, down 5.4% from July 2013.

**Chart 1**  
**Electricity generation and consumption**

millions of megawatt hours



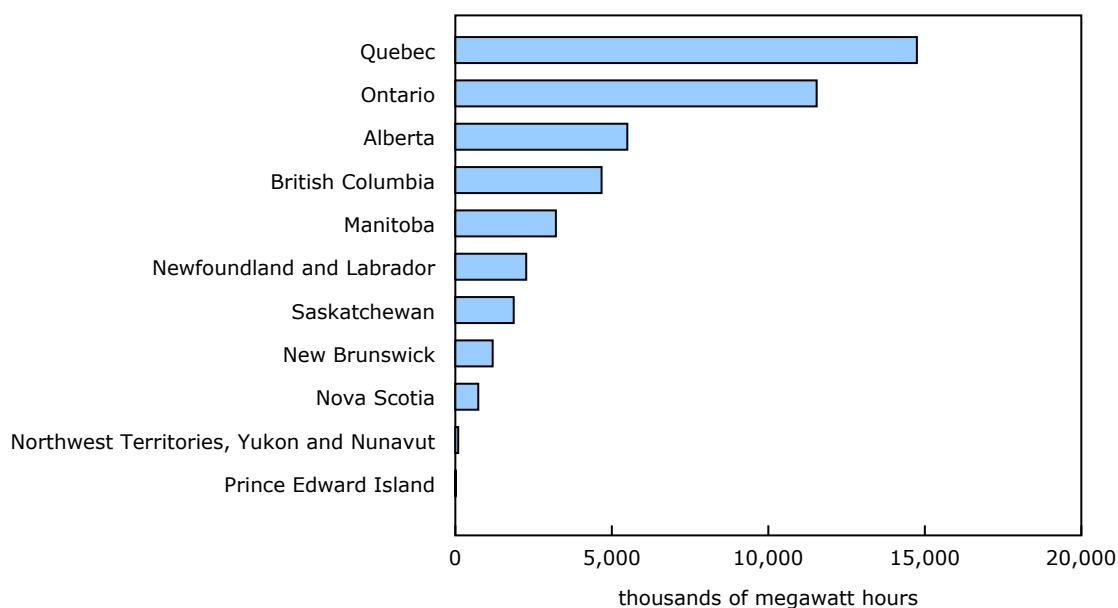

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### Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador lead the decline

Provincially, Ontario recorded a large decrease in overall electric power generation, down 12.0% to 11.5 million MWh in July compared with the same month a year earlier. Newfoundland and Labrador also registered a large decrease in generation, down 25.9% to 2.3 million MWh.

Quebec produced 14.7 million MWh of electricity during the month, down 3.1% from July 2013. Hydro generation (14.6 million MWh) accounted for most of the production in the province, while industrial generation was up 19.8% to 1.9 million MWh.

**Chart 2**  
**Electricity generation by region**



### Imports exceed exports

Canada's total imports from the United States were up 7.2% to 1.0 million MWh in July compared with the same month in 2013. British Columbia imported more electricity (817,780 MWh) than any other province, while Alberta imported 114,792 MWh of electricity from the United States.

In turn, Canada's total exports of electricity to the United States were down 9.8% in July to 5.7 million MWh. Quebec, the largest exporter of electricity among the provinces, delivered 2.0 million MWh, almost 20% less than in July 2013.

#### Note to readers

*The purpose of this report is to produce a consistent monthly indicator of the supply of electricity in Canada, a key input in the calculation of monthly gross domestic product.*

*Total net electricity generation for Canada, the provinces and the territories combines all of the electricity generated from sources, including hydro, steam, nuclear, internal combustion, wind, solar and tidal.*

*Total available electricity is the total electricity generation, minus deliveries, plus receipts of electricity.*

*All data on imports and exports are provided directly by the National Energy Board.*

*Data for July 2013 and for April, May and June 2014 have been revised.*

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## Natural gas transportation and distribution, July 2014

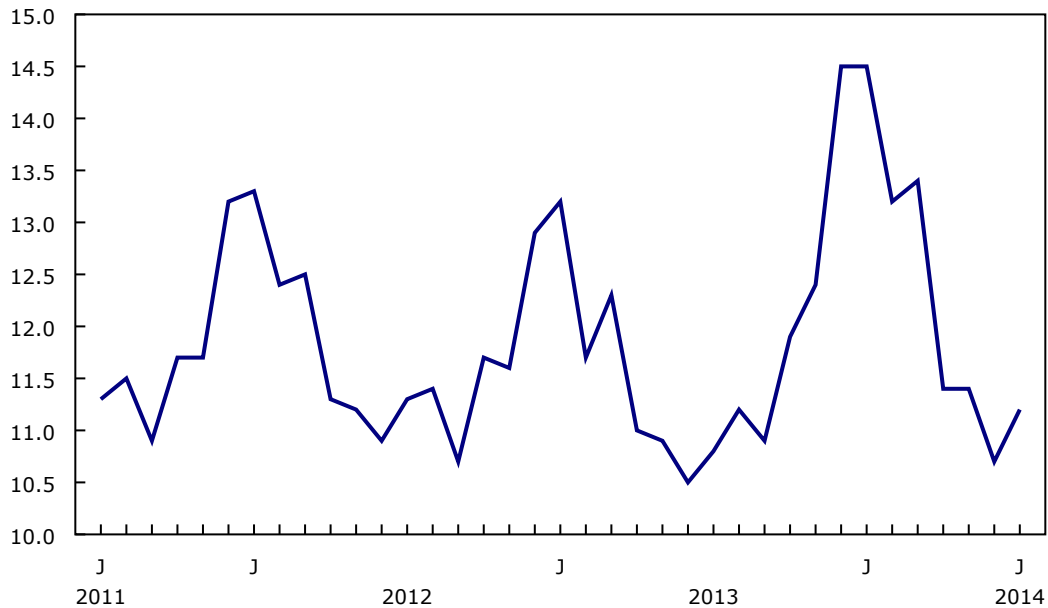
Canada extracted 11.2 billion cubic metres of natural gas in July, up 3.3% from the same month in 2013. Total demand by gas utilities in Canada declined 9.3% to 12.9 billion cubic metres.

Domestic natural gas sales generated \$1.1 billion in revenue, up 17.3% compared with July 2013, largely driven by higher prices (+12.8%). Consumption was 5.0 billion cubic metres in July, up from 4.8 billion cubic metres in July 2013.

### Chart 1 Natural gas production

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billions of cubic metres



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### Small increase in Alberta

Alberta, which produces most of the natural gas in Canada, extracted 8.0 billion cubic metres in July, up slightly from July 2013. British Columbia (2.6 billion cubic metres) and Nova Scotia (339.8 million cubic metres) also contributed to the national increase.

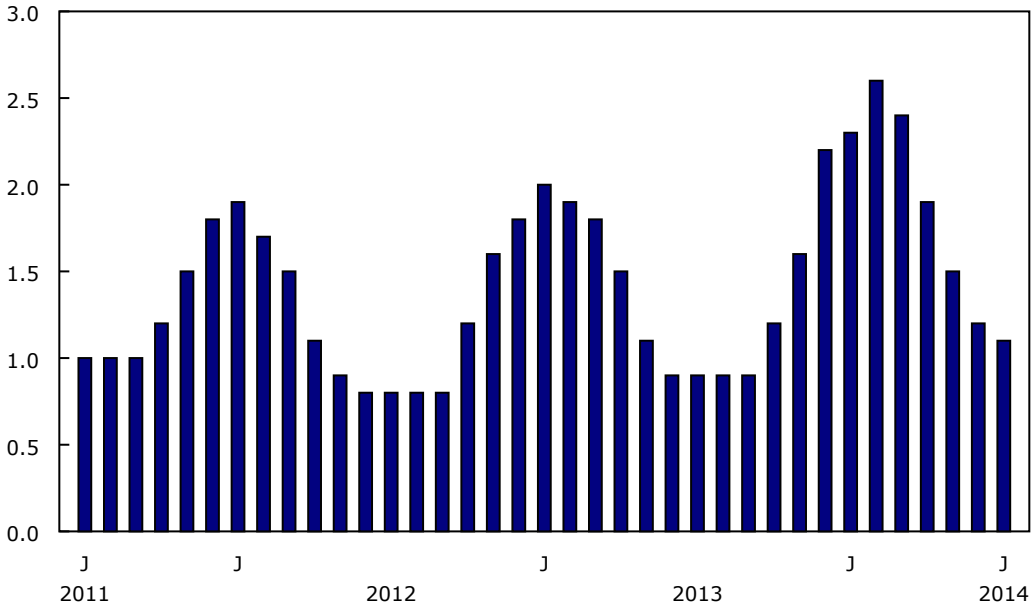
Demand on gas utilities fell 14.3% in Ontario to 3.0 billion cubic metres and declined 23.8% in Saskatchewan to 2.9 billion cubic metres.

Higher prices helped every province report year-over-year gains in revenue.

Sales of natural gas in Alberta increased 7.6% compared with July 2013 to 2.7 billion cubic metres, while sales in Ontario were down 6.1% to 1.1 billion cubic metres.

**Chart 2**  
**Natural gas revenue**

billions of dollars



**Lower exports and imports**

In July, exports of natural gas to the United States fell 12.8% from July 2013 to 5.9 billion cubic metres. Exports from Saskatchewan, Canada's principal exporter of natural gas, were down 22.9% to 2.4 billion cubic metres. Conversely, exports from New Brunswick and Manitoba increased in July.

Canada's imports of natural gas from the United States decreased 18.0% to 1.6 billion cubic metres in July. Ontario, the primary customer, imported 14.7% less compared with the same month a year earlier. Imports to other provinces were also down in July.

**Note to readers**  
Data for March, April, May and June 2014 have been revised.

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## Sawmills, July 2014

Lumber production by sawmills decreased 2.1% from June to 4 961.1 thousand cubic metres in July. Compared with July 2013, lumber production increased 6.9%.

Sawmills shipped 5 198.7 thousand cubic metres of lumber in July, down 4.7% from June.

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The July 2014 issue of *Sawmills*, Vol. 68, no. 7 ([35-003-X](#)), will soon be available.

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## Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging: Products produced by logging industries, 2012

Data on the products produced by the logging industries for Canada, the provinces and the territories region are now available for 2012 upon demand.

### **Note to readers**

*These data are subject to revision.*

*Data on the products produced for 2011 have been revised.*

*This information is collected as part of the Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging.*

### **Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2103](#).**

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