

Gas Winter Outlook

2026 summary

As the Gas System Operator with responsibility for system planning, National Gas publishes a Winter Outlook to share its forecast of supply and demand, and to provide information that can help preparations for the months ahead.



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Key takeaways

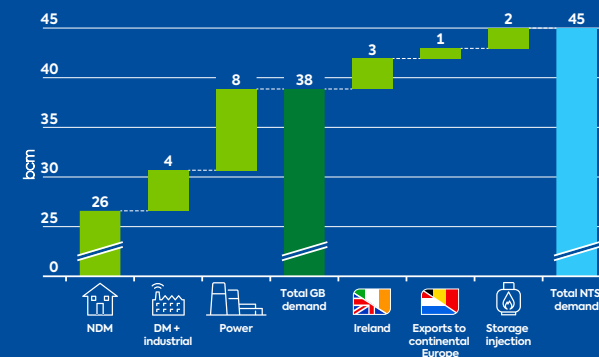
- 1 Overall gas demand this winter is forecast to be broadly in line with last year.
- 2 Great Britain is expected to have sufficient gas supply capability to meet forecast and peak demand this winter.
- 3 Extensive scenario testing has been carried out to show how the NTS could be balanced under a range of credible demand and supply profiles.
- 4 International disruptions, including geopolitical events, may still affect Great Britain's gas market through its links to European and global LNG markets.
- 5 We have the necessary physical, commercial and market-based tools to manage a supply and demand imbalance.
- 6 Great Britain's gas supply landscape continues to evolve as supplies from the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) decline.

Demand

Overall gas demand this winter is expected to remain broadly in line with last year. Domestic demand is not expected to increase significantly as consumers continue seeking opportunities to reduce energy use.

Our 1-in-20 peak day demand forecast has increased compared with last winter, driven primarily by higher expected demand for gas-fired power generation. Peak gas demand for power generation is forecast to increase by 7%, reflecting the growing role gas plays in supporting electricity security when renewable output is low.

Demand forecast (bcm)



Supply

Great Britain's gas supplies will continue to be underpinned by UKCS production and Norwegian imports, supported by flexible sources including LNG, GB storage and continental interconnectors.

Domestic gas production from the UKCS is forecast to decline by around 5%, continuing its long-term downward trend. LNG imports are forecast to increase by around 6%, highlighting the growing importance of global imports within Britain's supply mix.

Supply forecast (bcm)

