

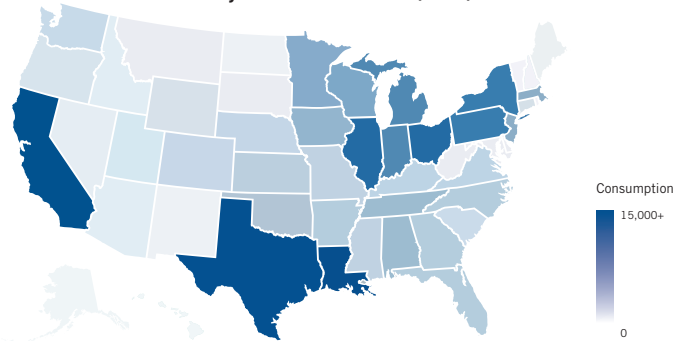
Natural Gas Fuels America's Healthcare System with Affordable and Reliable Energy



Providing hot water, affordable heating, medical supplies and more for health systems nationwide.

The U.S. healthcare sector uses more than 271 billion cubic feet of natural gas each year, which is more than the annual natural gas consumption of more than 14 individual states.

State natural gas consumption supported by the healthcare sector (MMcf)



Mandated electrification would increase operating costs for the U.S. healthcare sector by \$16.3 billion from 2026 to 2050.

In turn, higher healthcare costs would reduce household income and overall spending, causing a \$32.2 billion drop in U.S. GDP and a significant loss in employment.

New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts health systems would suffer the highest costs of mandated electrification.

Natural Gas Supports the Healthcare Sector by:



Supplying affordable heating, cooling, hot water and steam for sterilization



Providing a steady source of reliable emergency backup energy



Sustaining the production of vital medical supplies



Supporting hospital staff wages by lowering other operating costs

U.S. healthcare facilities would experience a more than 60% annual increase in total electricity usage if required to use exclusively electricity for their energy needs. That means extra strain on the U.S. power grid and *skyrocketing costs* at a time when many hospitals are struggling to keep their doors open.

Americans recognize the important connection between affordable and reliable natural gas and access to healthcare.

Morning Consult poll conducted from November 15-17, 2023

78% of adults believe natural gas is important to ensuring reliable healthcare for patients.

That's why Americans overwhelmingly say banning natural gas would increase the cost of vital healthcare services, including:

69% of Democrats

65% of Independents

79% of Republicans

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