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Lost and Unaccounted For Gas

- According to recent data, *lost* and *unaccounted for* gas has not exceeded one percent of total natural gas utility throughput in the United States since 2013.
- Utility unaccounted for gas is most likely a result of operational measurement discrepancies of gas moving through the utility system rather than natural gas escaping unburned into the atmosphere.

Lost and Unaccounted For Gas – Volume (Mcf)

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Losses from Leaks Volume 1/	44,467,349	63,015,315	86,692,828	81,800,443
Unaccounted For 2/	54,261,969	91,287,824	-2,916,054	14,762,680
Utility Disposition Volume	14,369,616,980	14,932,192,874	15,445,159,533	15,366,014,995

Lost And Unaccounted For Gas - Percent of Total Volumes

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Losses from Leaks	0.31%	0.42%	0.56%	0.53%
Unaccounted For	0.38%	0.61%	-0.02%	0.10%
Lost and Unaccounted For 3/	0.69%	1.03%	0.54%	0.63%

Source: Energy Information Administration, 176 Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition

Methodology

- Based on data from 194 local natural gas utility companies.
- 1/ Losses from Leaks, Accidents, & Other Damage – Losses from leaks, migration, accidents, etc. Volume of loss may represent reporting entity's best estimate.
- 2/ Unaccounted for Gas Supply – Gas supply or disposition not accounted for. Positive number indicates unaccounted for supply. Negative number indicates unaccounted for disposition.
- 3/ Lost and unaccounted for compared to total disposition volumes.

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