

Table NG4. Average Natural Gas Consumption and Annual Cost per Consumer, 1980-1999¹

Year	Residential		Commercial		Industrial ²	
	Average Consumption (Mcf)	Average Annual Cost (dollars)	Average Consumption (Mcf)	Average Annual Cost (dollars)	Average Consumption (Mcf)	Annual Cost (dollars)
1980	117	356	670	2,089	32,841	103,218
1981	104	389	610	2,523	31,364	133,551
1982	121	538	780	3,800	24,013	131,770
1983	102	470	651	3,298	25,048	99,956
1984	110	534	679	3,558	21,013	108,703
1985	115	555	706	3,595	17,908	84,267
1986	100	445	597	2,672	16,869	66,006
1987	91	404	514	2,231	18,072	61,806 E
1988	98	423	541	2,329	19,219	59,195 E
1989	106	464	591	2,579	23,138	68,951 E
1990	97	444	521	2,419	20,622	67,434 E
1991	104	468	554	2,411	21,842	70,331 E
1992	91	439	490	2,185	26,620	--
1993	108	--	569	--	27,469	--
1994	96	--	512	--	30,773	--
1995	96	--	512	--	39,168	--
1996	108	--	562	--	38,848	--
1997	100	--	507	--	40,619	--
1998	88	--	462	--	47,172	--
1999	--	--	425	--	58,025	--

^E Estimate

¹ Starting in 1993, figures were no longer given for average cost. Starting in 1999, residential average consumption was no longer given.

² Beginning in 1987, industrial costs per consumer are estimated by DEQ using Department of Energy average prices of deliveries to industrial customers times industrial consumption volumes. The Department of Energy did not calculate these numbers in national statistics because values associated with gas delivered for the account of others are not always available. However, those values are not considered to be significant in Montana.

Source: United States Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Natural Gas Annual*, annual reports for 1980-99 (EIA-0131).