

China's Natural Gas Market Review and Outlook

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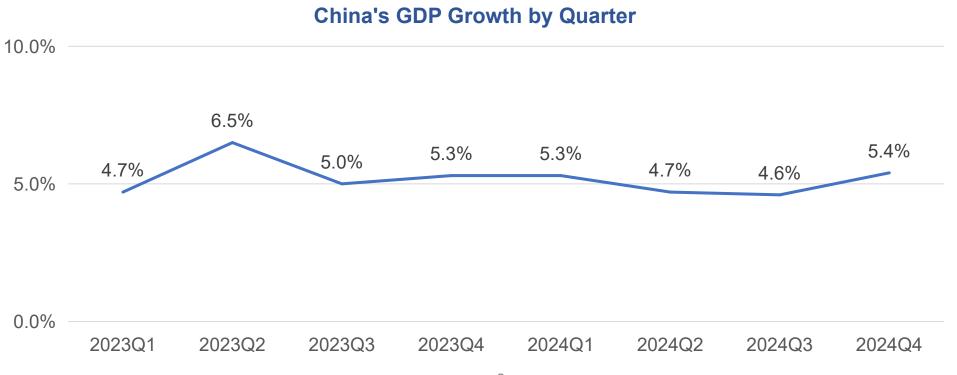
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China's Economic Performance was Generally Stable in 2024



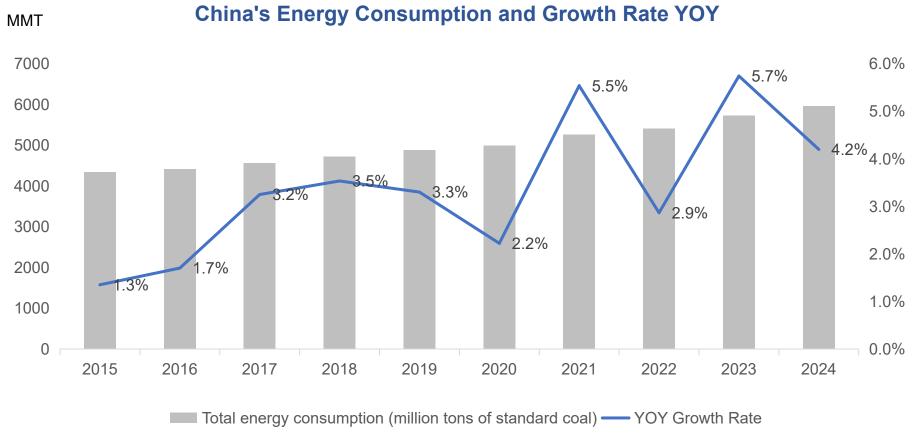
- □ In 2024, China's economy was generally stable, with annual GDP growth of 5.0% year-on-year to 134.9 trillion yuan (\$18.7 trillion), in line with the economic growth target. The secondary industry experienced the most rapid growth, at 5.3%.
- ☐ In the fourth quarter, a package of incremental policies was deployed, contributing to an effective boost in social confidence and a marked economic rebound.



China's Energy Consumption Continues to Grow in 2024



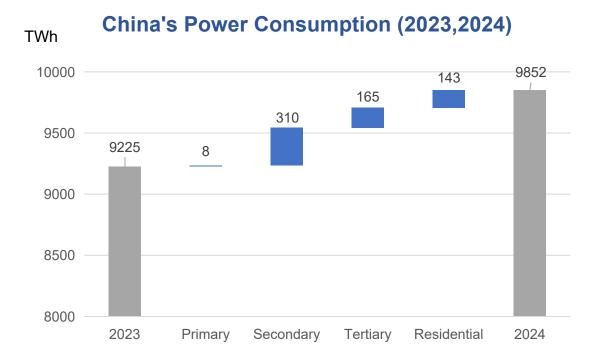
- ☐ In 2024, China's energy consumption grew steadily, increasing by 4.2% YOY.
- ☐ The structure of China's energy consumption continued to improve and become cleaner, with coal accounting for 53.2% of total energy consumption, a decrease of 2.1% from the previous year.

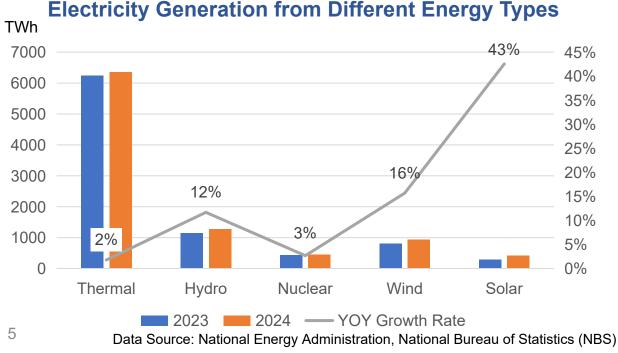


China's Power Consumption Increased Driven by Industrial Sector



- ☐ In 2024, China's electricity consumption grew by 6.8% YOY to 9,852 TWh. Driven by advancements in manufacturing, the industrial sector contributed the most to the surge, accounting for 49% of the growth in electricity consumption.
- ☐ China's non-fossil energy power generation is growing rapidly, with non-fossil sources contributing 78% of the total increase in power generation. As of 2024, the installed capacity of non-fossil energy power generation was 1.9 TW, a yoy increase of 24%.



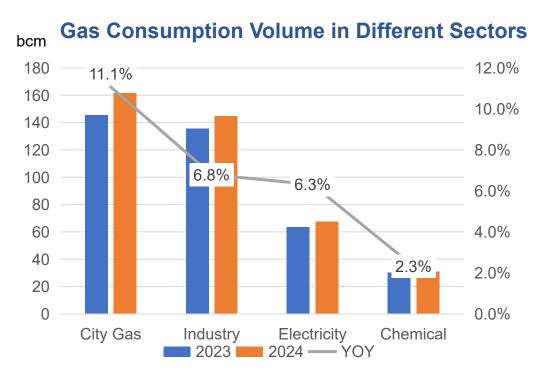


China's Gas Consumption Increased with City Gas Showing Largest Growth



- ☐ In 2024, China's gas consumption rose by 8% YoY, reaching a total of 405 bcm.
- □ Driven by economic recovery, city gas accounted for the largest incremental volume, increasing by 11%. Traditional industry sectors like ceramics declined due to weak real estate market, while the "new trio" (lithium batteries, solar products, EVs) drove rapid growth, powering overall growth of 6.8% YoY.Gas power capacity continued steady growth, driving electricity demand up 6.3% YoY. Chemical edged up marginally, with an increase of 2.3% YoY.

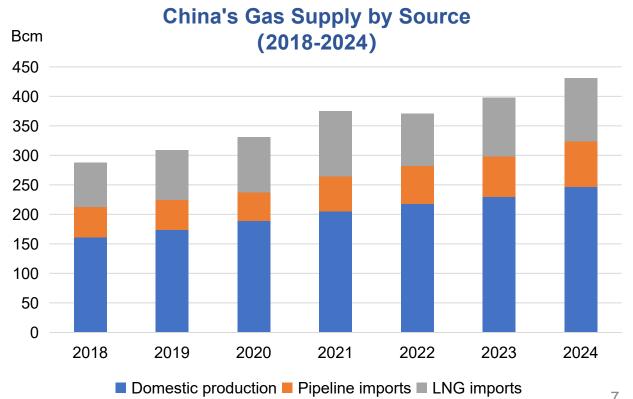




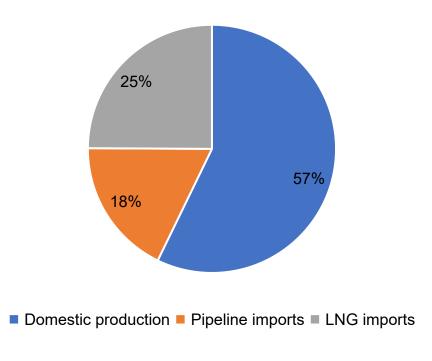
Both Domestic and Imported Gas Supplies Increased Year-on-year



- ☐ In 2024, China's total natural gas supply increased by 33 bcm YOY to 431 bcm.
- □ Domestic gas remained the primary source of natural gas supply, totaling 246 bcm, showing a 7% increase, and constituting 57% of total supply. Imported LNG, increasing by 8% to 107 bcm, was the second largest source. Pipeline gas imports grew the fastest, rising by 13% to reach 77 bcm.



2024 China's Gas Supply by Source



CNOOC Bonded LNG Storage: Pioneering Efficiency in China



□ While China's LNG receiving terminals have expanded significantly in recent years, bonded storage services remain a nascent sector. As the undisputed leader in this field, CNOOC has established the industry benchmark through the integrated tax-free storage, flexible reloading, and

cool-down solutions. Jiangsu Binhai 220,000m3*2 **Zhejiang Ningbo** 160,000m3*2

Simplified Business Scheme: Provide with customer-friendly contract and pricing

LNG Receiving Terminal: Mature, Experienced and Technology-advanced

Geo: Regional hub to Asian LNG markets, Proximity to shipyards facilitates gas-up and cool-down



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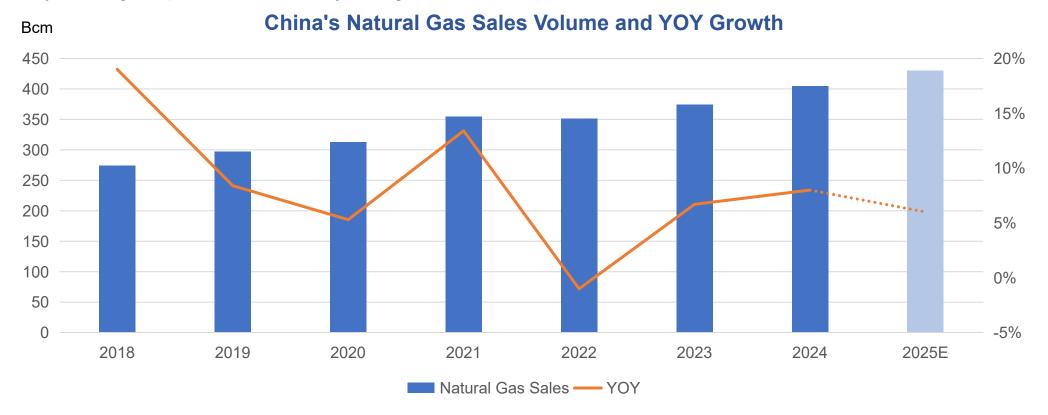
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China's Gas Consumption Expected to Grow at around 6-7% in 2025



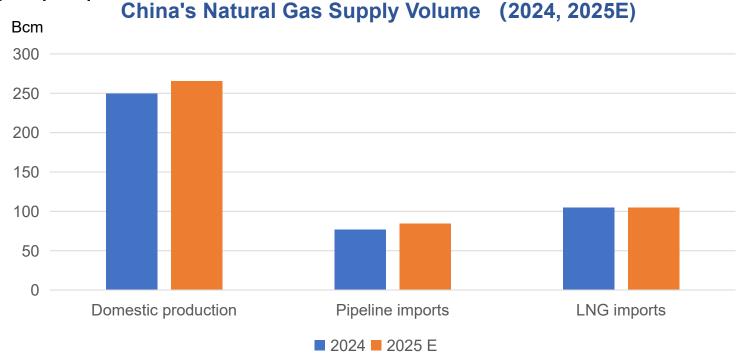
- ☐ In 2025, China's gas consumption is expected to reach 430 bcm, up 6%-7% yoy. Key drivers include economic development and continuous expansion of gas-fired power capacity.
- □ Downside risks and uncertainties arise from weak demand in real estate-linked sectors (e.g., steel and ceramics), geopolitical turbulence impacting exports, and the potential impacts of temperature variability and gas price sensitivity on gas consumption needs.



China's Natural Gas Supply is Expected to be Adequate in 2025



- By 2025, China's natural gas supply is expected to remain robust. The domestic natural gas production will continue to grow, exceeding 260 BCM, with a yoy increase of 16.2 BCM (+6.5%).
- □ Supported by incremental Russian gas supplies, pipeline imports will further rise to 84.6 BCM in 2025, marking a yoy growth of 8 BCM (+10.4%). While China's LNG import capacity has been further enhanced, the growth in China's LNG spot demand faces challenges and uncertainties due to the current high spot prices.



Policy: China Emphasizes Supply-side Energy Security



- ☐ In alignment with carbon peaking and neutrality goals, and in the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the CPC, China's relevant regulatory bodies have actively issued numerous policies, regulations, and decrees in the energy sector.
- Based on the *Guidance on energy work in 2025*, China's natural gas sector will focus on accelerating domestic production growth, expanding storage infrastructure, and fostering strategic partnerships with key regions to secure stable supply chains.
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