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# AFFORDABLE - KEY POINTS

- Affordable energy benefits all Americans but especially those most vulnerable to increased costs like low-income households, small businesses and those living on fixed incomes like senior citizens.
- Natural gas and other traditional energy sources have proven time and again to be the most affordable energy sources.
- The U.S. energy industry also fuels our economy and creates millions of good-paying jobs.



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- Affordable natural gas has saved an average family of four \$2,500 a year. ("The Value of U.S. Energy Innovation and Policies Supporting the Shale Revolution," [The Council of Economic Advisers](#), 10/19)
- American families have saved \$99 billion over the last decade because of affordable natural gas. ("AGA Playbook," [American Gas Association](#), 2026)
- Households that use natural gas for heating, cooking and other appliances save an average \$1,030 per year compared to homes using electricity for such appliances. ("AGA Playbook," [American Gas Association](#), 2026)
- American businesses have saved more than \$655 billion over the last decade because of affordable natural gas. ("AGA Playbook," [American Gas Association](#), 2026)
- A study concluded that "the drop in natural gas prices in the late 2000s, induced largely by the boom in shale gas production, averted 11,000 winter deaths per year" in the U.S.. (Janjala Chirakijja, Seema Jayachandran and Pinchuan Ong, "Inexpensive Heating Reduces Winter Mortality," [National Bureau Of Economic Research](#), 3/19)

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- Natural gas is 3.5 times more affordable than electricity as a residential energy source for the same amount of delivered energy. ("AGA Playbook," [American Gas Association](#), 2026)
- Natural Gas will cost significantly less than electricity for the next 30 years. ("AGA Playbook," [American Gas Association](#), 2026)
- The U.S. oil and natural gas industry contributed nearly \$2.1 trillion to the U.S. economy in 2023. ("Contribution of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry to the US Economy in 2023," [American Petroleum Institute](#), 10/25)
- Each direct job in the oil and natural gas industry supported an additional 3.2 jobs elsewhere in the U.S. economy, accounting for 6.2 percent of national labor income in 2023. ("Contribution of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry to the US Economy in 2023," [American Petroleum Institute](#), 10/25)
- The U.S. oil and natural gas industry supports 10.6 million American jobs-- 4.9 percent of total U.S. employment. ("Contribution of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry to the US Economy in 2023," [American Petroleum Institute](#), 10/25)



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- The natural gas industry alone supports more than 4.1 million American jobs. ("AGA Celebrates Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day," [American Gas Association](#), 3/17/22)
- From 2013 to 2018, natural gas development generated \$101 billion in real GDP growth each year. (American Gas Association, et al, [Letter to Members of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Energy](#), 2/3/20)
- This growth resulted in approximately 730,000 more jobs that contributed \$87 billion more in annual disposable income. (American Gas Association, et al, [Letter to Members of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Energy](#), 2/3/20)
- A full ban on hydraulic fracturing in the U.S. would eliminate 19 million jobs and reduce U.S. GDP by \$7.1 trillion. ("What if hydraulic fracturing was banned?," [U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Energy Institute](#), 12/19)



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