


Gas Winter Review

2025/26 summary

National Gas remains committed to securing Britain's energy – keeping the lights on, industries powered and homes warm. As the Gas System Operator with responsibility for system planning, National Gas publishes a Winter Review to set out our analysis of actual demand and supply patterns.



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Key takeaways

- 1** Britain's gas system operated safely and reliably over winter, despite increased volatility.
- 2** Overall demand declined, but the highest daily demand was 407 mcm, an increase of ~15 mcm from winter 2024/25.
- 3** Gas-fired generation ramped up rapidly during periods of stress, rising from ~2GW to ~26GW over the 4-5 January.
- 4** Peak gas demand for power exceeded 100 mcm/d, underlining reliance on gas at times of system stress.
- 5** As renewables grow, volatility is increasing, reinforcing the need for a flexible gas network.

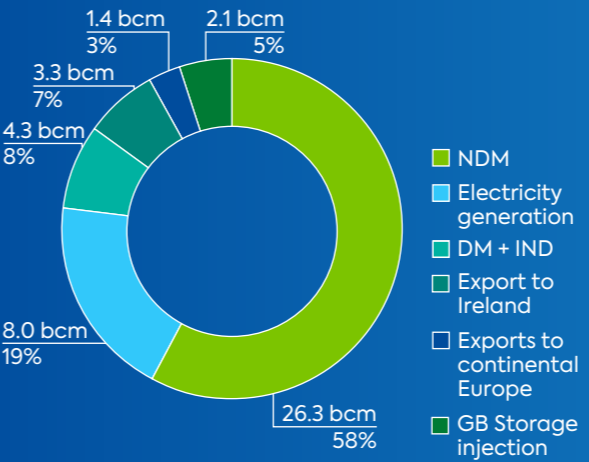
Demand

Overall gas demand declined compared to the previous winter, with Great Britain's demand down around 4% and total NTS demand down around 2%, largely reflecting milder weather and higher renewable output. Despite lower overall demand, the system remained highly variable, with the highest daily demand reaching 407 mcm/d and sharp swings driven by changes in power generation demand.

Supply

Gas supply remained diverse and resilient, with UK Continental Shelf and Norwegian gas providing steady baseload, supported by flexible sources including LNG, storage and limited imports. Flexible supplies responded effectively to periods of high demand, with LNG, storage and imports increasing output when needed, ensuring the system remained well supplied.

Demand breakdown – winter 2025/26 (bcm)



Supply breakdown – winter 2025/26 (bcm)

