

Natural gas

Production, import and consumption

In 2004, the largest natural gas producers were the USA (20.2%), Russia (21.9%), Canada (6.8%), Great Britain (3.6%), Iran (3.2%), Algeria (3%), Indonesia (2.7%) and Holland (2.6%). The EU contributed only 8% to world production (BP Statistical Review of World Energy of 2005, www.bp.com).

The contribution of natural gas to total Swiss energy consumption is 12.1%. Of the natural gas imported into Switzerland in 2004, 51.9% came from Germany, 22.6% from Holland, 9.5% from Russia, 10.5% from France and 5.5% from Italy. In the case of Germany, more than 4/5 is imported, of which 41% came from Russia.

[National energy statistics](#) and www.erdgas.ch

Reserves

At the end of 2004 BP estimated the proven natural gas reserves were 179 000 billion m³, sufficient to cover the next 62 years at today's rate of consumption. If the anticipated and possible reserves are taken into account, the coverage extends beyond 100 years.

