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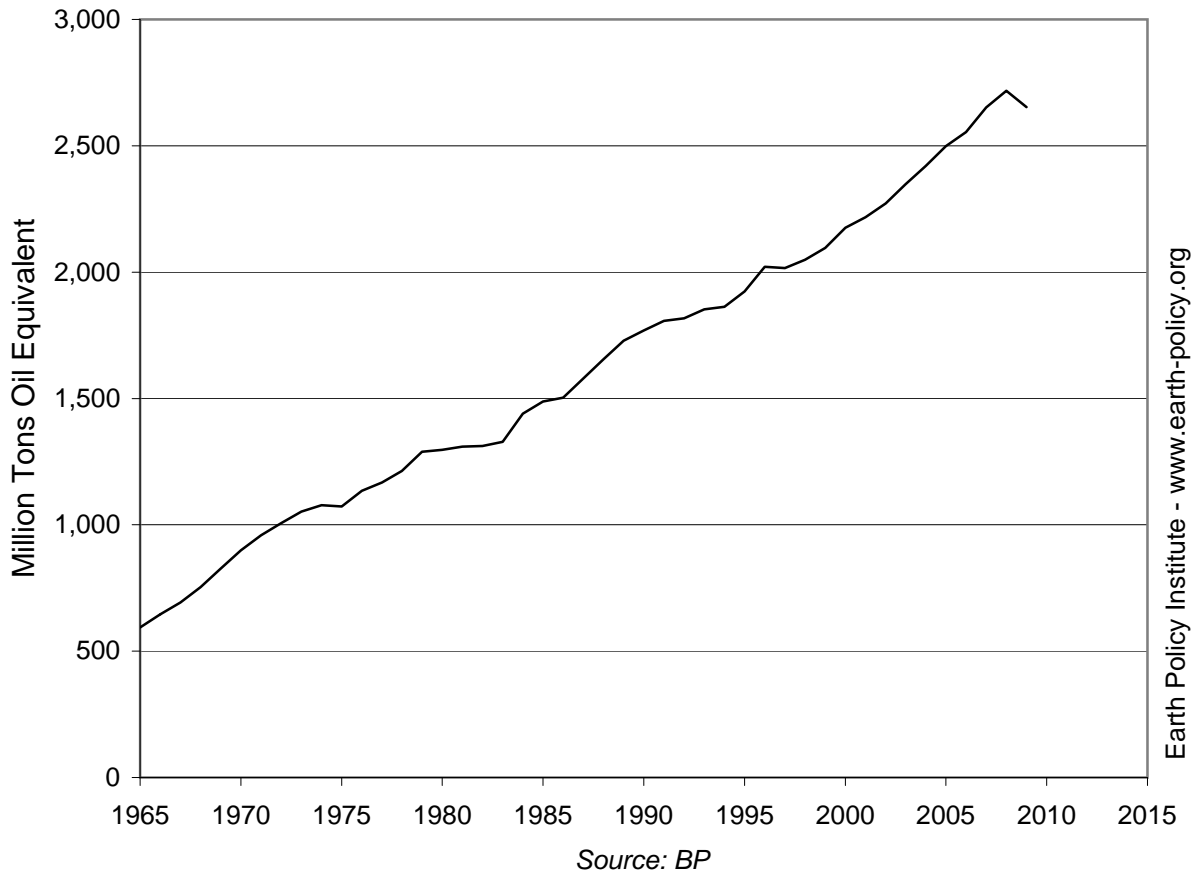
## World Natural Gas Consumption, 1965-2009

Year	Consumption
	Million Tons Oil Equivalent
1965	594
1966	646
1967	692
1968	753
1969	827
1970	899
1971	959
1972	1,007
1973	1,052
1974	1,078
1975	1,072
1976	1,135
1977	1,168
1978	1,214
1979	1,289
1980	1,297
1981	1,309
1982	1,312
1983	1,329
1984	1,440
1985	1,488
1986	1,503
1987	1,579
1988	1,655
1989	1,729
1990	1,769
1991	1,807
1992	1,817
1993	1,853
1994	1,863
1995	1,924
1996	2,021
1997	2,016
1998	2,049
1999	2,095
2000	2,175
2001	2,217
2002	2,272
2003	2,348
2004	2,420
2005	2,498
2006	2,554
2007	2,652
2008	2,717
2009	2,653

Source: BP, *Statistical Review of World Energy June 2010* (London: 2010).

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## Natural Gas Consumption in Ten Leading Countries and the World, 2009

Country	Consumption
	Million Tons Oil Equivalent
United States	589
Russia	351
Iran	119
Canada	85
China	80
Japan	79
United Kingdom	78
Germany	70
Saudi Arabia	70
Italy	64
<b>World Total</b>	<b>2,653</b>

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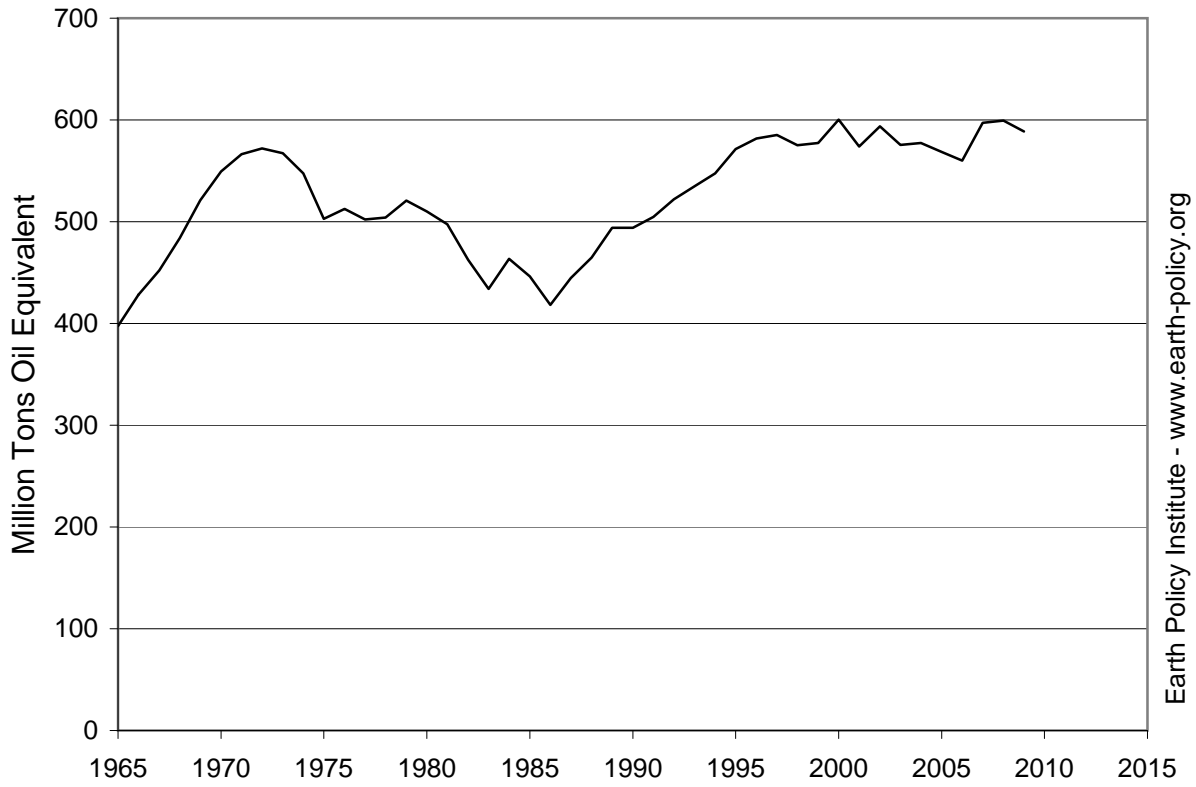
## Natural Gas Consumption in the United States, 1965-2009

Year	Consumption
	Million Tons Oil Equivalent
1965	397
1966	428
1967	452
1968	484
1969	521
1970	549
1971	566
1972	572
1973	567
1974	548
1975	503
1976	513
1977	502
1978	504
1979	521
1980	510
1981	498
1982	463
1983	434
1984	464
1985	446
1986	418
1987	445
1988	465
1989	494
1990	494
1991	505
1992	522
1993	535
1994	548
1995	571
1996	582
1997	585
1998	575
1999	577
2000	600
2001	574
2002	594
2003	575
2004	577
2005	569
2006	560
2007	597
2008	600
2009	589

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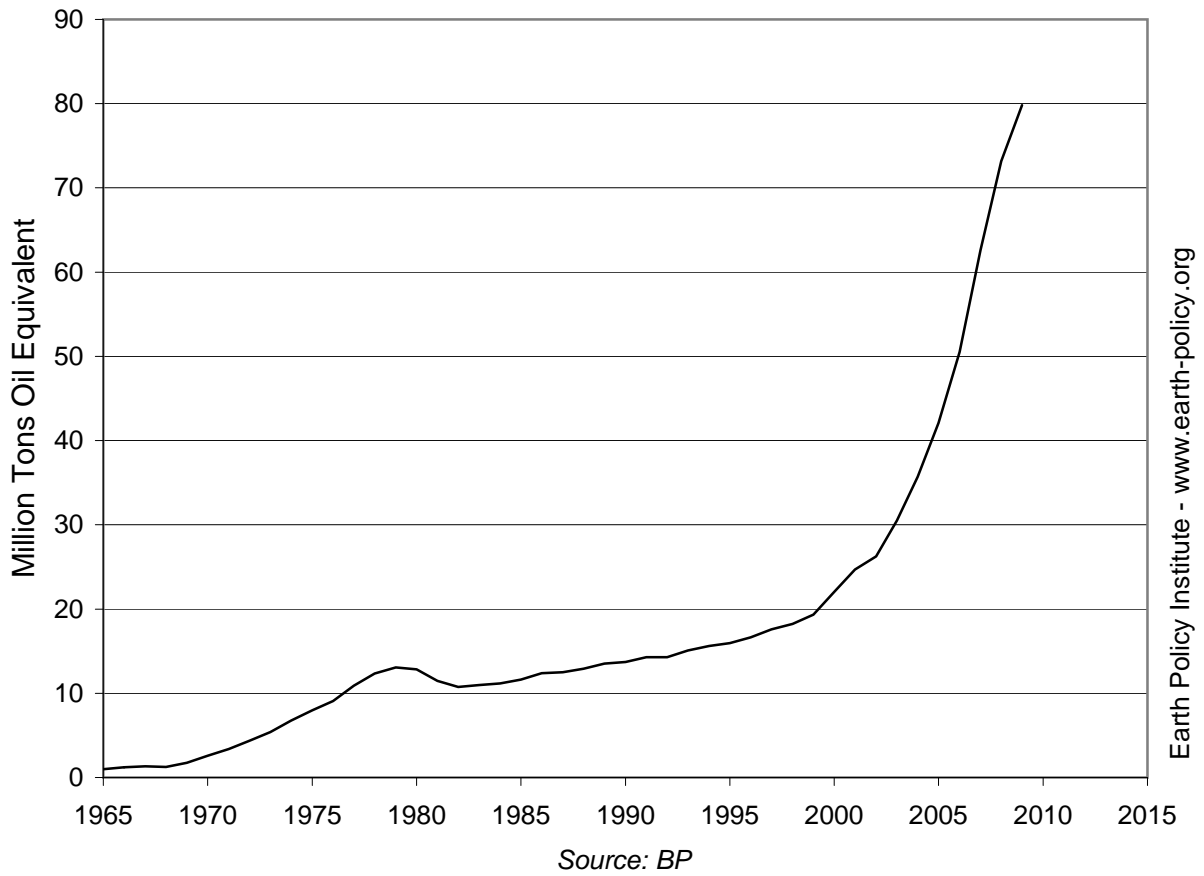
## Natural Gas Consumption in China, 1965-2009

Year	Consumption
	Million Tons Oil Equivalent
1965	1
1966	1
1967	1
1968	1
1969	2
1970	3
1971	3
1972	4
1973	5
1974	7
1975	8
1976	9
1977	11
1978	12
1979	13
1980	13
1981	11
1982	11
1983	11
1984	11
1985	12
1986	12
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1988	13
1989	14
1990	14
1991	14
1992	14
1993	15
1994	16
1995	16
1996	17
1997	18
1998	18
1999	19
2000	22
2001	25
2002	26
2003	31
2004	36
2005	42
2006	51
2007	63
2008	73
2009	80

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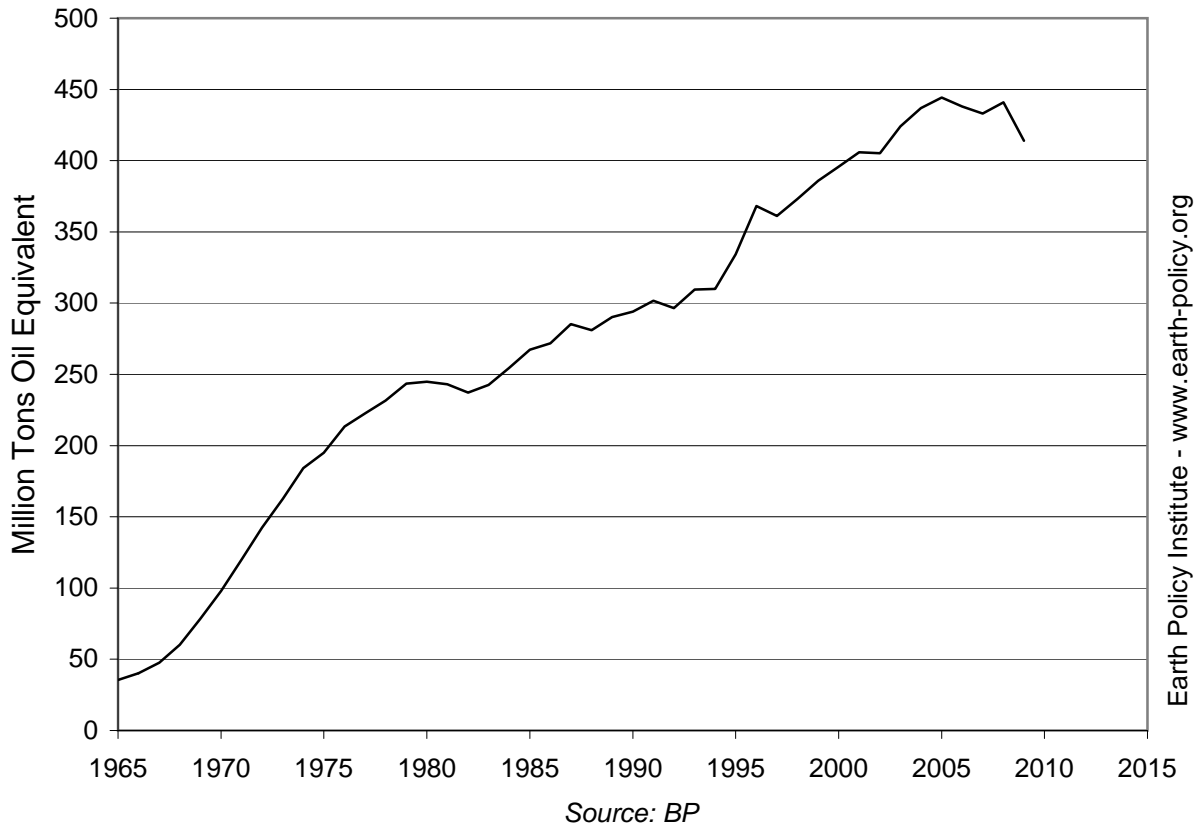
## Natural Gas Consumption in the European Union, 1965-2009

Year	Consumption
	Million Tons Oil Equivalent
1965	35
1966	40
1967	48
1968	60
1969	78
1970	98
1971	120
1972	142
1973	163
1974	184
1975	195
1976	213
1977	223
1978	231
1979	244
1980	245
1981	243
1982	237
1983	243
1984	255
1985	267
1986	272
1987	285
1988	281
1989	290
1990	294
1991	302
1992	296
1993	310
1994	310
1995	334
1996	368
1997	361
1998	373
1999	386
2000	396
2001	406
2002	405
2003	424
2004	437
2005	444
2006	438
2007	433
2008	441
2009	414

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## Natural Gas Consumption in the European Union, 1965-2009



## Fossil Fuel Consumption Subsidies in Selected Countries by Fuel Type, 2009

	Iran	Russia	India	China	Indonesia
Total					
Subsidies (Billion Dollars)	66.4	33.6	21.1	18.6	12.2
<i>per capita (Dollars)</i>	895	238	18	14	53
<i>as share of GDP (Percent)</i>	20.1	2.7	1.7	0.4	2.3
Rate of Subsidization (Percent)	89	23	15	4	25
By Fuel					
Oil (Billion Dollars)	30.1	n/a	12.1	5.0	8.6
<i>Rate of Subsidization (Percent)</i>	88	n/a	18	3	28
Natural Gas (Billion Dollars)	24.8	18.7	2.7	0.5	n/a
<i>Rate of Subsidization (Percent)</i>	95	50	77	2	n/a
Coal (Billion Dollars)	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.3	n/a
<i>Rate of Subsidization (Percent)</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	n/a
Electricity (Billion Dollars)	11.4	14.9	6.3	8.8	3.6
<i>Rate of Subsidization (Percent)</i>	82	27	12	4	31

Note: n/a indicates data that are unavailable. The five countries profiled are those selected and analyzed by the International Energy Agency; they have some of the largest fossil fuel subsidies but have plans to introduce market-based pricing gradually in the future. For a list of fossil fuel subsidies by fuel and country, see [www.worldenergyoutlook.org/docs/weo2010/key\\_graphs.pdf](http://www.worldenergyoutlook.org/docs/weo2010/key_graphs.pdf).

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