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COUNCIL**

American Energy

2025

AXPC Members

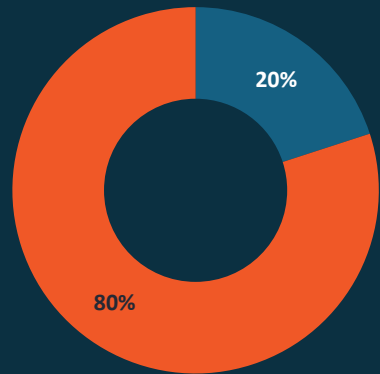
Leading Independent Upstream US Producers



Independents Produce the Majority of Oil and Natural Gas in the US

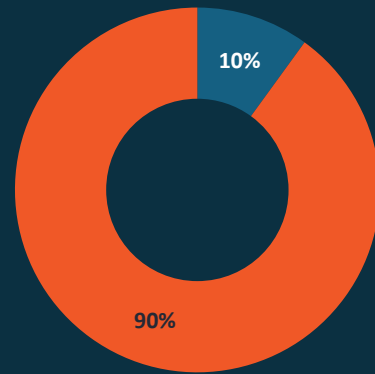
In 2024, Independents - companies who are not fully integrated across the supply chain - produced 80% of the US's oil and 90% of the US's natural gas

Domestic Oil Production



■ Global, Integrated

Domestic Gas Production



■ Independent Producer

Independent Operator Share of Onshore Activity

2022-2024:



85%

Of Produced Crude Oil, Condensate, and NGLs



90%

Of Produced Natural Gas



95%

Of Producing Wells Operated



90%

Of New Wells Drilled



90%

Of Capital and Operating Expenditures

AXPC Members are Key Global Producers

In 2023, AXPC members produced:



2,145 million barrels
of oil
6% of the
world's oil

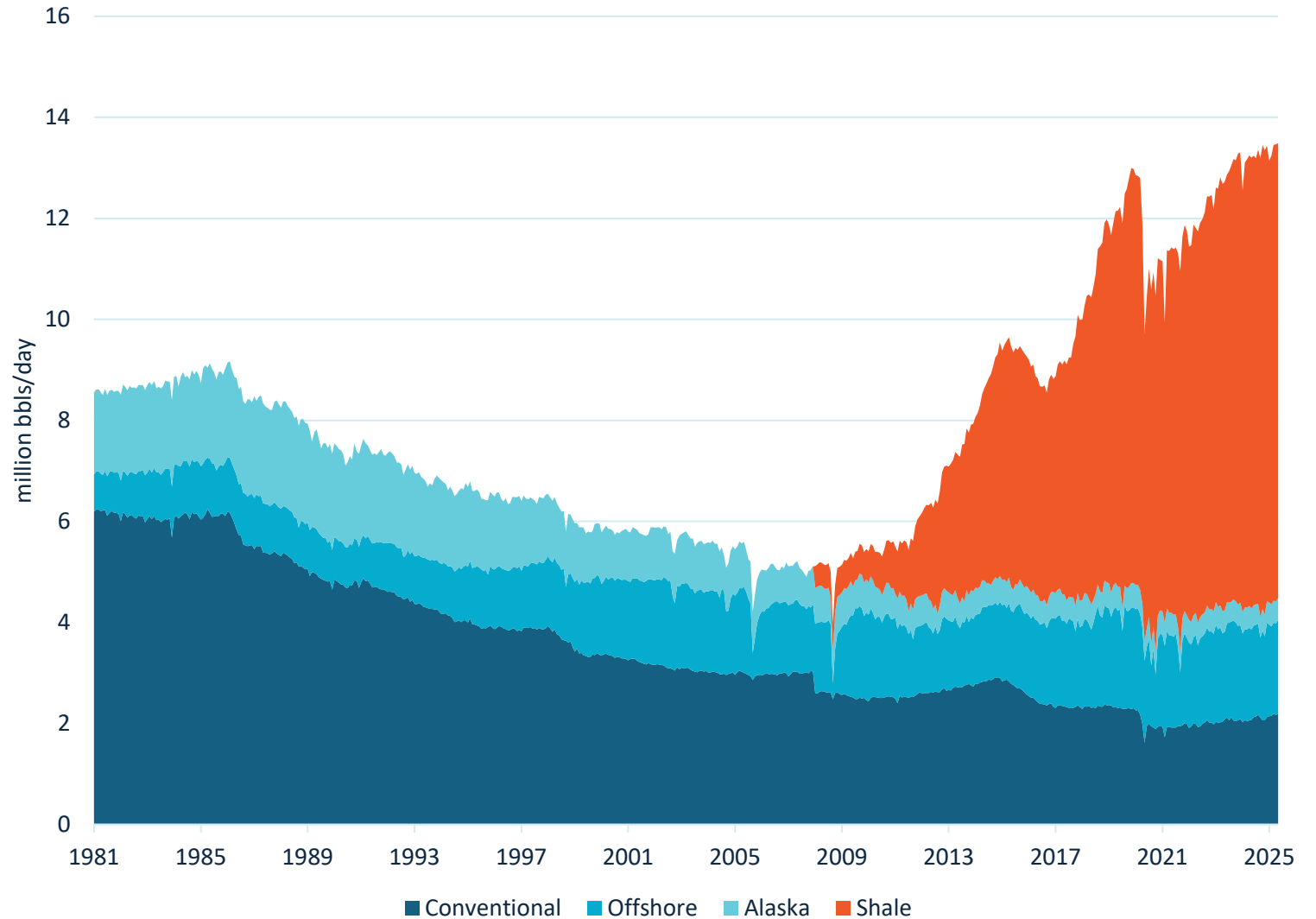


19,306 billion standard cubic
feet of natural gas
13% of the world's
natural gas

The Shale Revolution: America's Energy Game-Changer

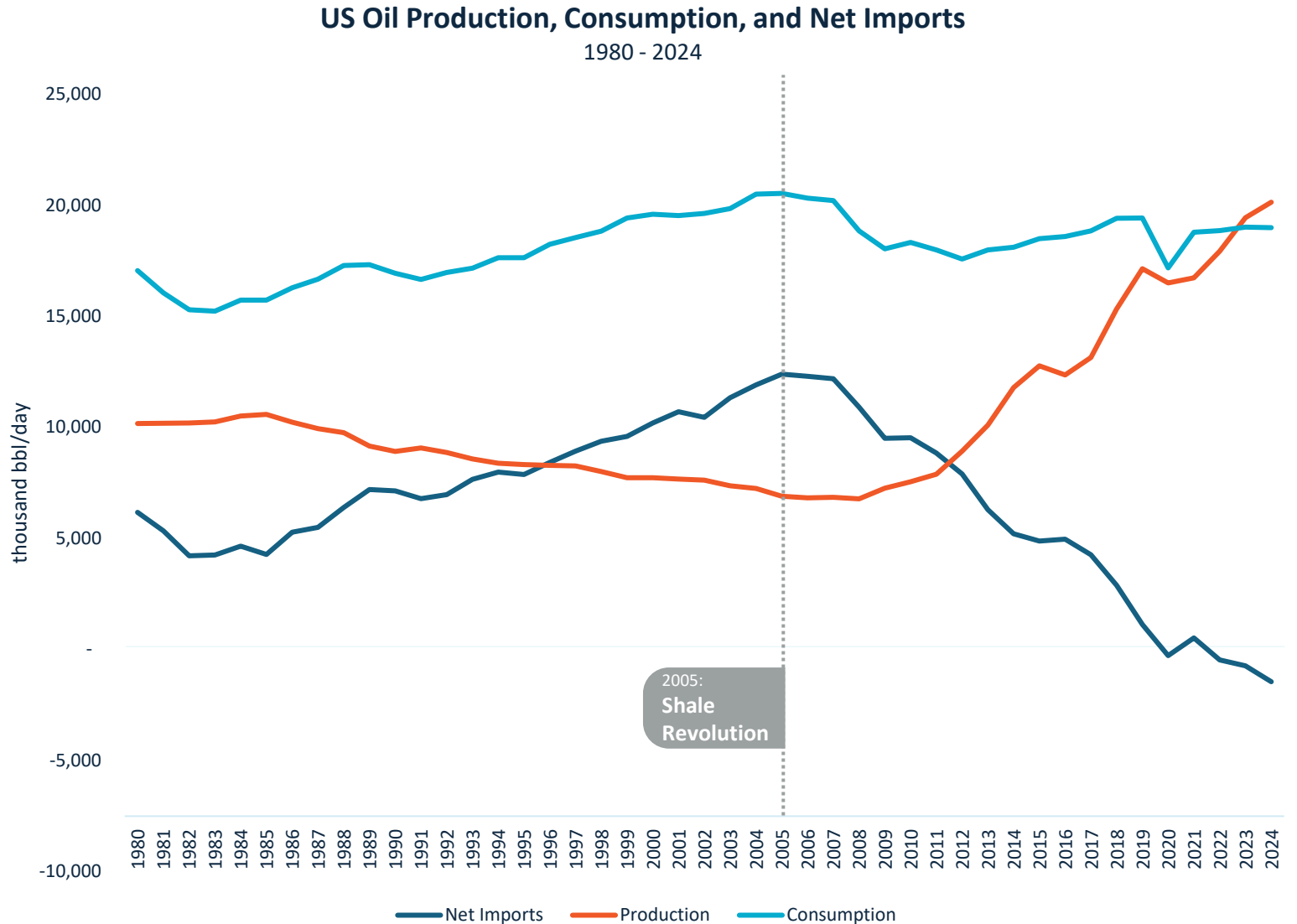
Since 2005, the surge in US oil and gas production—unlocked by horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing in shale formations—has transformed energy security and global markets. This is the Shale Revolution.

US Oil and Condensate Production
1980 - 2025



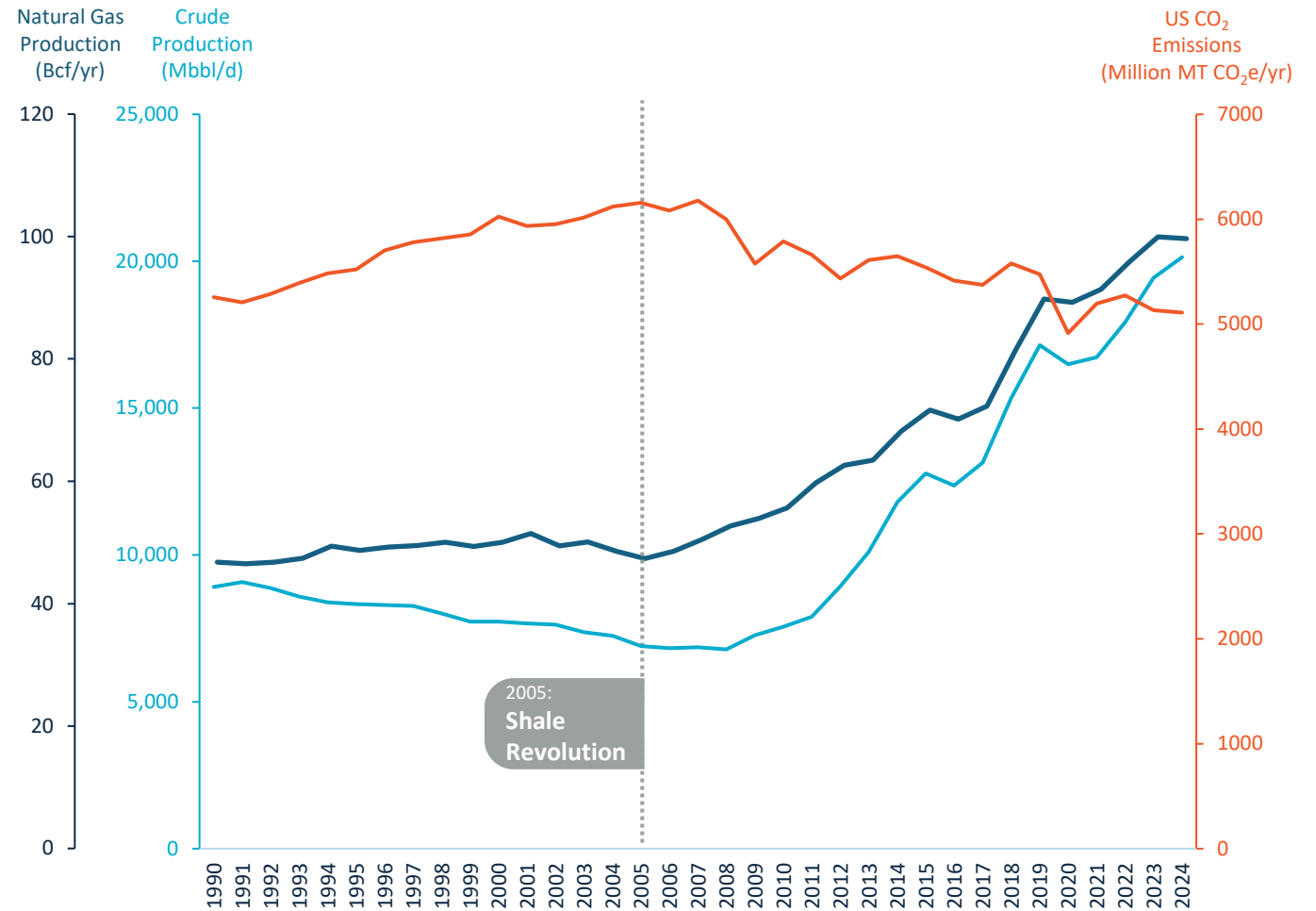
US Shale Revolution Unlocked an Era of Energy Independence

- Shale revolution innovations unleashed domestic resources, catapulting the U.S. toward greater energy independence
- In September of 2019, the US became a **net exporter** of oil for the first time – producing more than we consumed and exporting more than we imported
- The surge in energy production helped keep **prices lower and more stable** for American consumers
- The US trade deficit in 2024 was **\$320 billion lower** than it would have been without American oil and natural gas exports



US Shale Revolution Powers a Cleaner Environment

- Since the beginning of the Shale Revolution in 2005, the US has reduced its overall greenhouse gas emissions by 17%
- The **US reduced CO₂** emissions at unforeseen levels due to the shift to greater natural gas-powered generation.



Upstream Oil and Natural Gas Supports 3.6 Million US Jobs

Industry adds nearly \$563B (~2% of US GDP) to the US Economy

US Upstream Onshore Oil and Natural Gas Industry



An estimated

\$563B

of total value is added to the US economy from the upstream oil and gas sector



The upstream (exploration and production) sector of the oil and gas industry supports

3.6 million jobs

paying in total

\$316B

in labor income (wages)



In 2024, the upstream sector paid

\$149B

in federal and state taxes

Entire US Oil and Gas Industry



The entire US oil and gas industry supports

10.8 million jobs

and contributes

7.6% of total US GDP

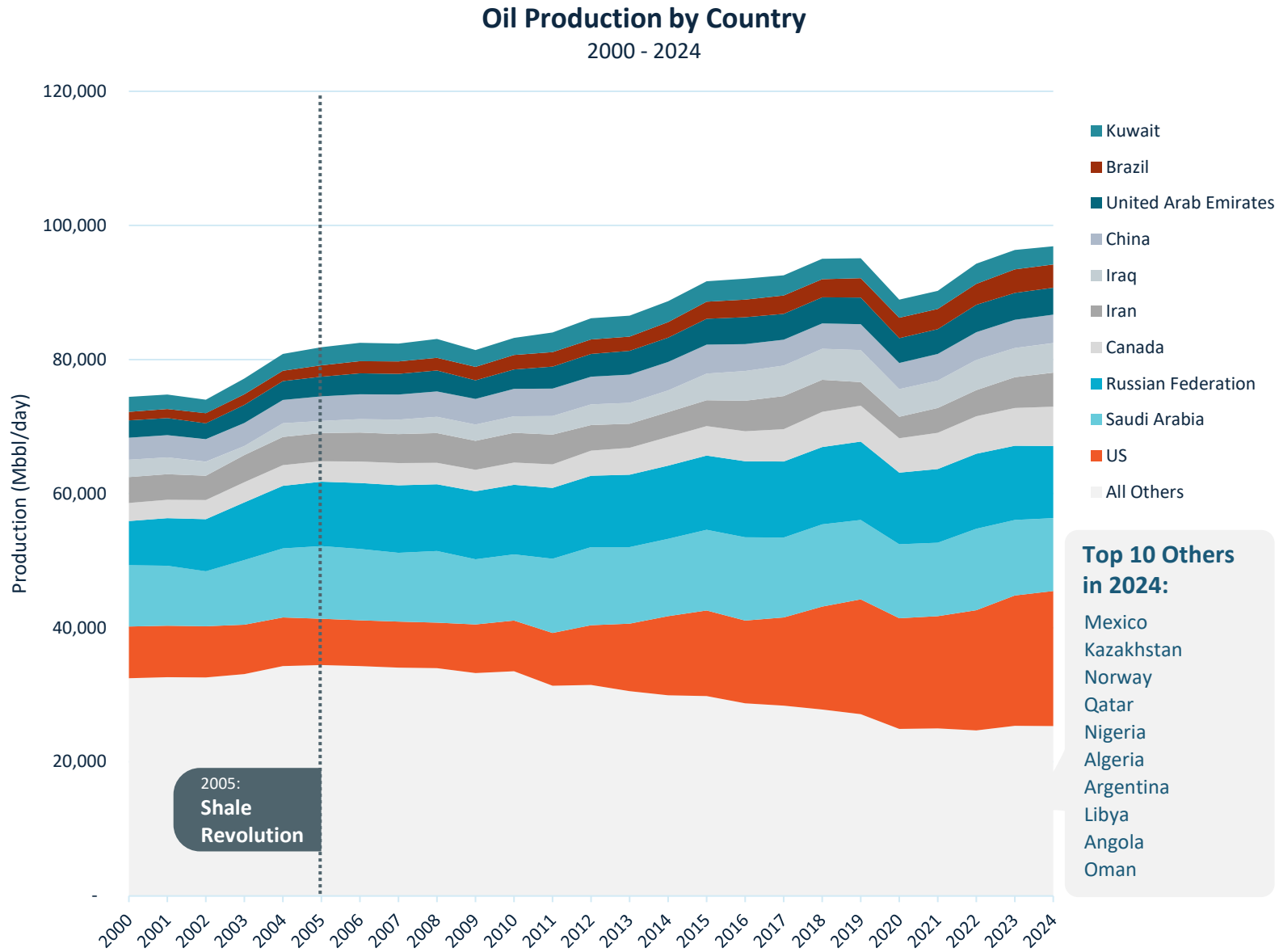
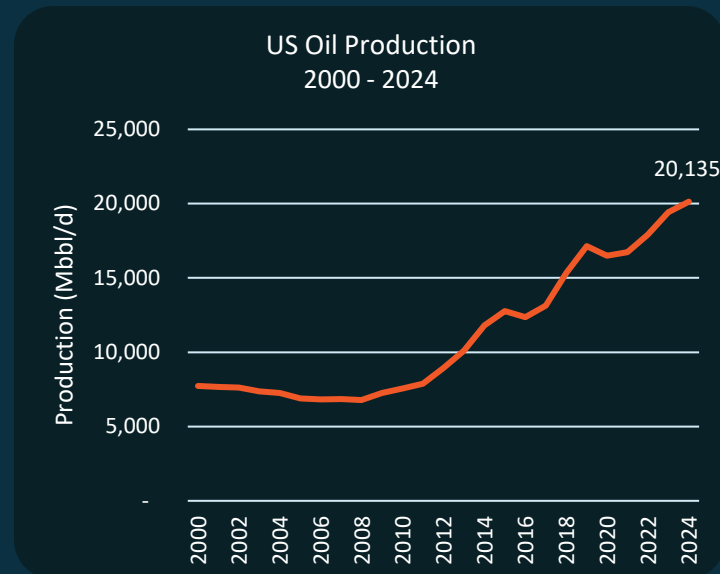
Energy Production



The US Produces More Oil than Any Country in History

In 2024, global oil production averaged around 97,000 Mbbl/d. The US produced around 20,000 Mbbl/d

- The US produced ~21% of global production
- The next largest producers, Saudi Arabia and Russia, produced 11% and 11% respectively



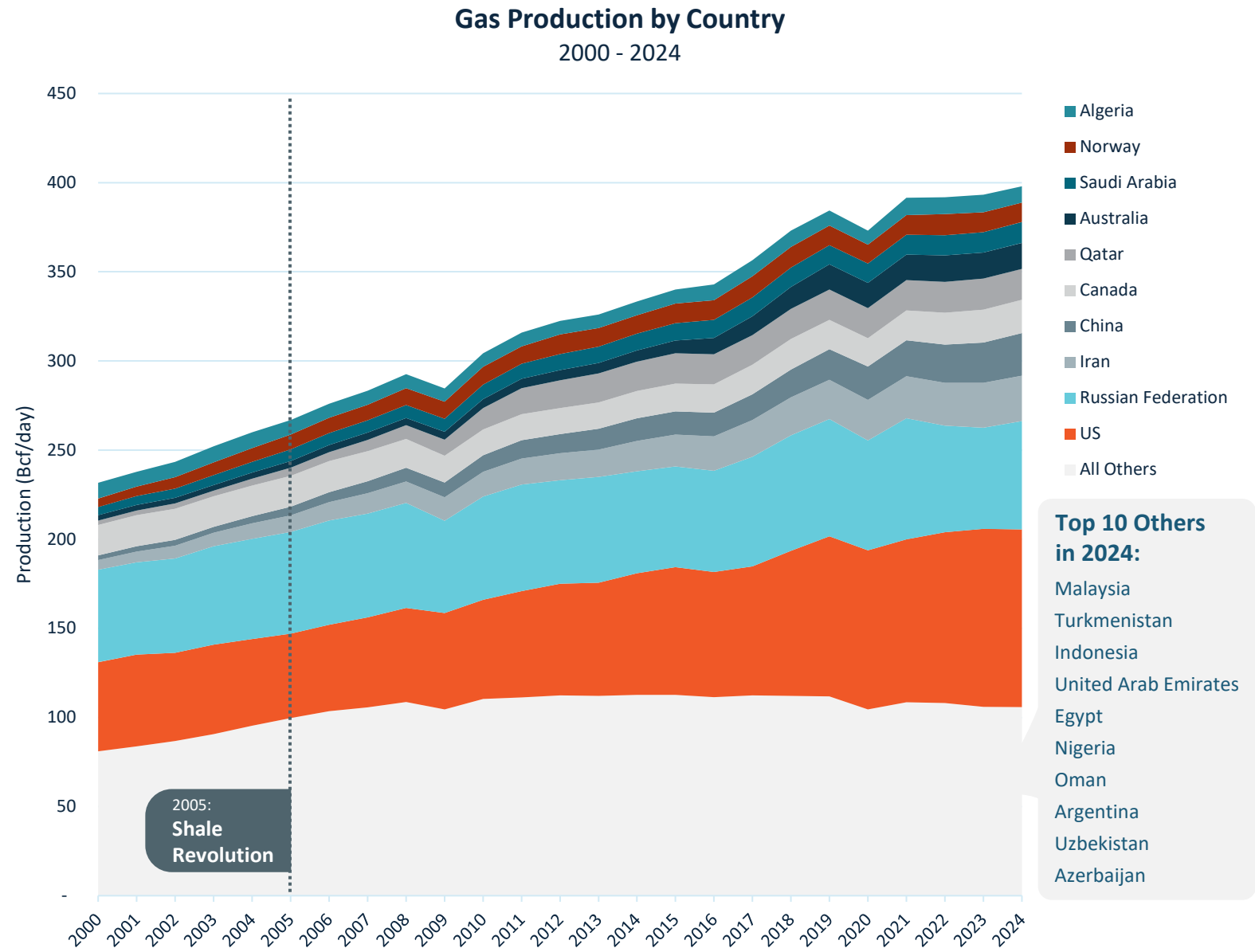
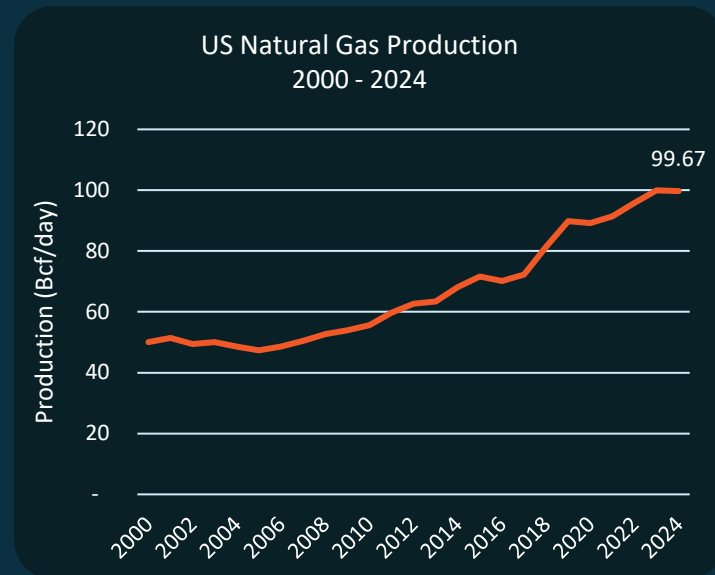
- Top 10 Others in 2024:**
- Mexico
 - Kazakhstan
 - Norway
 - Qatar
 - Nigeria
 - Algeria
 - Argentina
 - Libya
 - Angola
 - Oman

* Includes crude oil, shale oil, oil sands, condensates (lease condensate or gas condensates that require further refining) and NGLs (natural gas liquids - ethane, LPG and naphtha separated from the production of natural gas).

The US is the World Leader in Natural Gas Production

In 2024, global gas production was ~145,000 Bcf.
The US produced ~36,000 Bcf

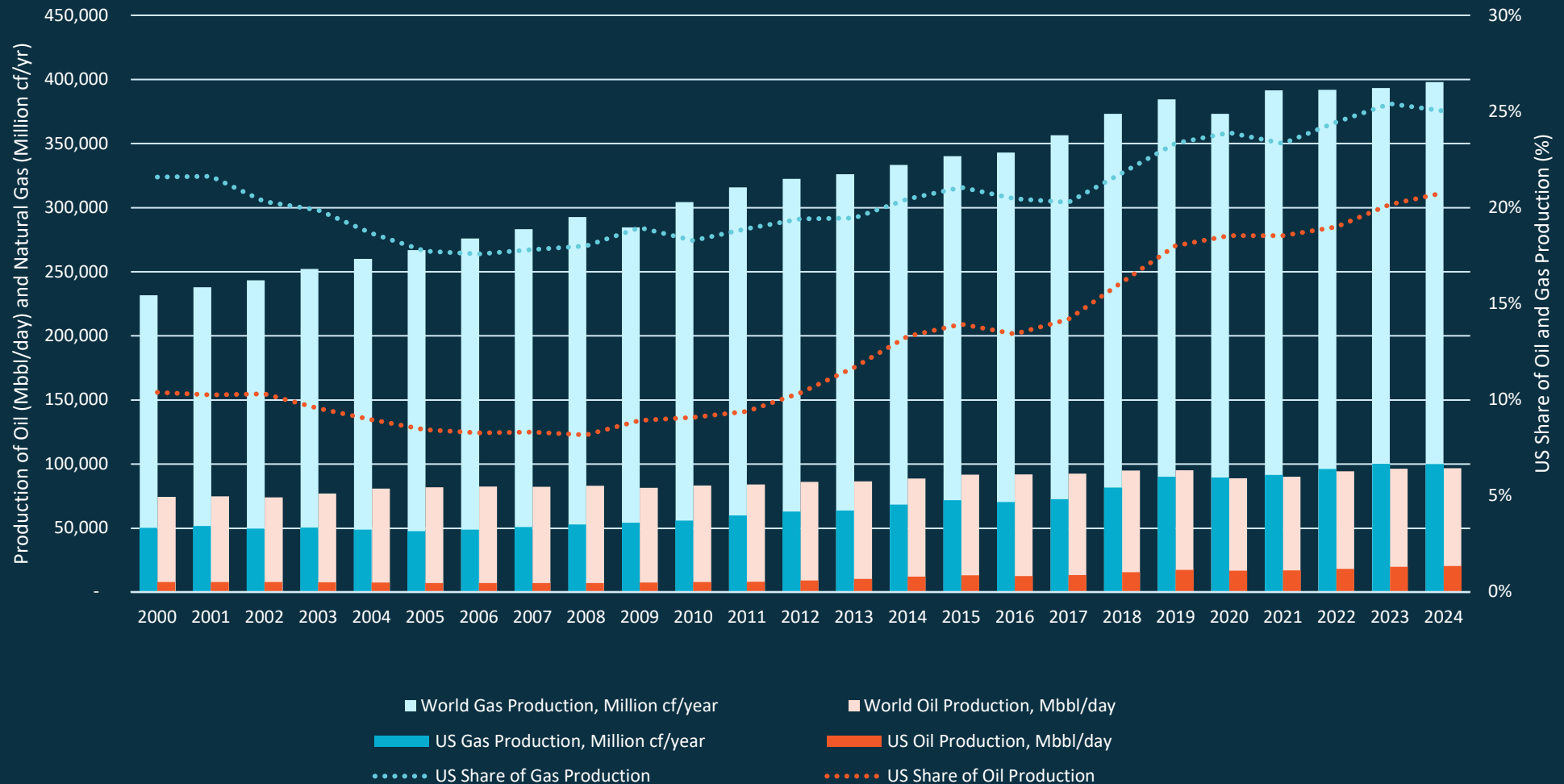
- The US produced ~25% of the world's natural gas
- The next largest producers, Russia and Iran, produced 15% and 6% respectively



The US has Increased its Share of Global Oil and Natural Gas Production Powered by the Shale Revolution

The US share of global natural gas production has increased from **18%** to **25%** since 2005

The US has increased its share of global crude production from **8%** to **21%** since 2005



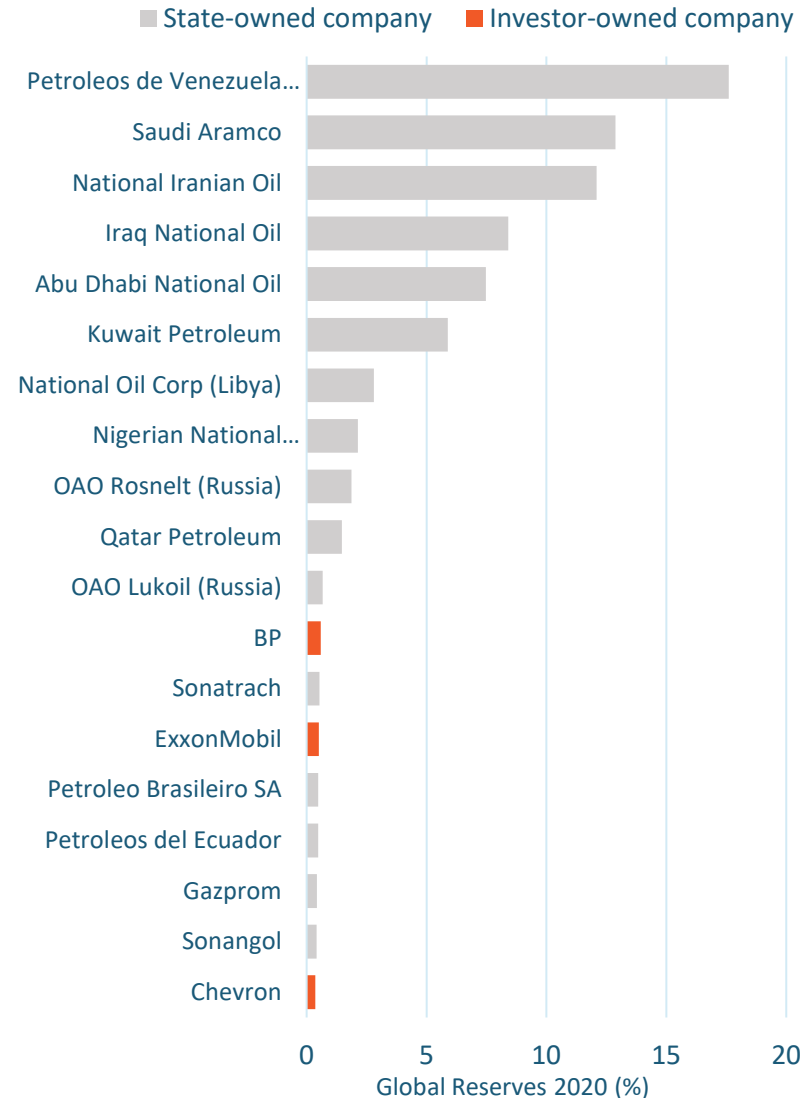
Vast Majority of Oil, Natural Gas Reserves are Foreign State-Owned

The organizations owning the vast majority of oil and gas reserves operate at the behest of their respective governments

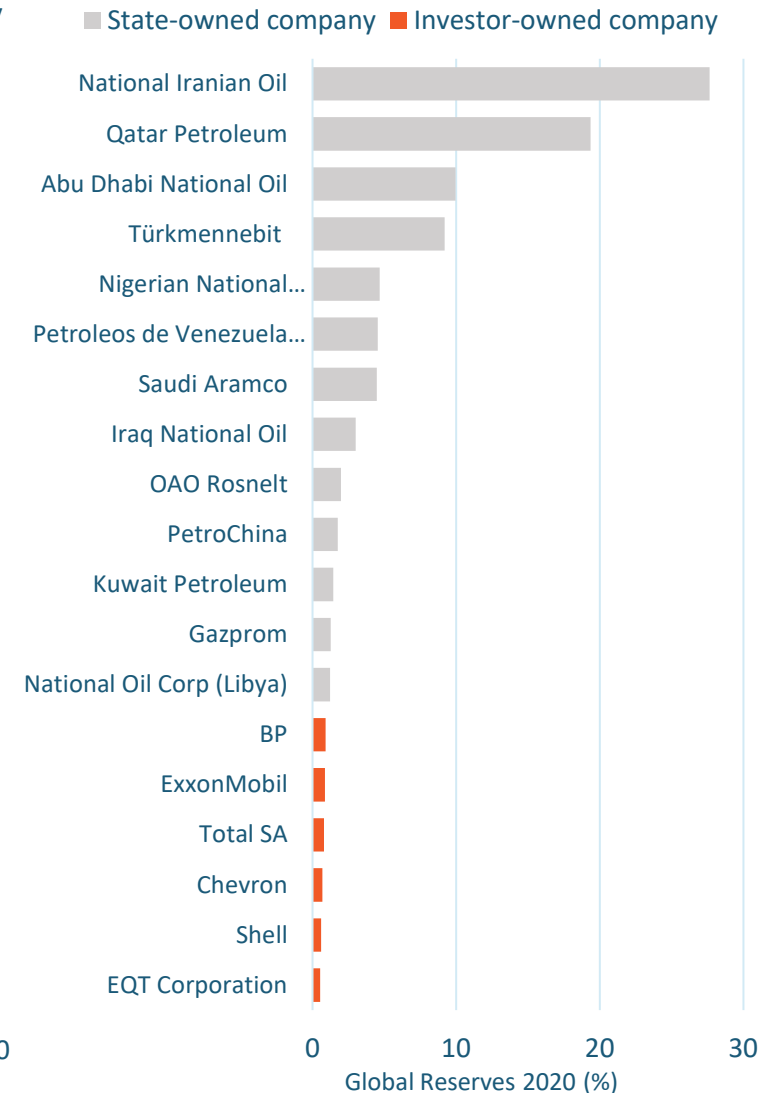
Ranked by control of global reserves in 2020:

- 84% of top oil reserves were state-owned
- 93% of top natural gas reserves were state-owned

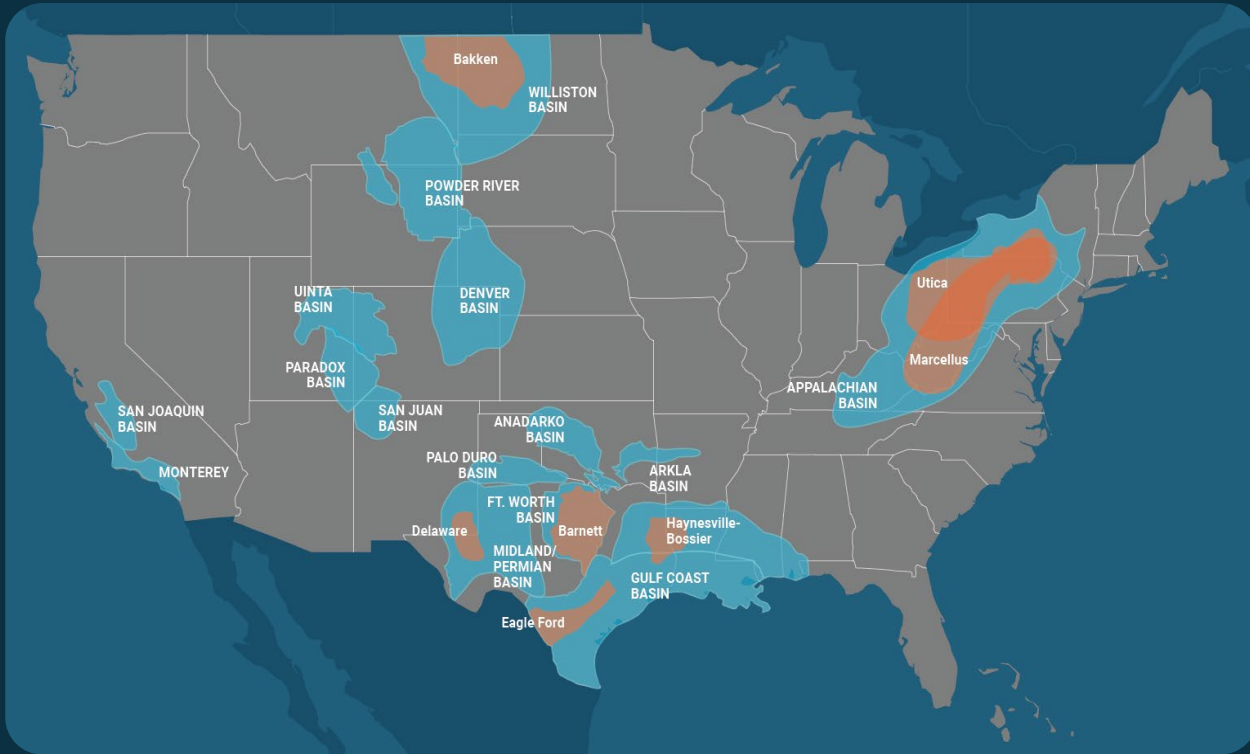
Largest Oil Companies by Reserves



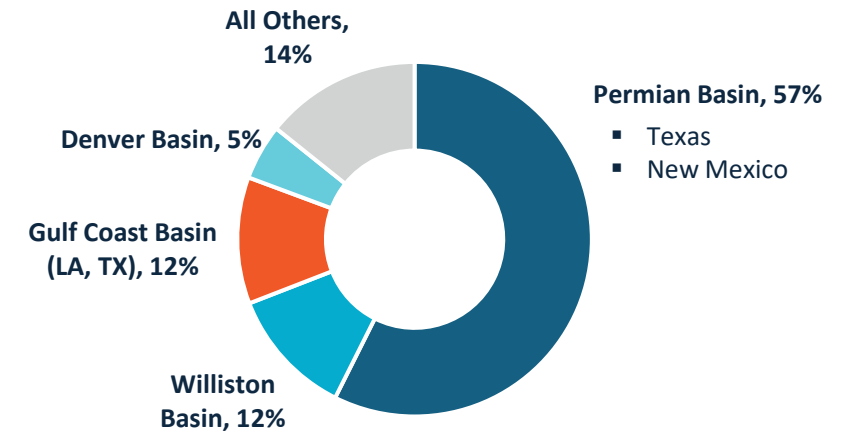
Largest Natural Gas Companies by Reserves



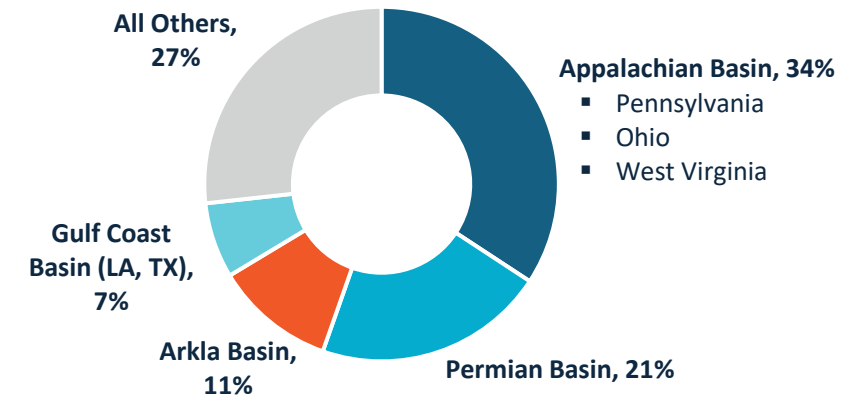
Permian is Largest Oil Producing Basin, Appalachian is Largest Natural Gas Producing Basin



Oil Production by Basin
2023



Gas Production by Basin
2023

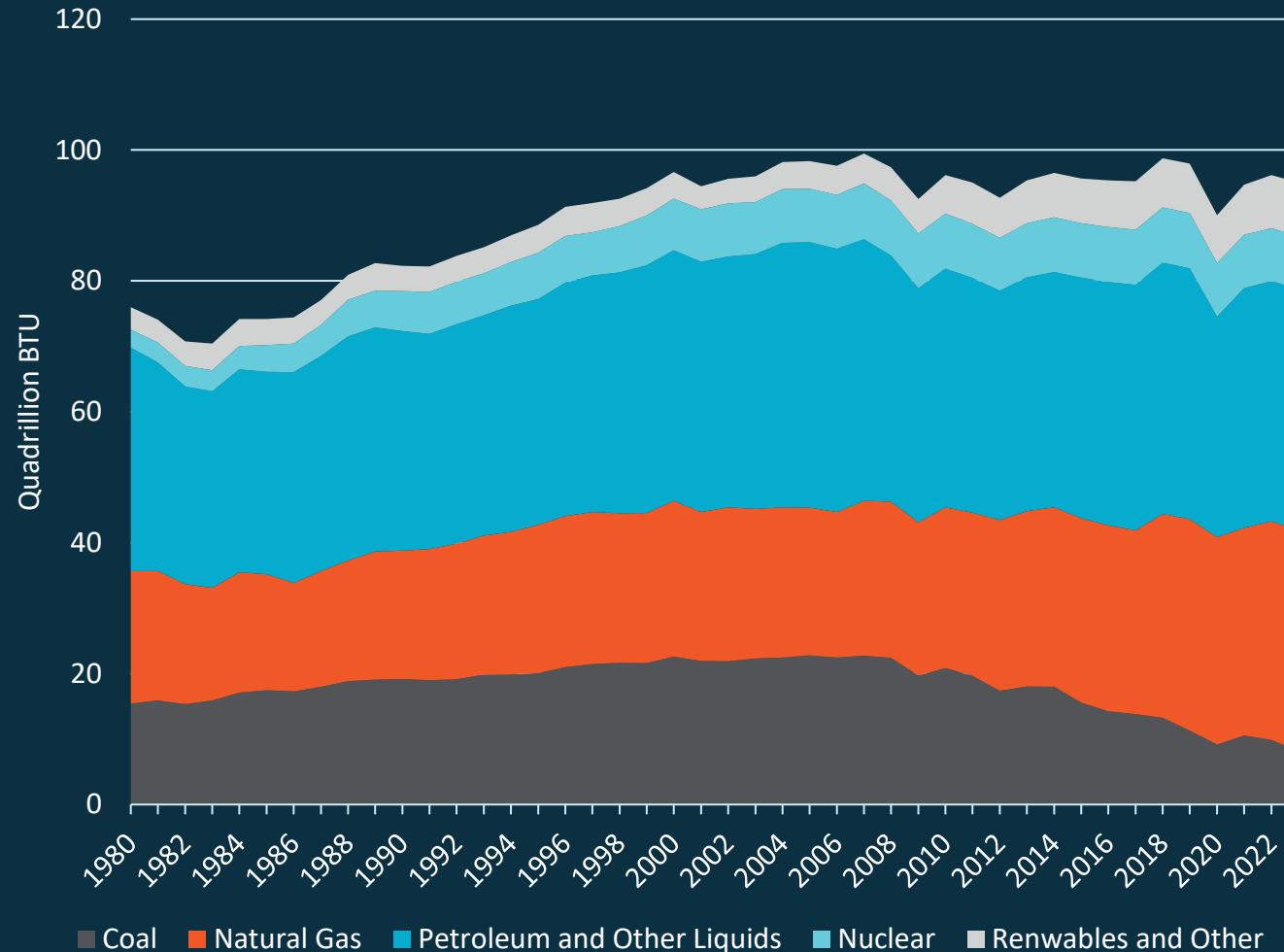


Energy Consumption



Oil and Natural Gas make up the Majority of the US Energy Mix

US Energy Consumption Mix
1980 - 2023



Energy from fossil fuels have made up **80-85%** of the country's energy mix over the last several decades.

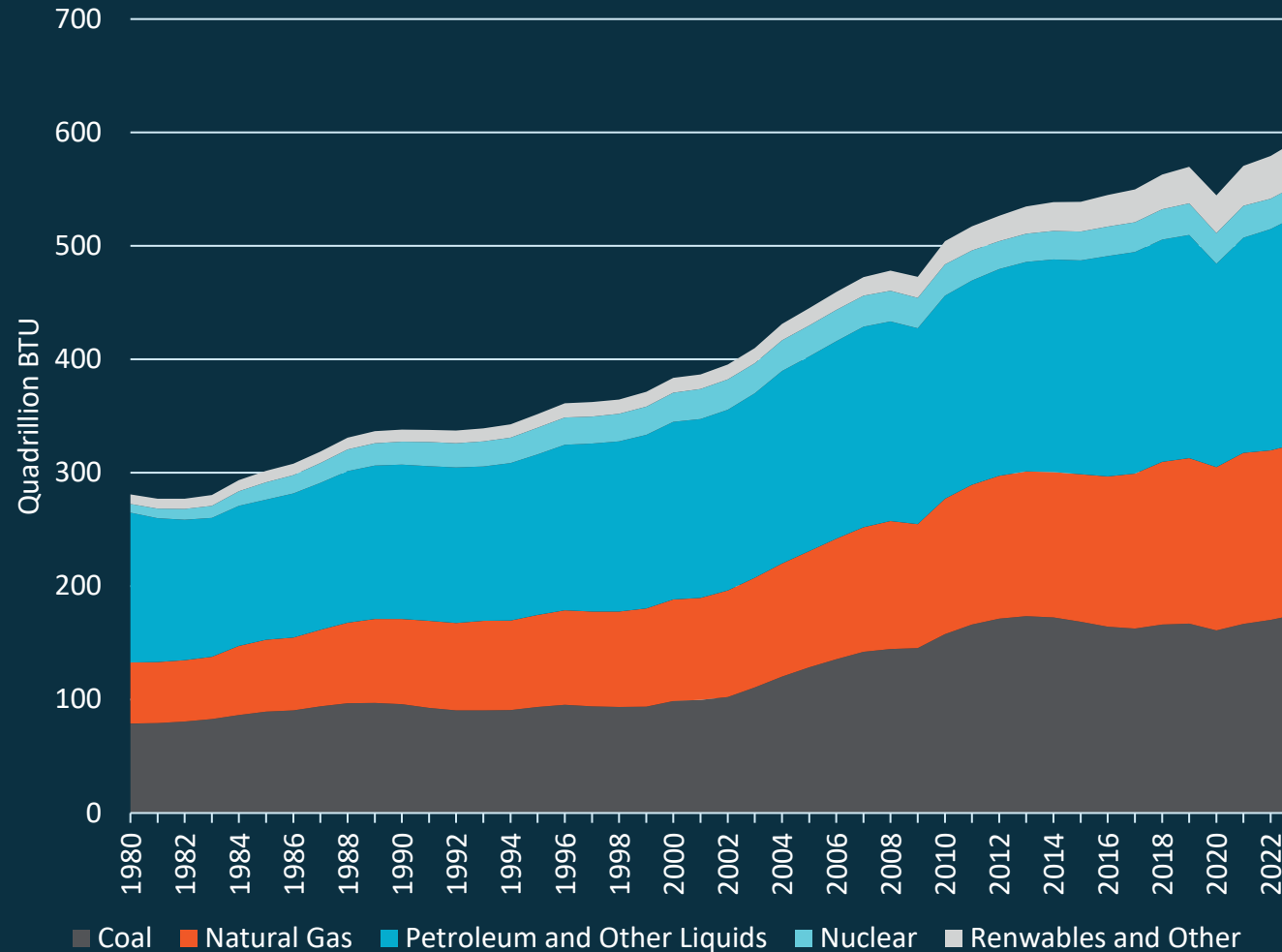
Our use of natural gas has increased by **69%** at the same time reliance on coal decreased by **49%**.

Oil and gas currently account for **74%** of our nation's energy mix.

Energy provided by renewables has **more than doubled** to account for 9% of national consumption, but has not kept pace with the increase in demand.

Oil and Natural Gas make up the Majority of the Global Energy Mix

Global Energy Consumption Mix
1980 - 2023



Global energy consumption more than **doubled** from 1980-2023

Energy from fossil fuels made up **89%** of the world's energy in 2023

Energy from coal contributed 30% of the world's energy in 2023

From 1980 to 2023, global reliance on coal for energy has more than **doubled**

Every single source of primary energy has increased globally

Energy provided by renewables has **increased by over 4 times** between 1980-2021

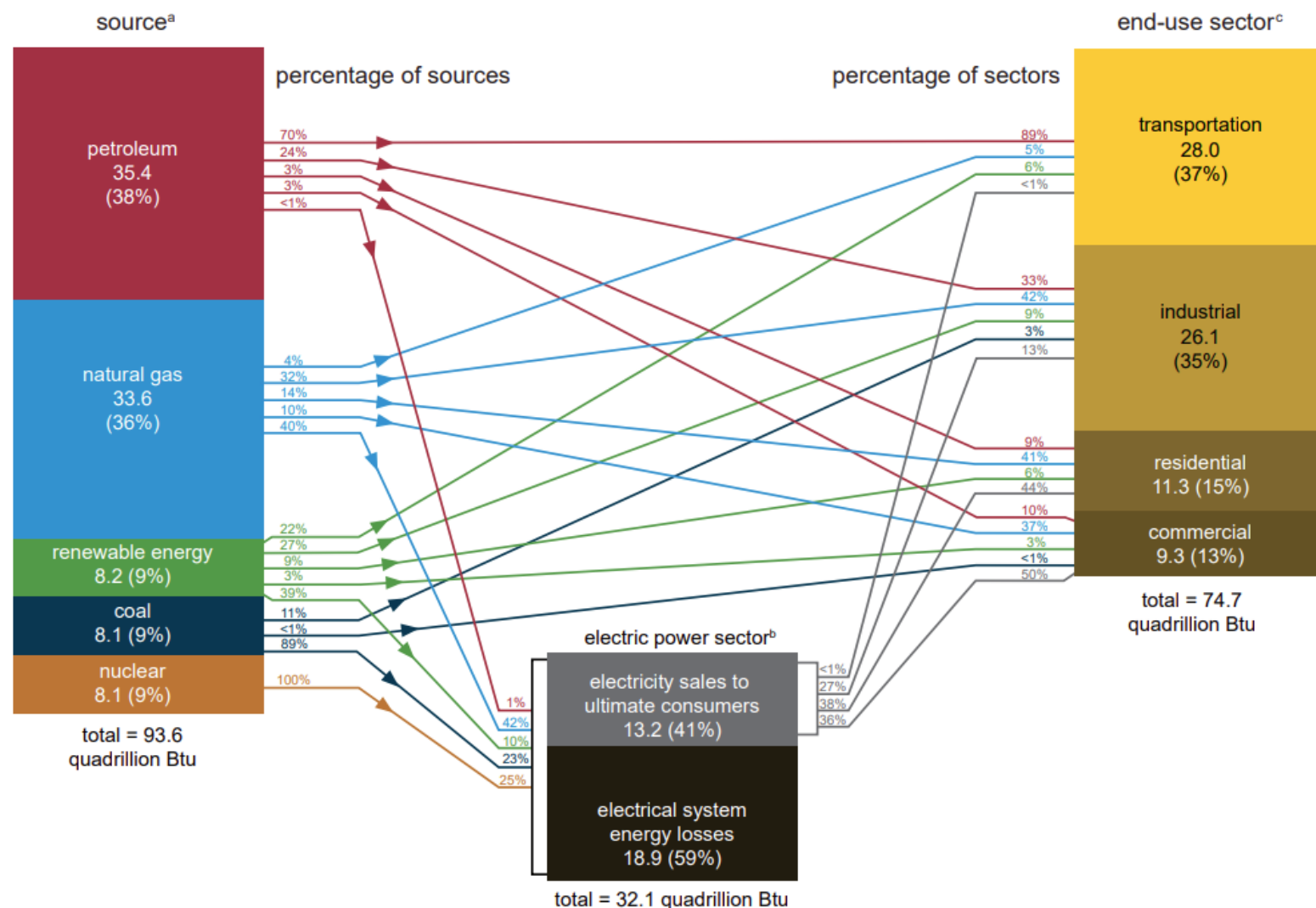
Even with this dramatic increase, renewables still only contribute to 7% of the total energy mix

Historic demand increases outpace the growth in renewable energy

Energy Sources and their End Uses in the US

- Transportation consumes the largest amount of energy (37%) followed closely by the industrial sector (35%)
- Natural gas is the single biggest input into electric power (42%) followed by coal (23%) and nuclear (25%)
- Petroleum products are by far the largest source of energy for transportation (89%)
- Natural gas and petroleum products provide 75% of the energy for the industrial sector

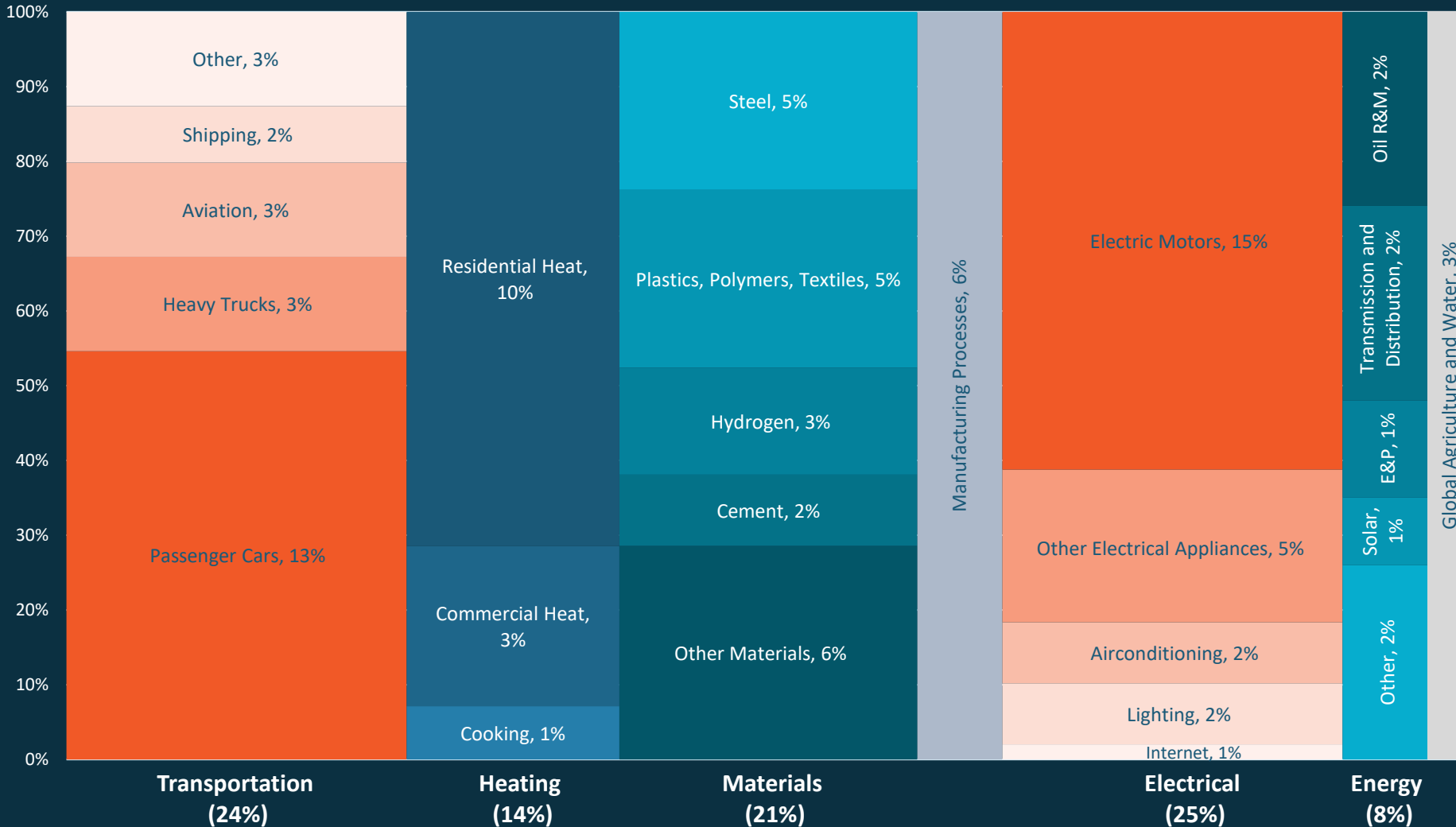
Energy Consumption by Source and Sector in 2023



End Use of Energy Around the World

What can this tell us about the future of our energy systems?

Global Energy End Use



About half of energy needed for transportation is for heavy trucks, aviation, shipping etc. totaling ~11% of global energy.

Materials and manufacturing constitute over a quarter of all energy end use.

Energy production is a significant source of energy demand as well – future sources of energy will likely add to this demand over time.

1,000 Cubic Feet of Natural Gas can Power:



276 MILES OF DRIVING
In a 2012 natural gas Honda Civic



4.6 DAYS OF HOME HEATING
warming the home to 65°F where
average temp is 45°F



49 DAYS OF TV POWER
on a flat screen TV



63 POUNDS OF AMMONIA
Producing enough ammonia
for ½ acre of corn



10.7 DAYS OF HOT WATER
From a 50 gallon electric water heater



24 MILES OF TRANSIT
In a 2012 CNG transit bus



One Barrel of Crude Can Power:



~ 70 kWh ELECTRICITY

at a power plant generated
by residual fuel &



Enough gasoline to drive a
medium-sized car¹
OVER 280 MILES &



1 GALLON OF TAR
from asphalt for patching
roofs or streets &



1 QUART OF OIL
from petroleum
lubricants &



12 CYLINDERS
of liquefied gases (such as
propane) to be used at home,
camping, or in workshops.³



Enough diesel to drive a
large truck nearly²
40 MILES &

AUTO SHOP

1. 17 mpg car; 2. Large truck estimated at 5 mpg for diesel distillate. If jet fuel fraction is included, the same truck can run nearly 50 miles; 3. Cylinders are about 14.1 ounces.

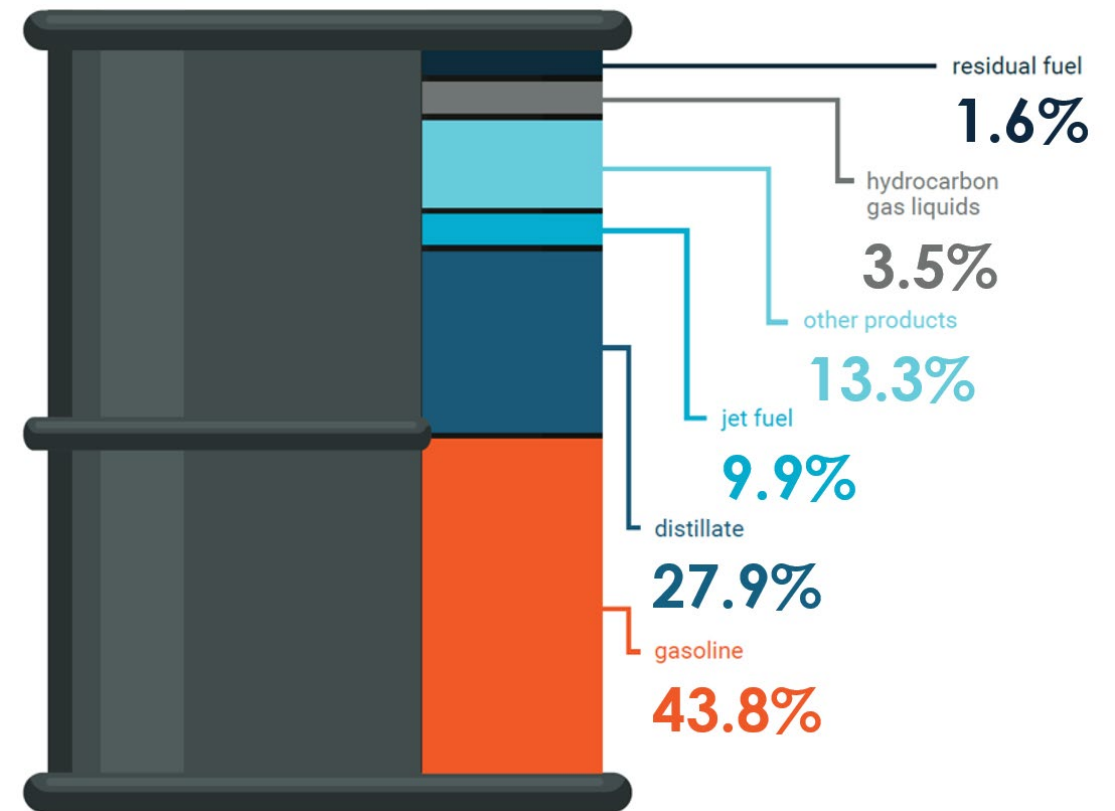
How is One Barrel of Crude Oil Used?

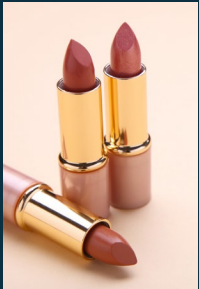
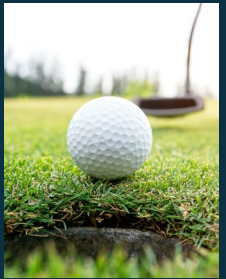
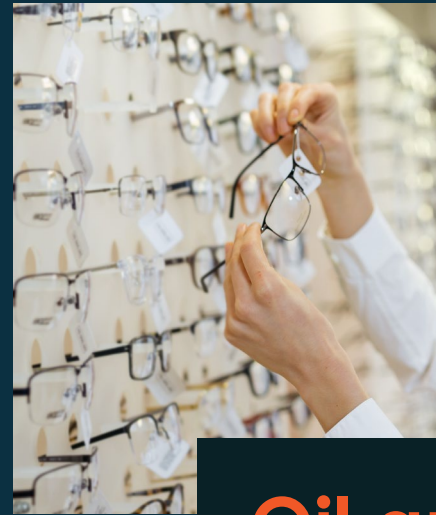
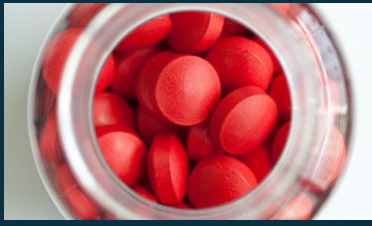
According to the EIA, 80% of the **7.4 billion barrels** of petroleum used in the US in 2023 were gasoline, heating oil/diesel fuel, and jet fuel. The remaining is used for things like:

- Asphalt and road oil
- Lubricants
- Petrochemical feedstocks
- Waxes
- And many others

Petrochemicals derived from oil and natural gas make the manufacturing of **over 6,000 everyday products and high-tech devices** possible

Petroleum Products made from a Barrel of Crude Oil





Oil and Natural Gas are Vital to Modern Life

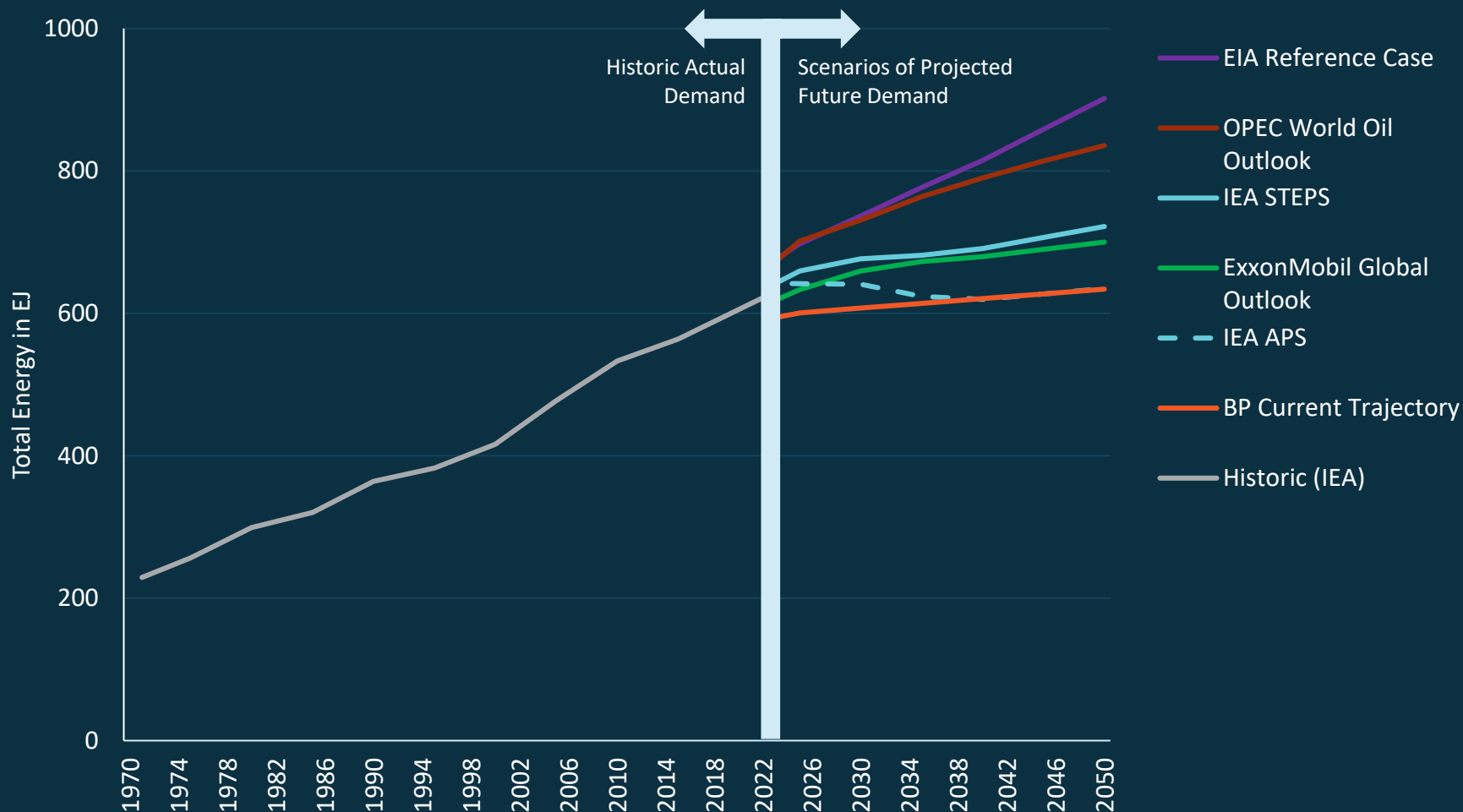
Adhesive, Antifreeze, Antihistamines, Antiseptics, Artificial limbs, Aspirin, Backpacks, Balloons, Bandages, Beach umbrellas, Boats, Cameras, Candles, Caulking, Cell phones, Clothes, Coffee makers, Cold cream, Combs, Computer keyboards, Computer monitors, Cortisone, Crayons, Credit cards, Curtains, Dashboards, Deodorant, Detergent, Dishwashing liquid, Dyes, Enamel, Epoxy paint, Eyeglasses, Fan belts, Fertilizers, Fishing lures, Floor wax, Food, preservatives Footballs, Fuel tanks, Glue, Golf balls, Guitar strings, Hair coloring, Hair curlers, Hand lotion, Hearing aids, Heart valves, House paint, Ice, Ink, Insect repellent, Insecticides, Insulation iPad/iPhone, Kayaks, Laptops, Life jackets, Lipstick, Loudspeakers, Lubricants, Luggage, Mops, Motorcycle helmets ,Nail polish, Nylon rope, Packaging, Paint brushes, Pajamas, Panty hose, Parachutes, Perfumes, Petroleum jelly, Pharmaceuticals, Plastic toys, Propane, Putty, Refrigerants, Roofing, Rubbing alcohol, Safety glasses, Shampoo, Shaving cream, Shoe polish, Shoes/sandals, Shower curtains, Skateboards, Soft contact lenses, solar panels, Solvents, Sunglasses, Swimming pools, Synthetic rubber, Tennis rackets, Tents, Tires, Tool boxes, Toothbrushes Toothpaste, Trash bags, Tubing, Umbrellas, Upholstery, Vinyl flooring, Vitamin capsules, Water pipes, wind turbine blades, **and many others.**



The Future of Energy Demand

A Comparison of Scenarios and Projections

Future Scenarios of Total Energy Demand



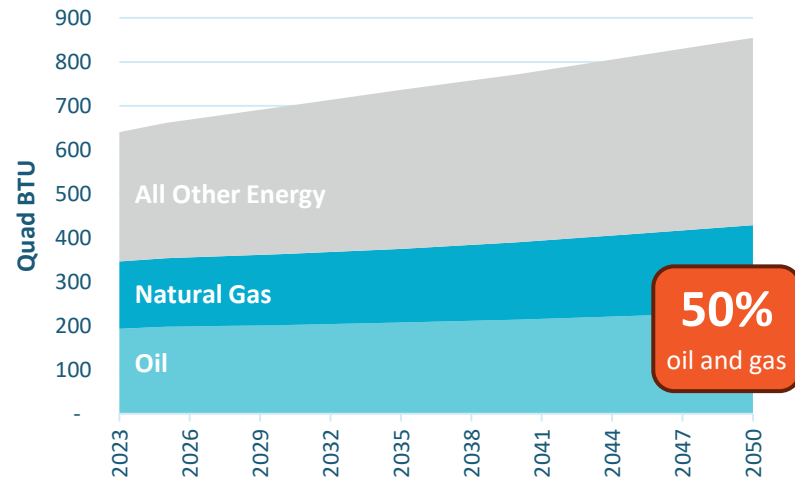
Global energy demand is expected to grow, especially with emerging economies in China and India and throughout the global south.

Future planning must be rooted in the reality that emerging economies will require more energy – not less.

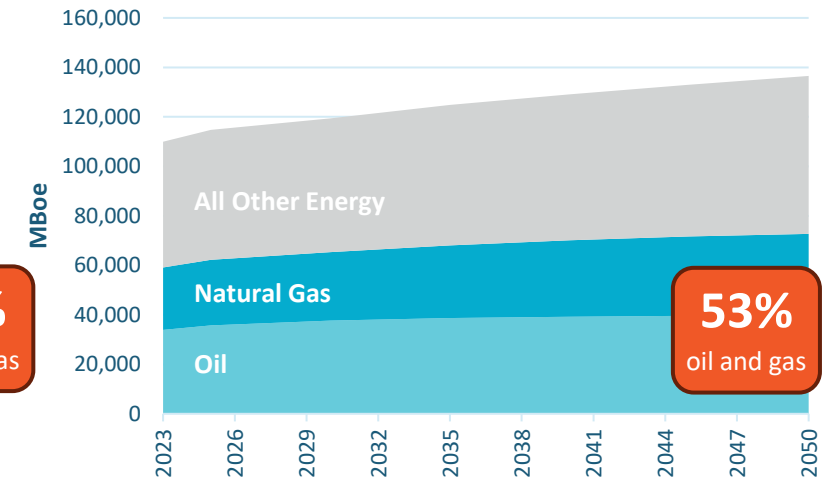
Oil and Natural Gas will Remain a Long-term Source of Global Energy

In all modeled scenarios, oil and natural gas will continue to constitute a significant portion of the energy mix out to 2050 and beyond

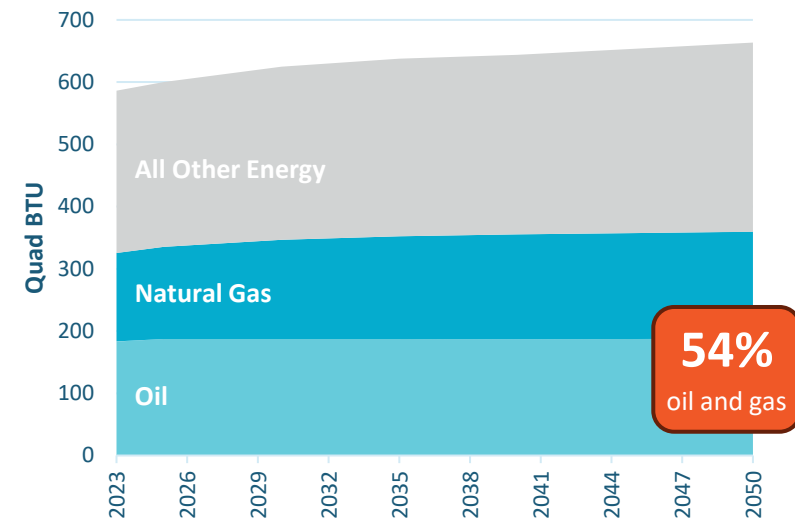
US EIA Reference Case



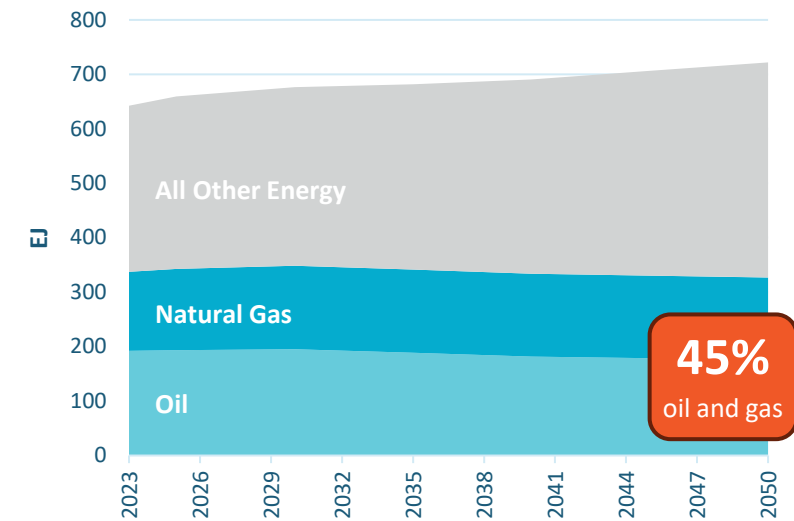
OPEC World Oil Outlook



ExxonMobil Global Outlook



OECD's IEA Stated Policies Scenario



Billions of People Still Lack Access to Reliable Electricity

The share of the total population with access to energy has steadily increased over the last two decades

Despite progress, for the first time in decades, the number of people without access to electricity increased in 2022



In 2020 an estimated

3.5 BILLION PEOPLE or over **40%**

did not have *reliable* access to electricity

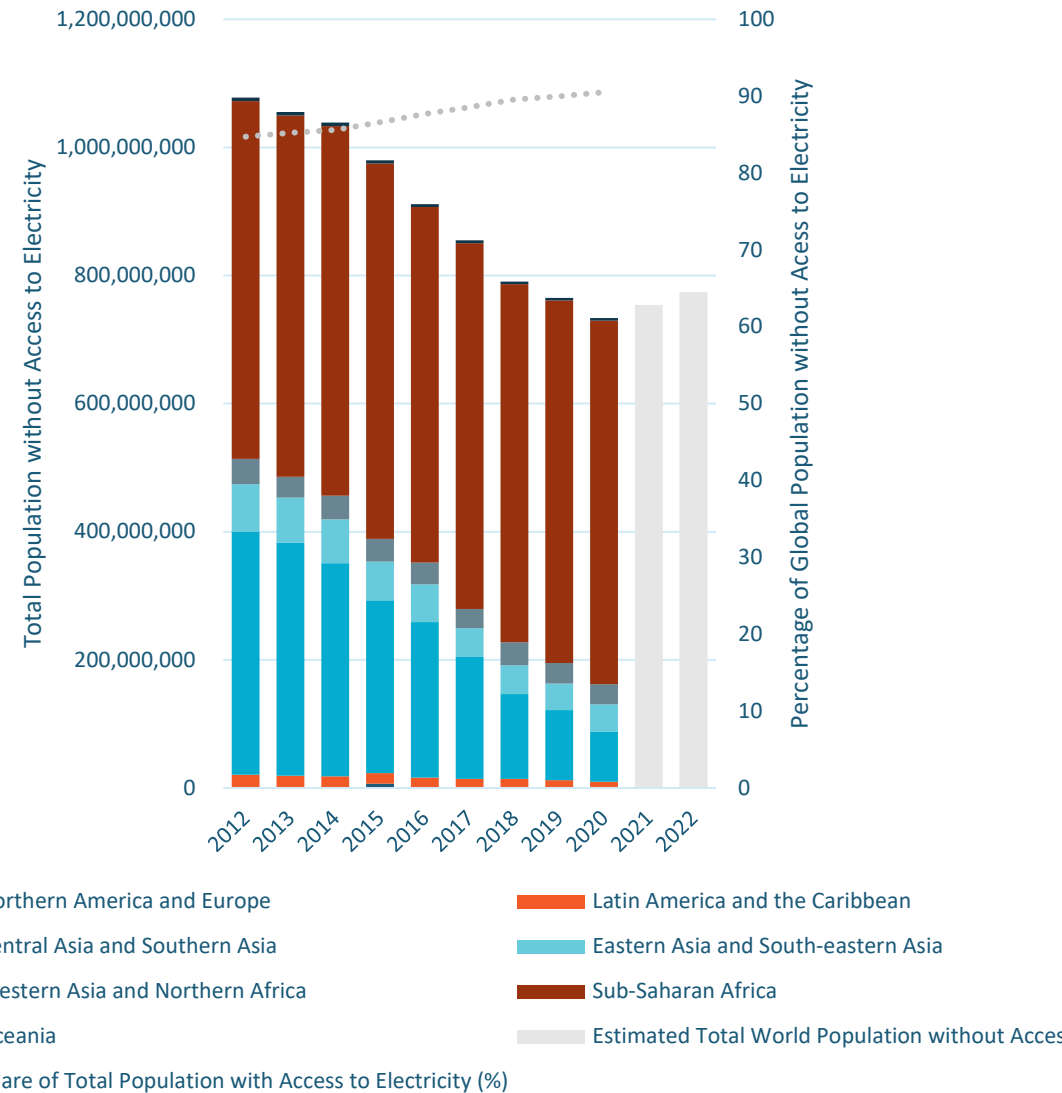


In 2023 an estimated

666 MILLION PEOPLE or **8%**

did not have *any* access to electricity

Historical and Projected Electricity Access by Region





Billions of People Lack Access to Clean Cooking Fuels

In 2022 an estimated:

2.3

BILLION PEOPLE
did not have access to clean cooking fuels, instead relying on biomass, coal, or kerosene

3.7

MILLION DEATHS
per year are associated with household air pollution most often caused by open fires or inefficient stoves

- Women and children typically responsible for household chores such as cooking/collecting firewood bear the greatest health burden from the use of polluting fuels and technologies in homes
- It is essential to expand use of clean fuels such as natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to reduce household air pollution and protect health

Energy Prices



The Shale Revolution Provides Americans with Affordable Energy

Compared to 2008, as a percentage of household costs, energy has **decreased by 10.9%**

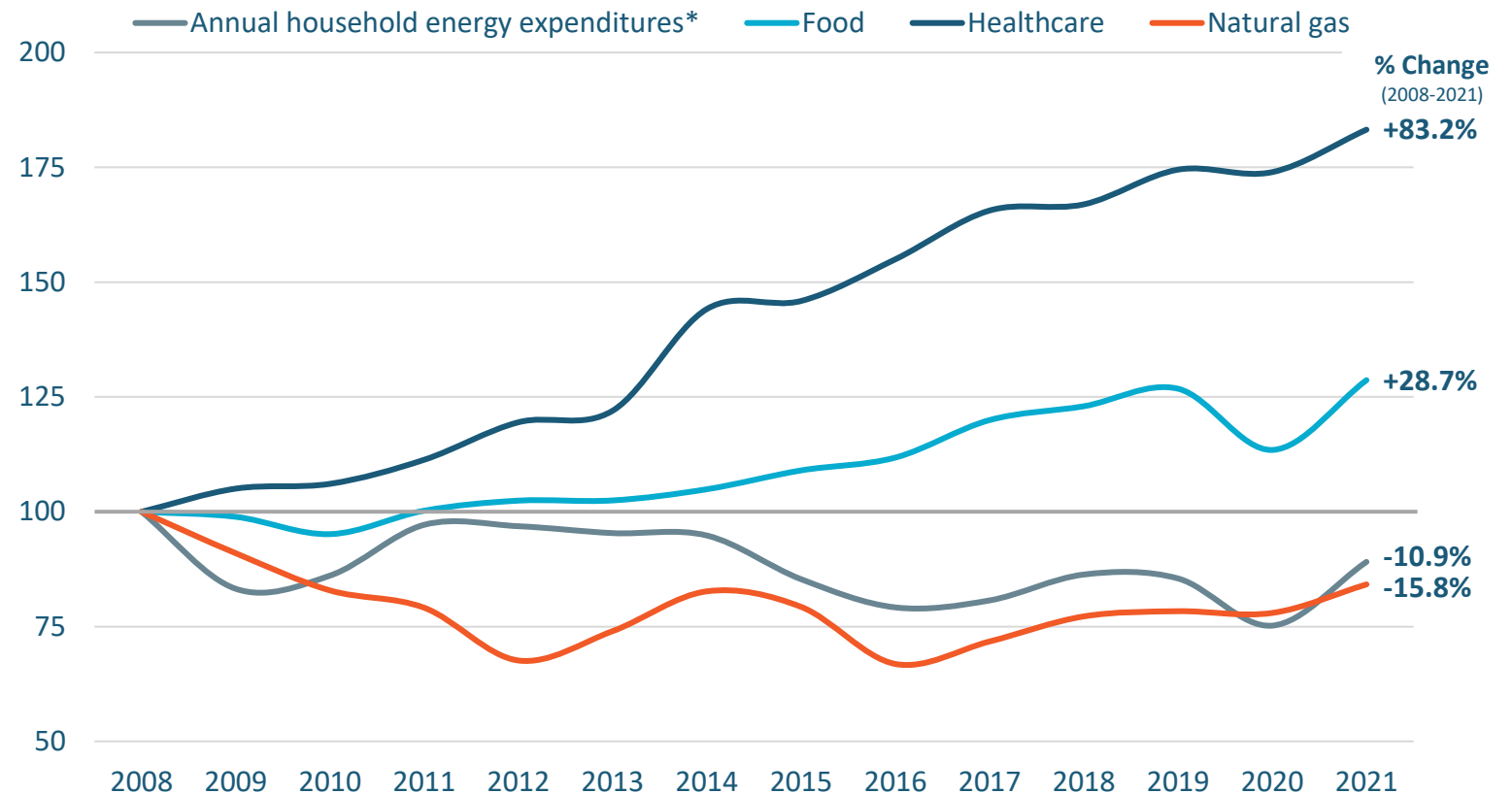
Percentage of household costs on natural gas **decreased by 15.8%**

Housing, transportation and energy typically make up more than half of typical US household spending

American oil and gas production provides a reliable domestic source of energy that helps save Americans an estimated \$203 billion annually (or \$2,500 for a family of four)

Household Expenditures by Category

Index (2008=100)



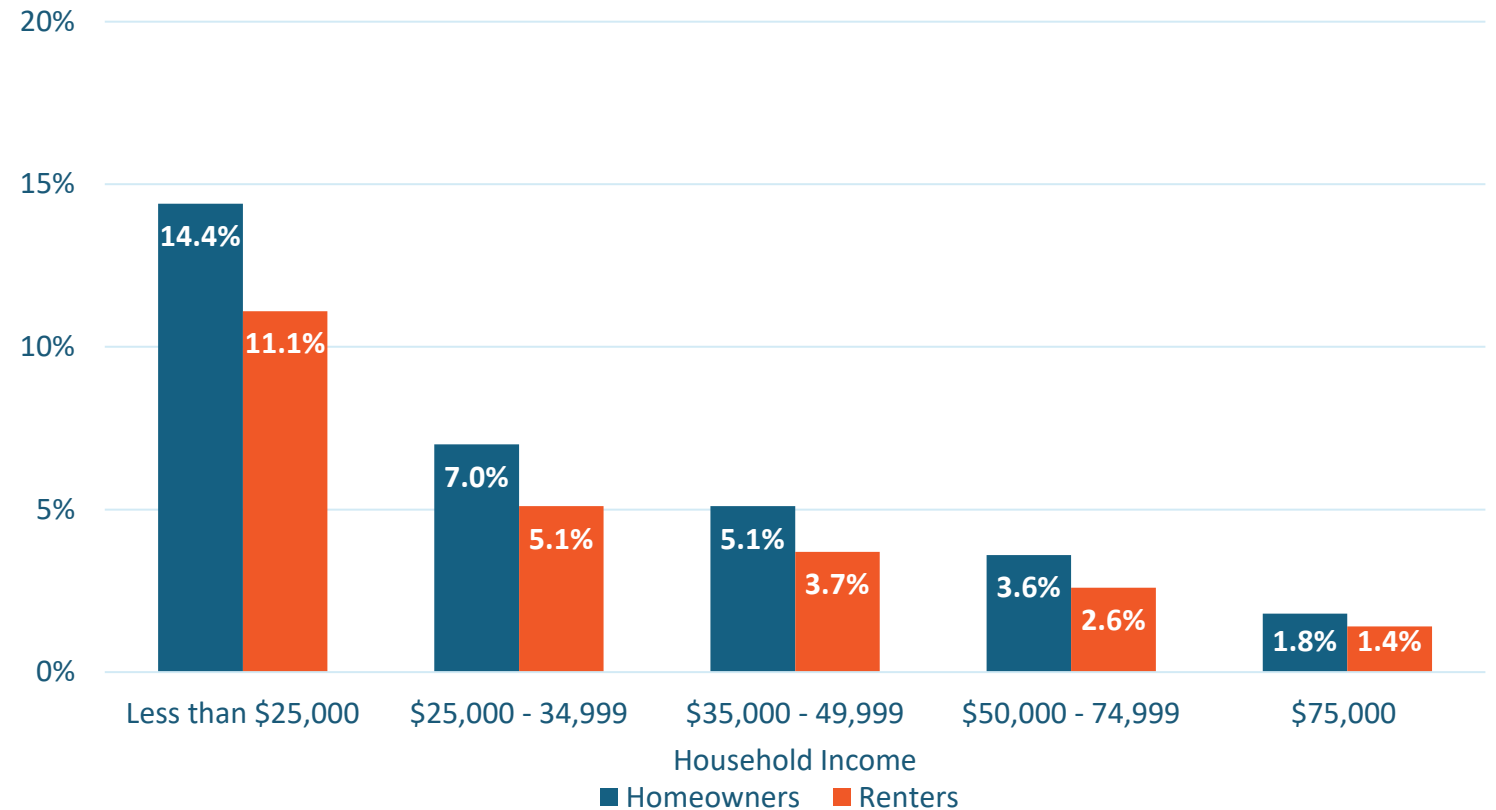
* Household energy expenditures include motor fuels, electricity, natural gas, and fuel oil
source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Energy Burden Hurts the Most Vulnerable Americans Most

In the first year of the pandemic, **27% of American households** reported some form of energy insecurity

In general, households spent ~3% of their income on electricity, natural gas, oil, or other fuels in 2021, according to American Community Survey (ACS) data. However, households earning less than \$25,000 had an energy burden nearly four times higher, typically spending 12.6% of their income on these utilities

Energy Burden by Household Income in 2021
Share of Household Income Spent on Utilities



Note: Utilities defined as electricity, natural gas, oil, or other fuels. Excludes renters who do not pay utilities separately from rent. In 2021, most renters paid for utilities separately: 90% paid for electricity separately, and 77% of renter households paid for their heat source separately, across all heat source types. Source: JCHS tabulations of US Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates.

Gasoline Prices Track Global Crude Oil Prices

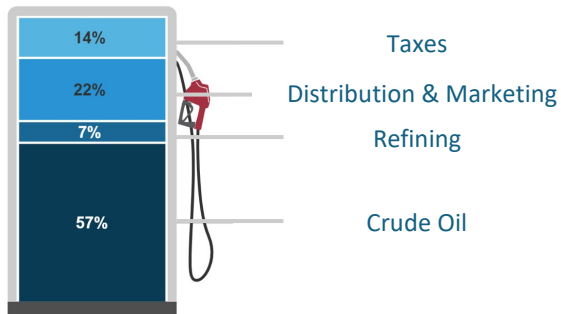
Global market forces (supply, demand, costs) determine the price for crude oil, which is the primary factor in gasoline prices

Increased global supply of crude oil supports lower gasoline prices

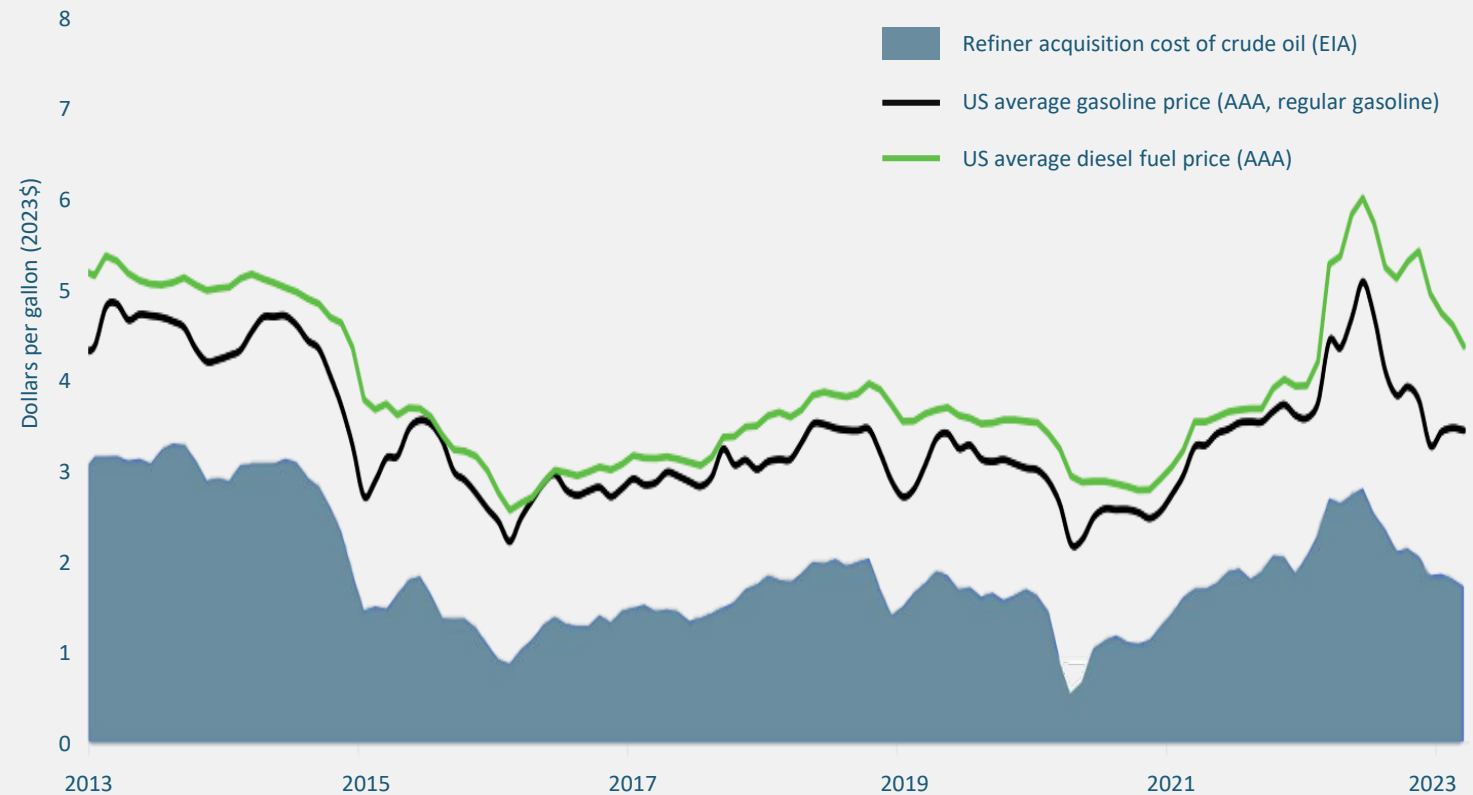
What We Pay for in a Gallon of Gas

Regular Gasoline

Retail Price: \$3.61/gal Oct 2023



Refiner acquisition cost of crude oil prices versus US average gasoline prices, adjusted for price inflation



Climate Leadership



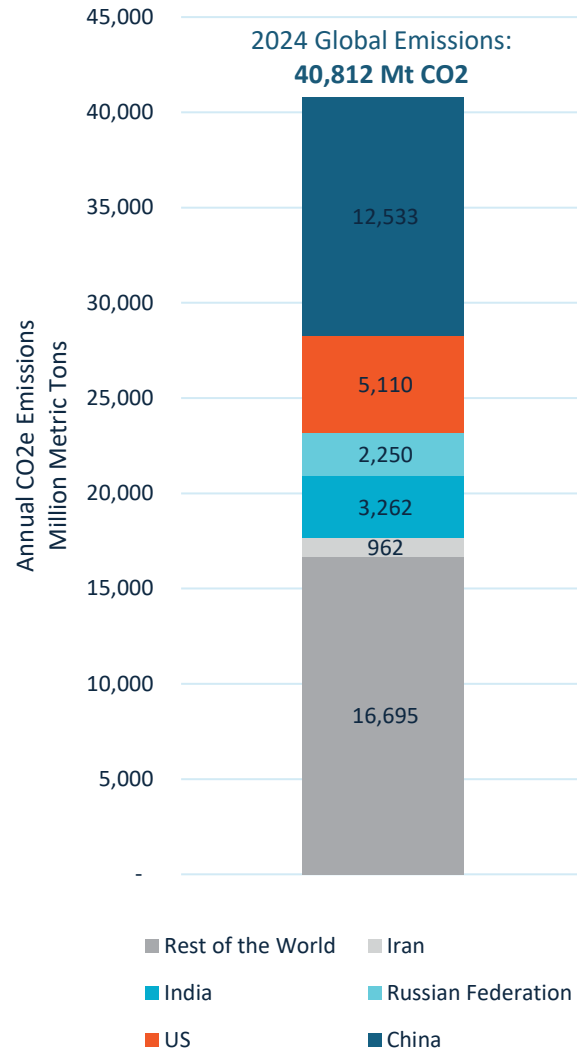
Emissions without Borders: Global Trends

The US was responsible for 13% of the global CO2e emissions in 2024. The US also **reduced overall emissions by 15%** between 2000 and 2024

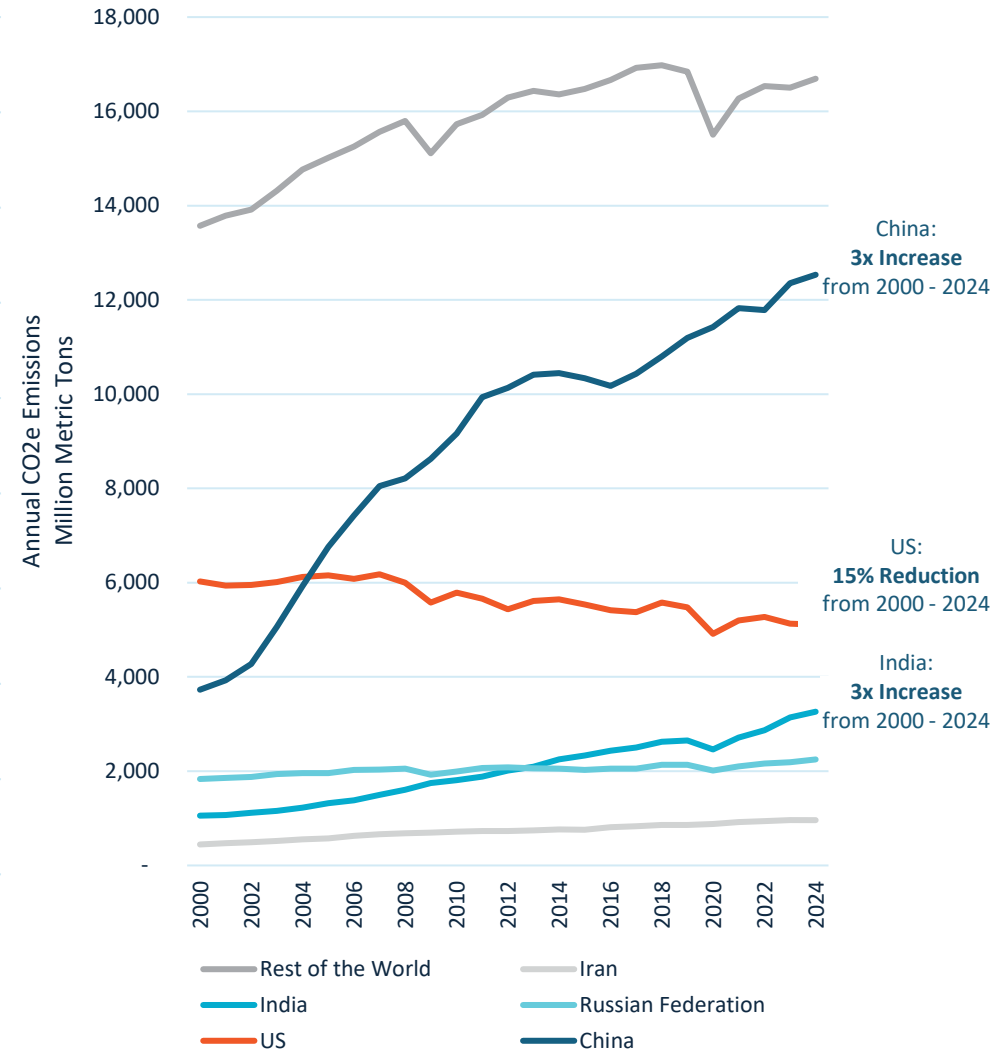
China was responsible for 31% of global CO2e emissions in 2024. China **more than tripled CO2e emissions** between 2000 and 2024

Energy policy and emission reduction strategies must think **globally** to effectively reduce emissions at scale

Relative Portion of Global CO2e Emissions by Country in 2024



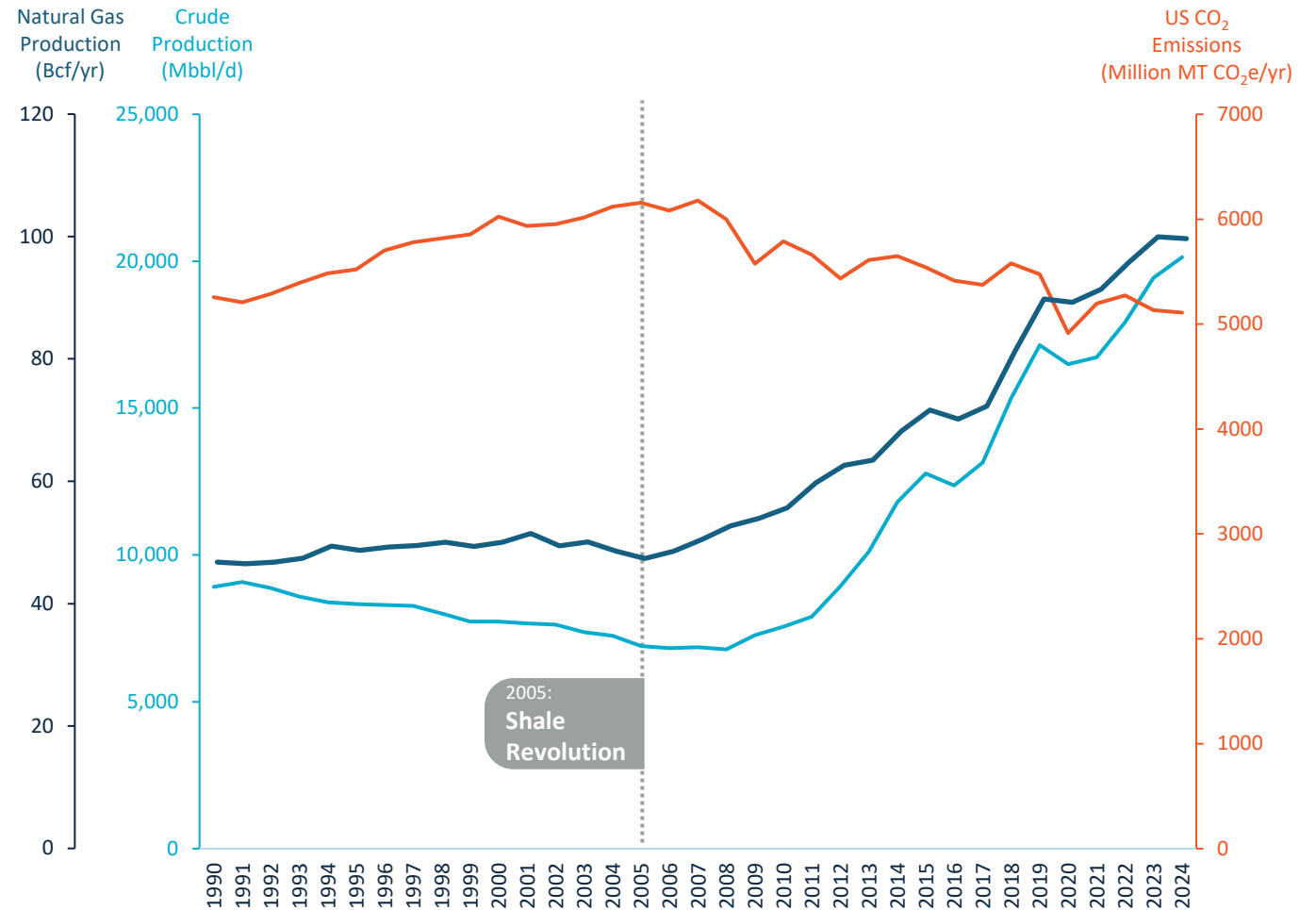
CO2e Emissions by Country 2000 - 2024



US is the World Leader in Both Production and Emission Reductions

Emission reductions and oil and gas production are not mutually exclusive

US oil production and US natural gas production increased significantly – all while the United States became a world leader in emissions reductions



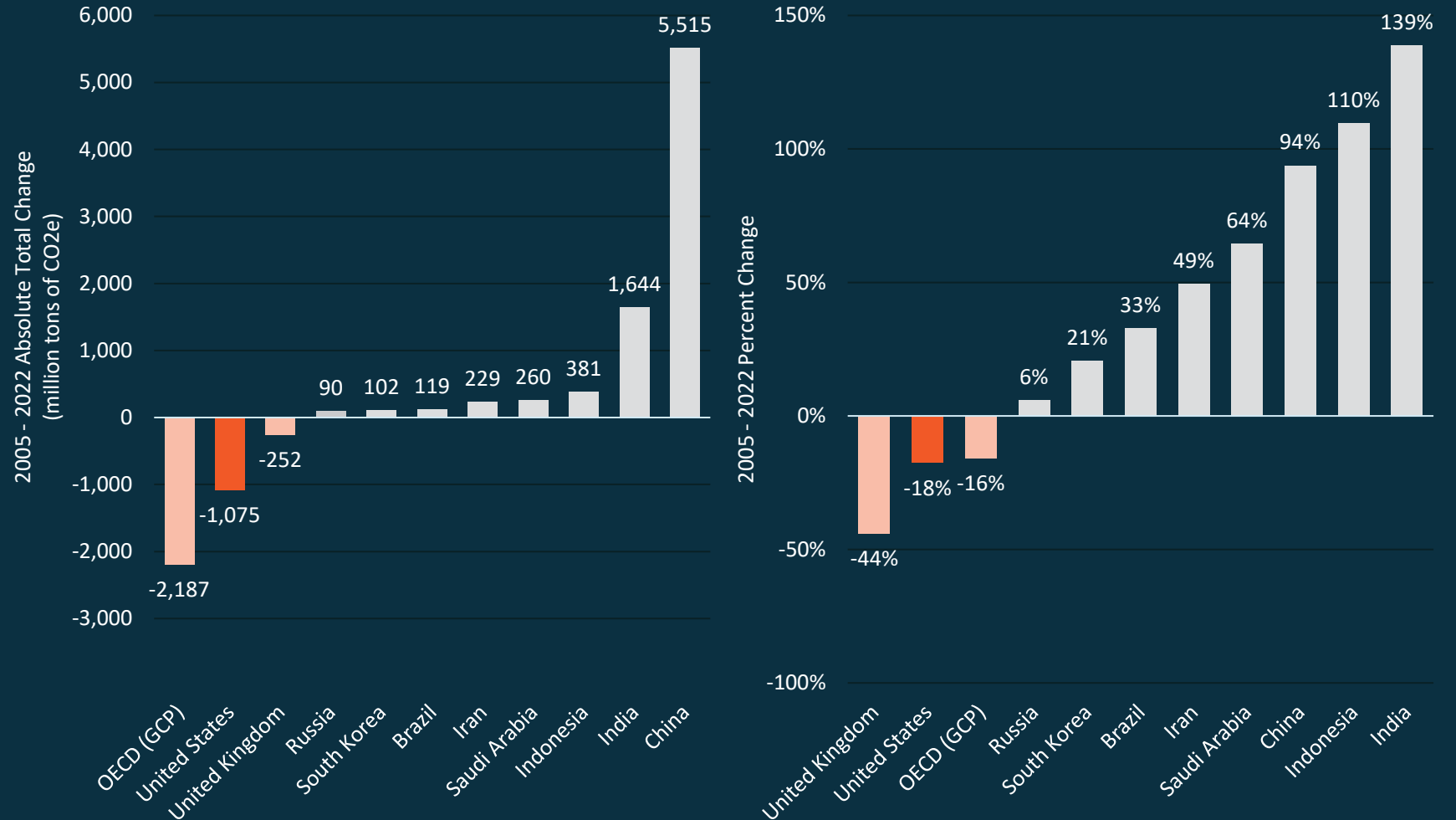
US Shale Revolution Powers US Emission Reductions 2005 to 2022

From 1990 through the beginning of the Shale Revolution, emissions steadily increased. But between 2005 and 2022, **US emissions decreased by 18%** - outperforming the average of all OECD countries.

The US's emission reductions of 1,075 million tons of CO₂e since 2005 represents **half the emission reductions** of all developed countries.

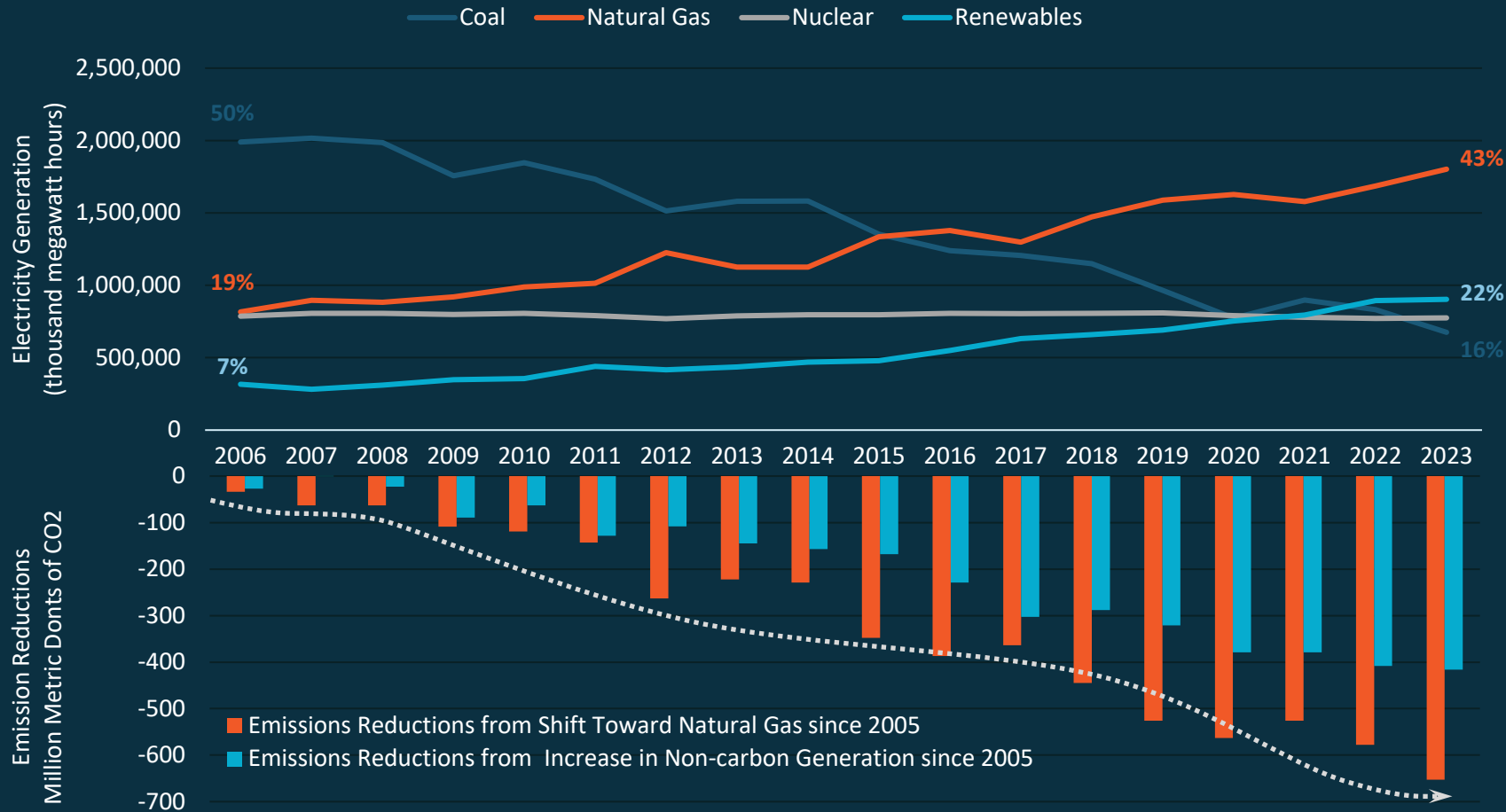
The shift to generating more electricity from natural gas and renewable sources **reduced energy-related carbon dioxide emissions** nationally.

Total Emission Reductions by Country



Natural Gas is Responsible for 60% of All Power Sector Emission Reductions in the US

US Electricity Generation by Source



60% of all US emissions reductions in electricity generation since 2005 are due to the switch from higher-carbon fossil fuel electricity generation (coal) to natural gas generation

Natural gas now fuels ~43% of the US's electricity

CO2 Emission Reductions

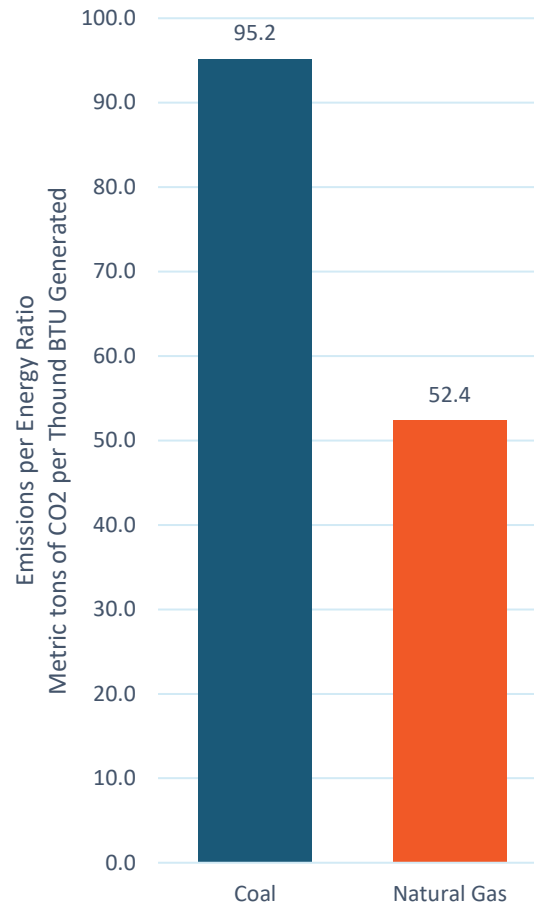
Switching from Coal to Natural Gas is a Global Climate Opportunity

Coal generates almost 2X the emissions per unit of energy provided as compared to natural gas in the US.

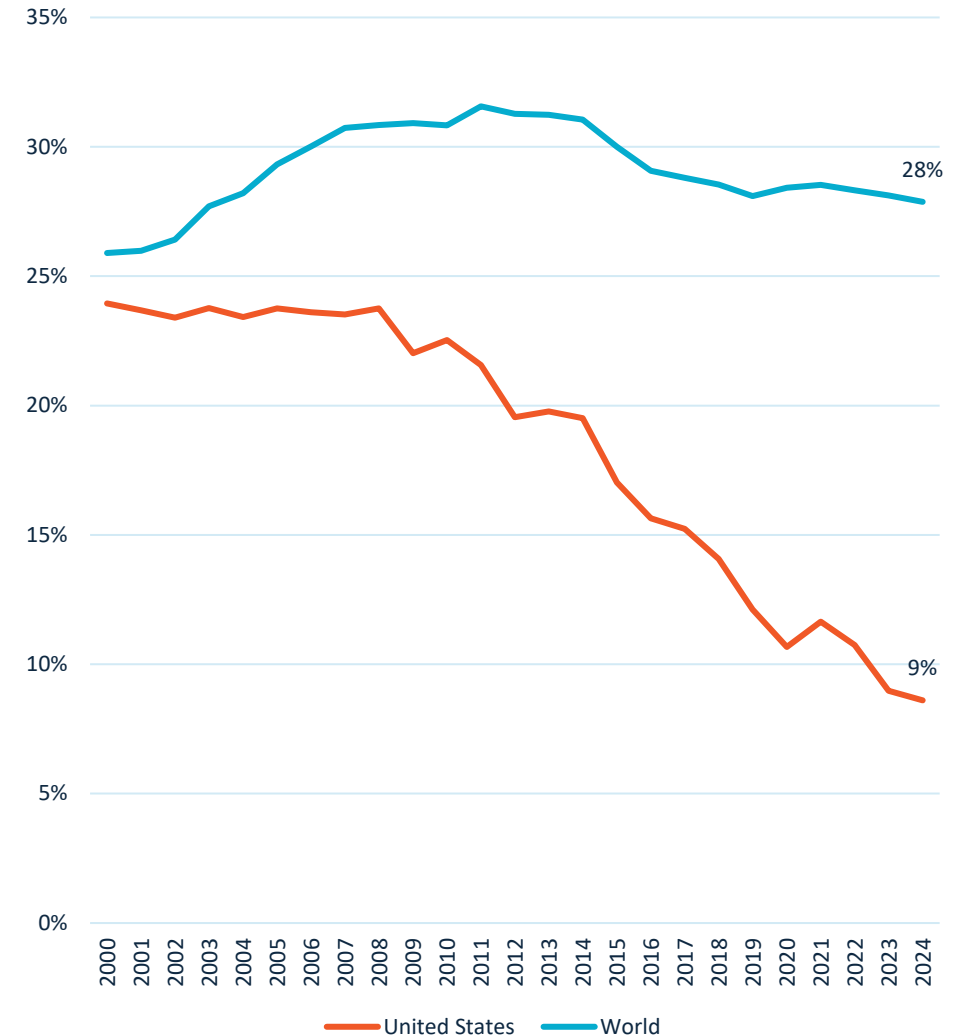
The US has rapidly switched from coal generation to natural gas generation since the Shale Revolution. This has had a meaningful impact on **domestic emission reductions**.

Global coal use and recent trends, however, are not nearly as positive.

Emissions per Energy Ratio of Coal versus Natural Gas

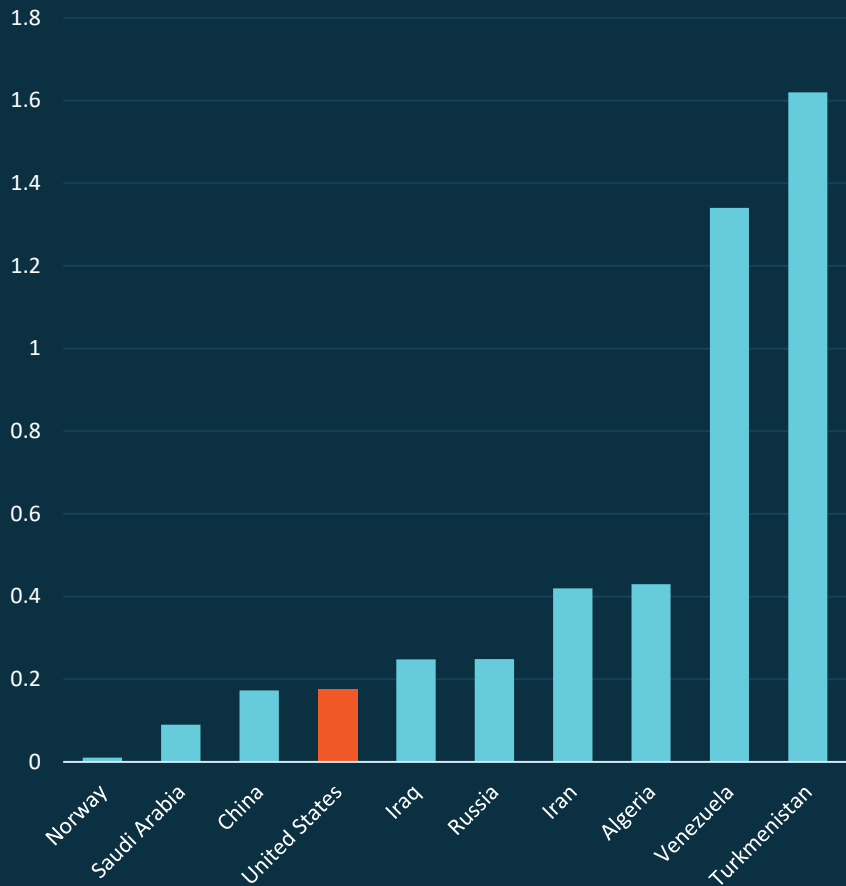


Percentage of Total Energy from Coal 2000 - 2024

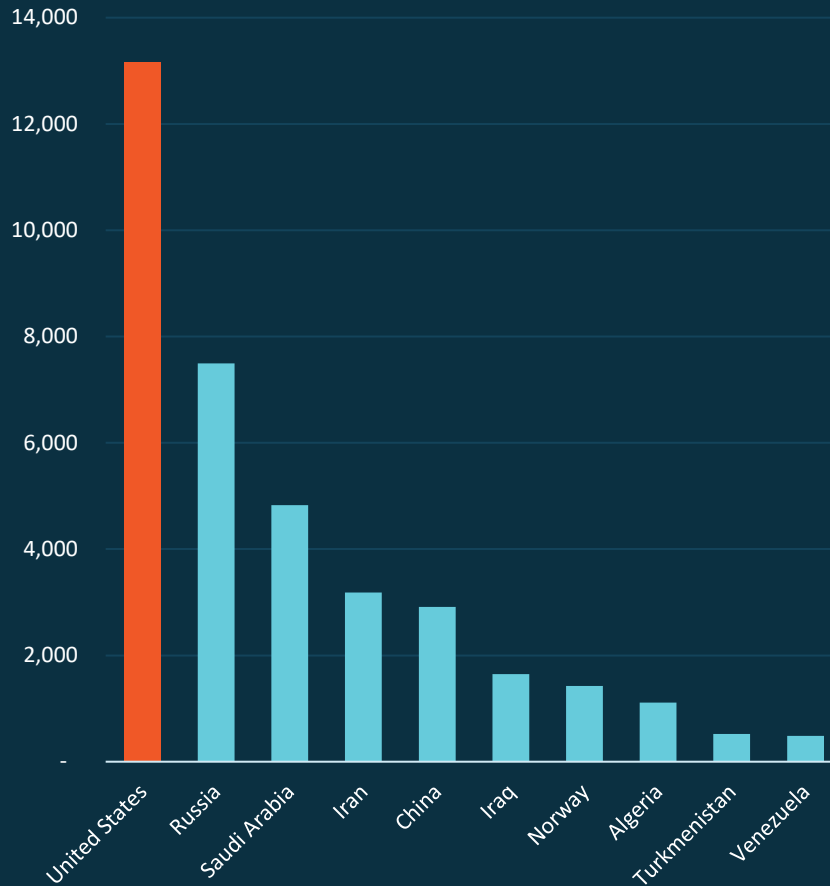


US Production of Oil and Gas is among the Cleanest and Essential to the Global Energy Marketplace

IEA Estimated Methane Intensity
kg CH4/GJ



2023 Oil and Gas Production
MBoe



The IEA estimates the Methane Intensity of oil and gas producing countries

The methane emissions intensity of oil and gas production varies widely with the best-performing countries score more than 100 times better than the worst

US production is among the lowest in methane intensity while highest in total production

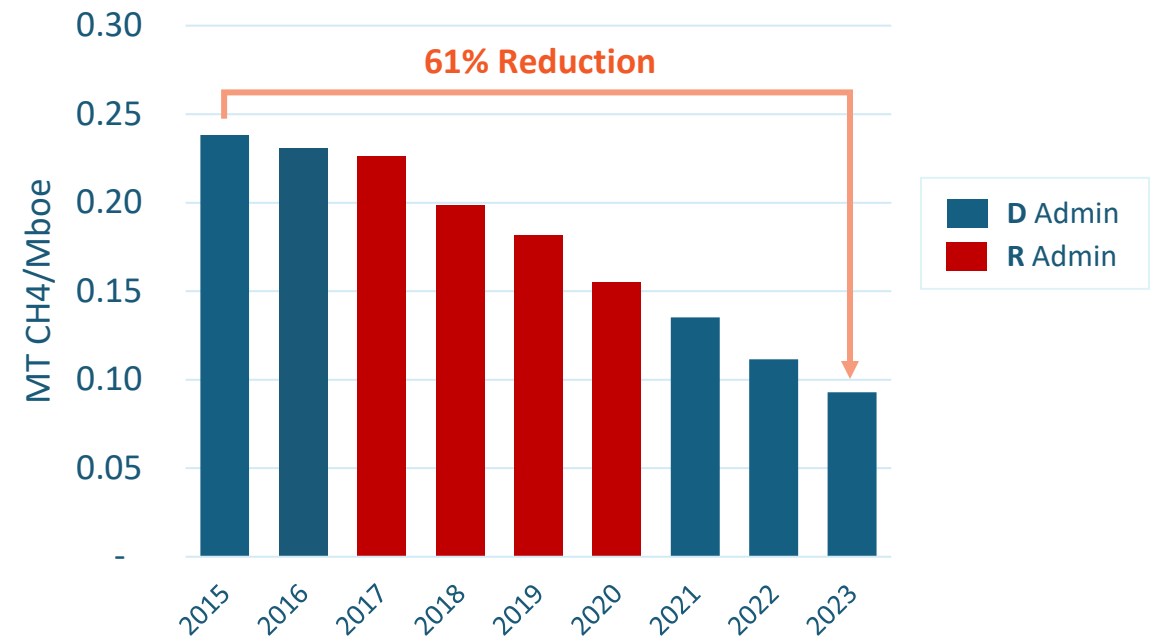
US Energy is critical to providing the world with clean energy at scale

American Upstream Oil and Gas Producers have Remained Steadfast in their Emission Reduction Commitments

American Upstream Companies are making huge strides in reducing methane intensity – regardless of administration

- US Upstream Oil and Gas producers have reduced their methane emissions intensity by **61%** since 2015

Total Methane Intensity from Upstream Oil and Gas Production
2015 - 2023



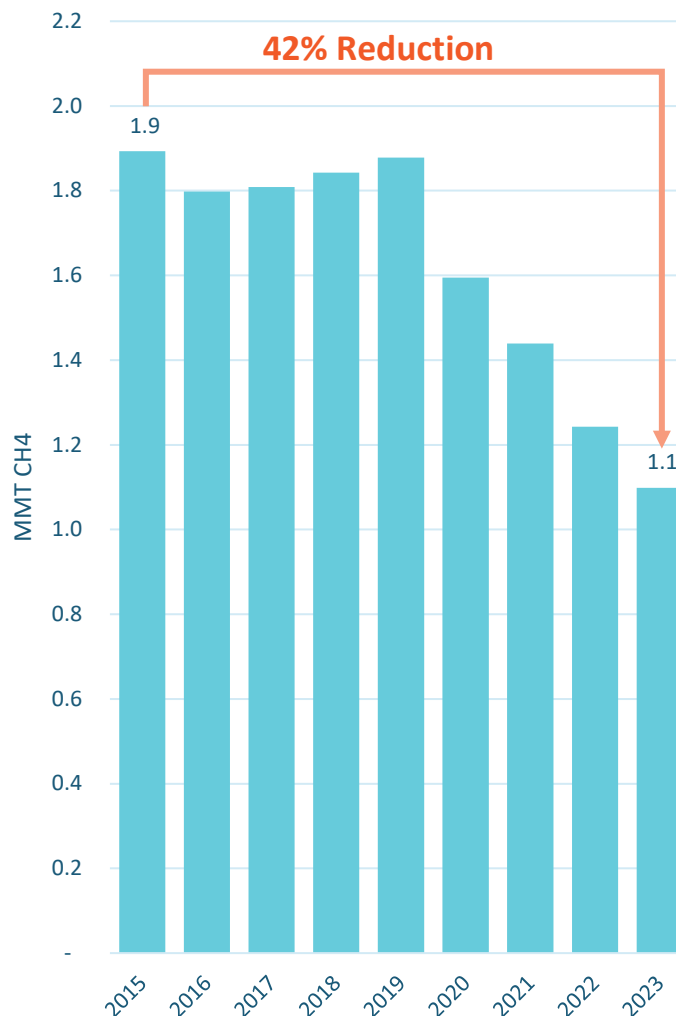
US Innovation and Operating Practices have Driven Industry Emission Reductions

Based on an analysis by CERES and the Clean Air Taskforce, the upstream oil and natural gas industry has reduced its methane intensity by 61% and total methane emissions by 42% since 2015

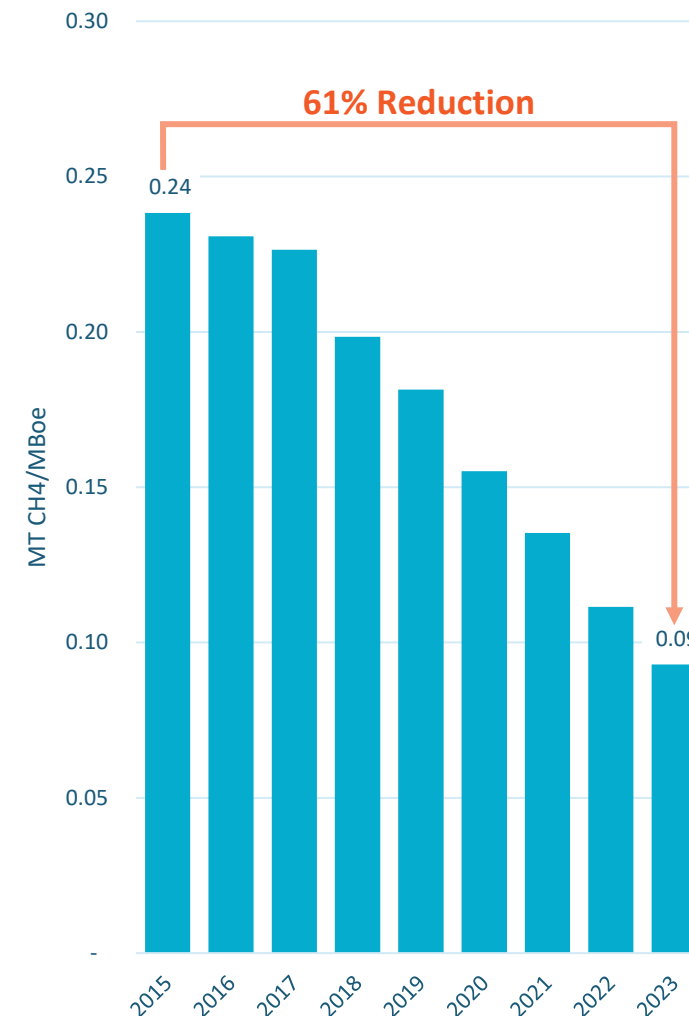
As emissions plummet, total US production of oil and natural gas increased by almost 50% over the same period

The US upstream oil and gas industry has led the way in emission reductions through technology innovation and improved operating practices

Total Upstream Oil and Gas Methane Emissions 2015 - 2023



Total Upstream Oil and Gas Methane Emissions Intensity 2015 - 2023



Source: Clean Air Task Force/Ceres Report on Benchmarking Oil and Gas Emissions. 2023 value estimated using EPA data.

Federal Lands



Oil and Natural Gas Produced on Onshore Federal Lands is a Critical Part of Energy Security

In 2024, operators on onshore Federal and Tribal lands in the US produced:

Which is more than the entire production of:

If oil and gas produced on onshore Federal and Tribal Lands were a "country," it would be:

682
MILLION
BARRELS
of oil



ALGERIA
504 Mbbbl



VENEZUELA
350 Mbbbl



NIGERIA
598 Mbbbl



LIBYA
434 Mbbbl

12th
LARGEST
producer of oil
in the world

4.50
TRILLION
CUBIC FEET
of natural gas



UNITED
KINGDOM
1.08 tcf



PAKISTAN
0.92 tcf



NIGERIA
1.65 tcf



OMAN
1.60 tcf

7th
LARGEST
producer of natural
gas in the world

Revenue from Federal Lands is Distributed Back to the States

All oil and gas royalty, rental payment, and bonus bid revenue is shared amongst the US Treasury and the states and communities where the production takes place

In 2024, onshore federal and tribal lands production yielded over:

\$7.18
BILLION

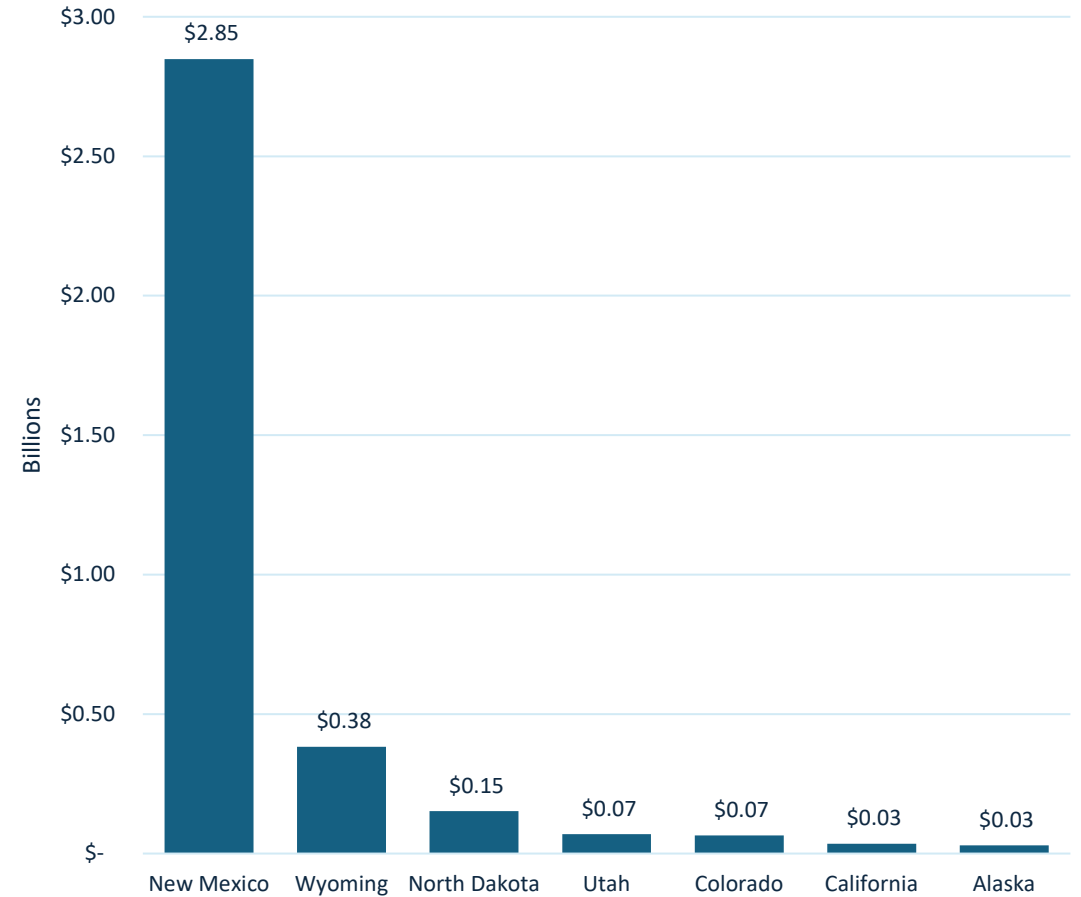
of total federal revenue

\$3.60
BILLION

disbursed to local and state governments*

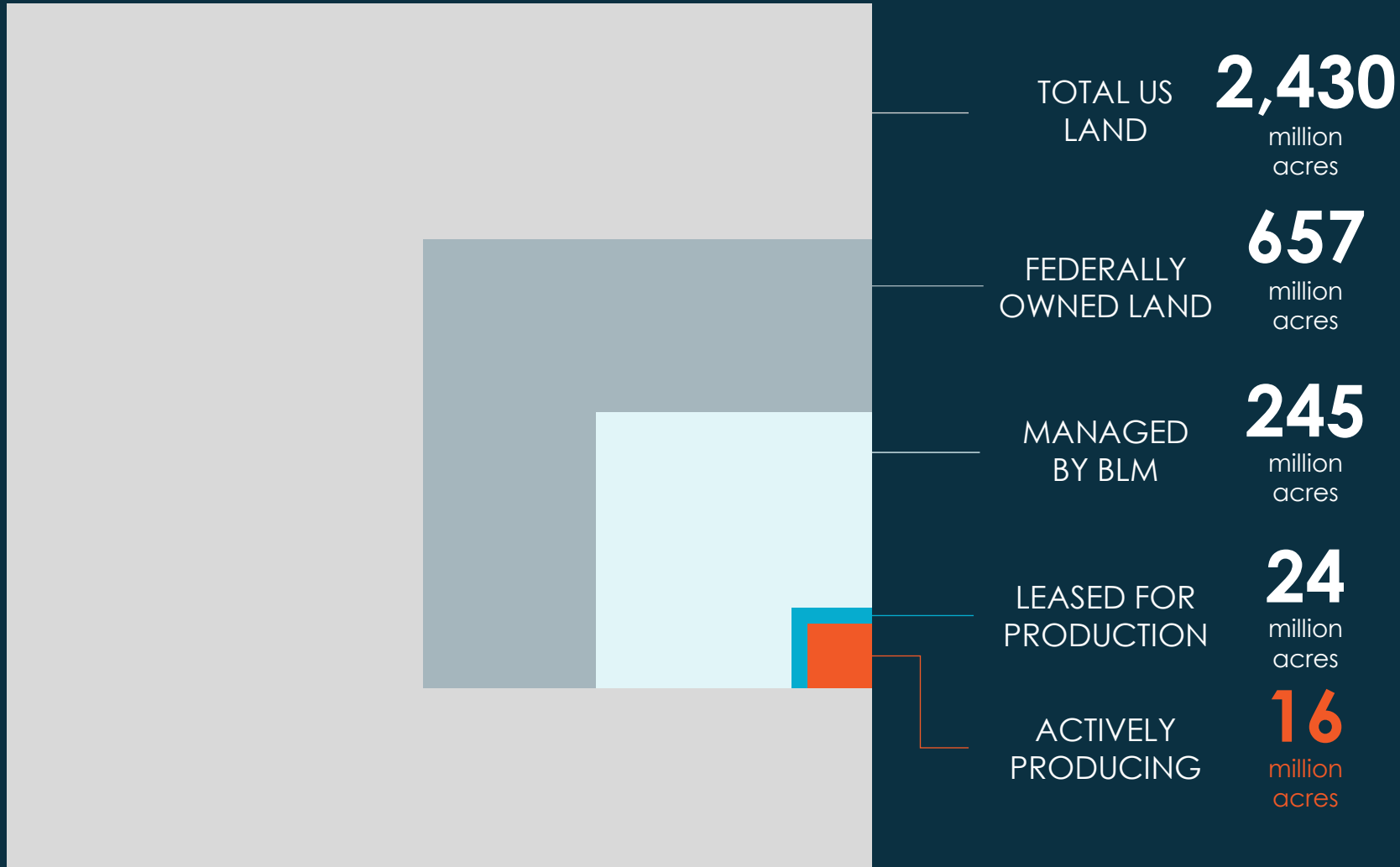
Disbursements from production on federal lands made up 35% of New Mexico's total state operating budget

State Disbursements from Production on Federal Lands 2024



Note: This represents all revenue disbursed to the states. Except for Alaska, states receive 50% of extractive revenue paid to the federal government from leases on federal land in that state. Alaska receives 90%, dating back to the Alaska Statehood Act.

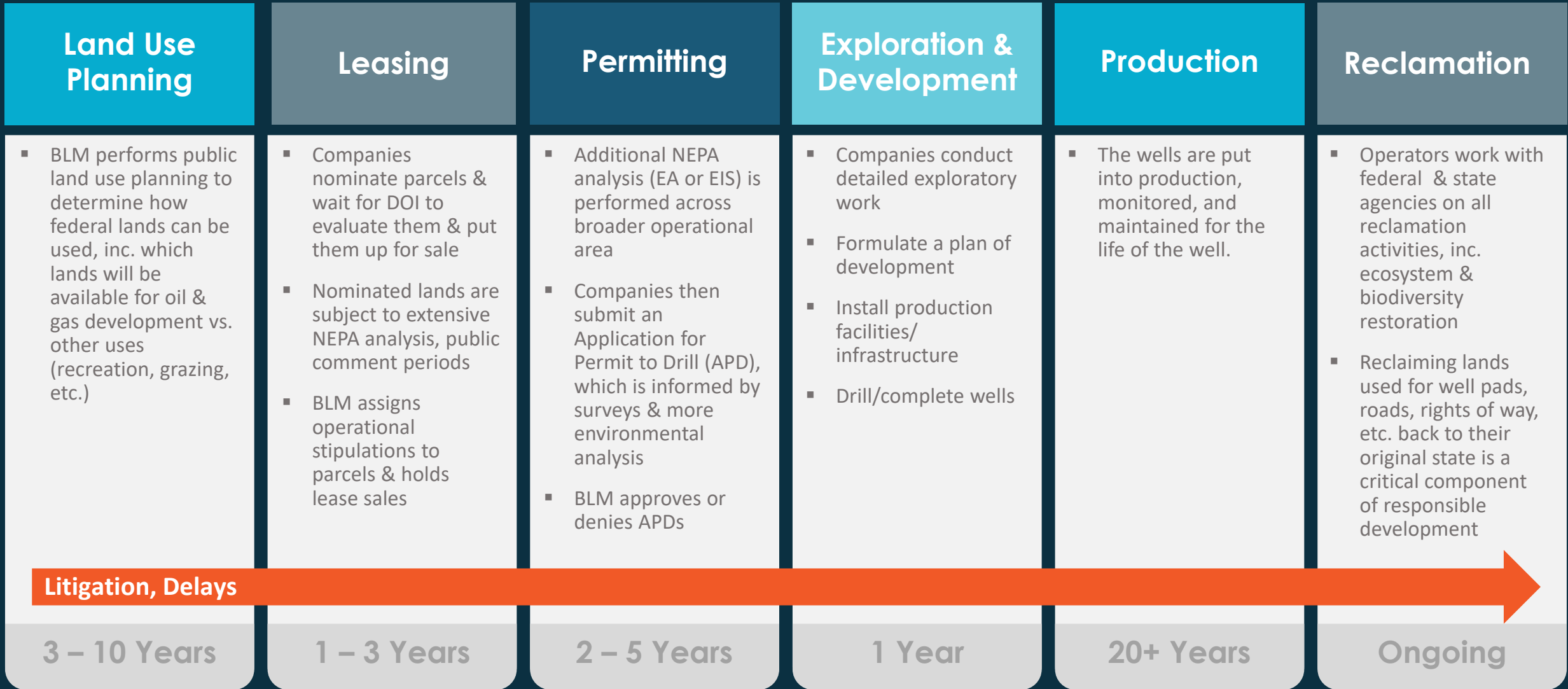
Federal Lands Provide Globally Significant Production on a Small US Footprint



<4% of federally owned land is leased to oil and gas companies

In 2023, 54% of oil and gas leases were actively producing; remaining leases are going through a complex regulatory process

Federal Lands Production Takes Years, Subject to Delays/Litigation

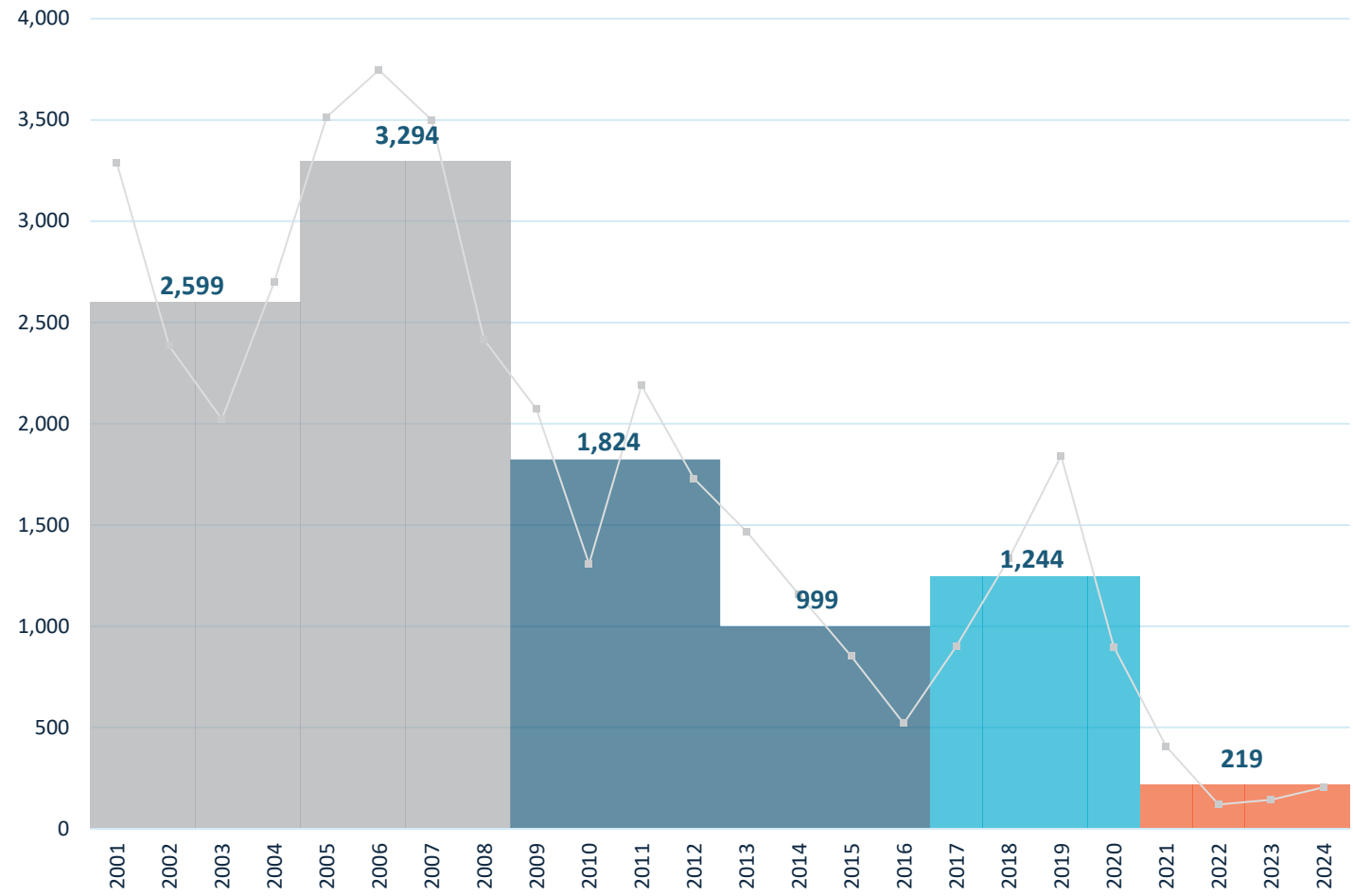


Comparison of Leasing Activity by Administration

Federal oil and natural gas production leasing has slowed to a near standstill under the Biden Administration

New leases are needed to maintain oil and natural gas supply in the future – new production takes years to come on line after a lease is secured

Number of New Oil and Gas Leases Issued by Year



* Acres leased are per fiscal year

■ Bush Admin ■ Obama Admin ■ Trump Admin ■ Biden Admin

US Energy Exports

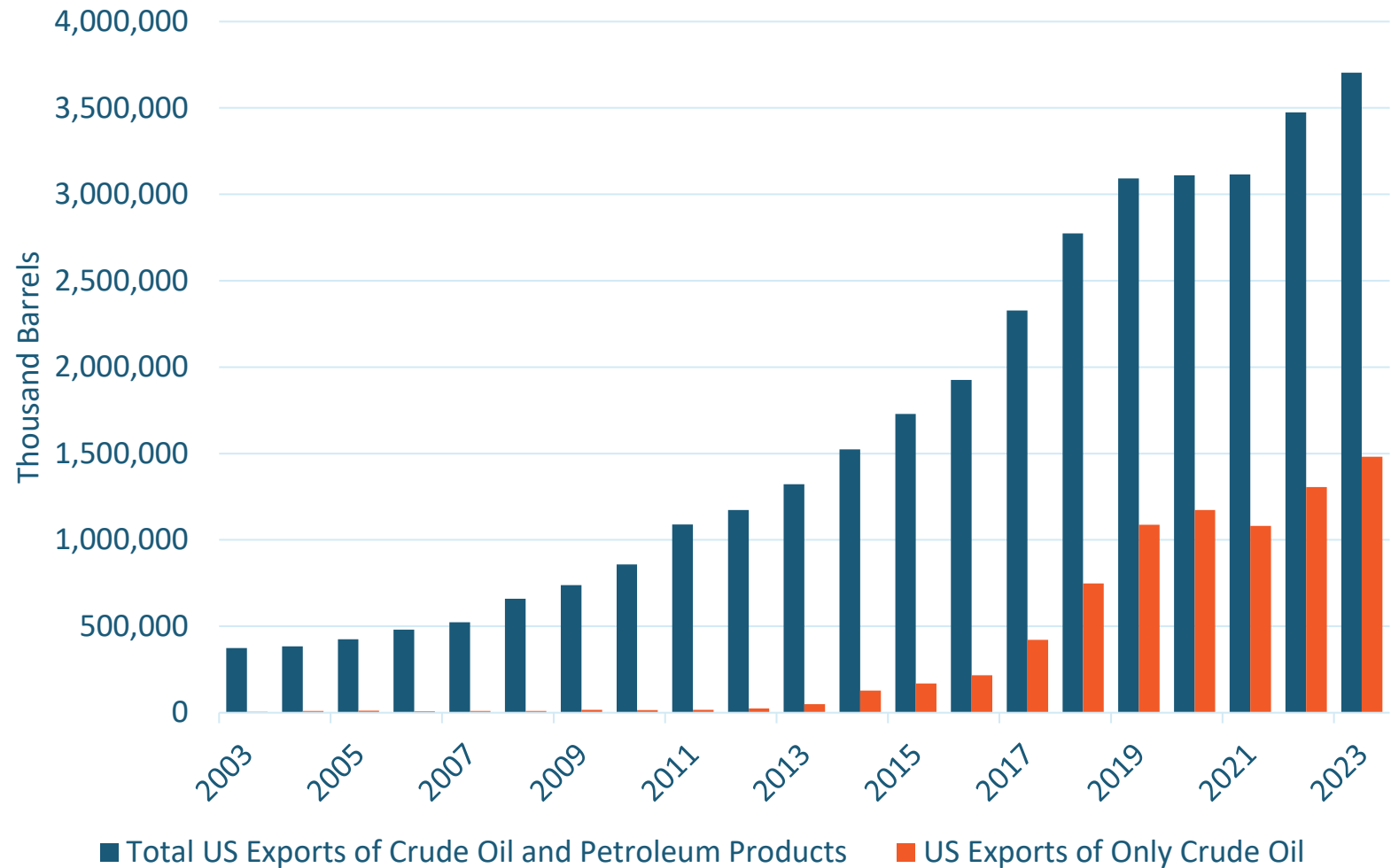


US Crude Exports Ban Lifted with Bipartisan Support in 2015

With US crude oil production nearly doubling due to the Shale Revolution from 2005 to 2015, Congress repealed the crude oil export ban in December 2015—allowing the free export of US crude oil worldwide

Since the US started exporting crude, global oil prices were reduced by \$1.93 per barrel over the six-year period studied

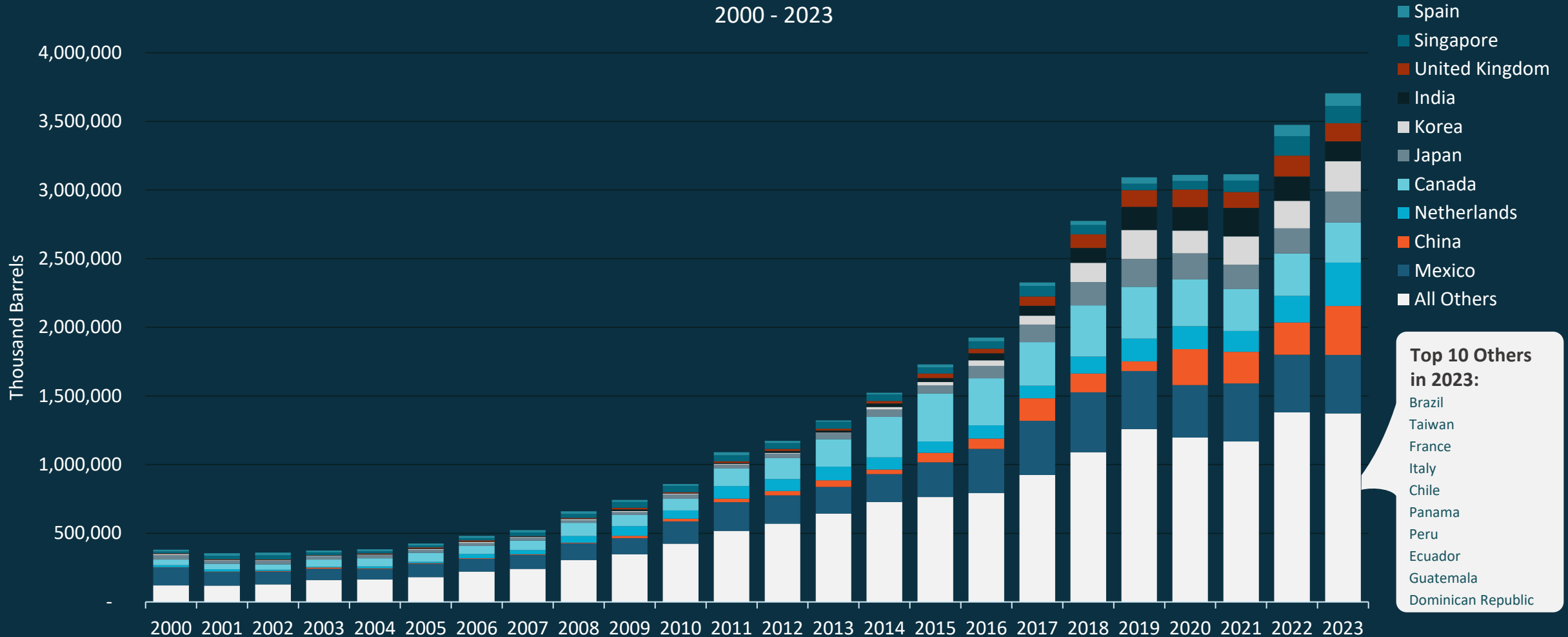
Total Exports of Crude Oil and Petroleum Products 2003 - 2023



Exports of US Crude and Petroleum Products are Sent Around the World

US Oil Exports Support Global Energy Security

US Total Crude Oil and Petroleum Products Exports by Destination
2000 - 2023



Liquefied Natural Gas Fundamentals

Why liquefy natural gas?

Natural Gas Production



Natural gas is produced in basins across the United States and transported via pipelines to liquefaction terminals

Liquefaction



In order to safely and efficiently transport natural gas from places where it is abundant to the places it is needed, the natural gas is cooled and compressed

This natural gas is now:

- -260 degrees F
- 1/600th its original volume
- Completely liquid

Transportation



The LNG is then loaded onto specialized ships to be delivered around the world

Regasification and End Use

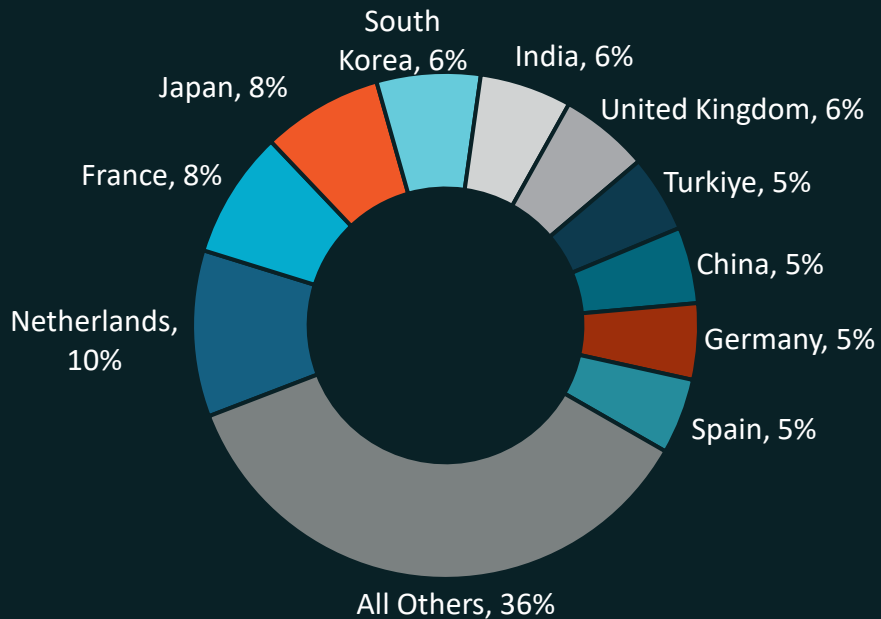


The LNG is delivered to regasification terminals around the world. The liquid natural gas is returned to a gaseous state and delivered via pipelines to generate electricity, heat and power homes, and beyond

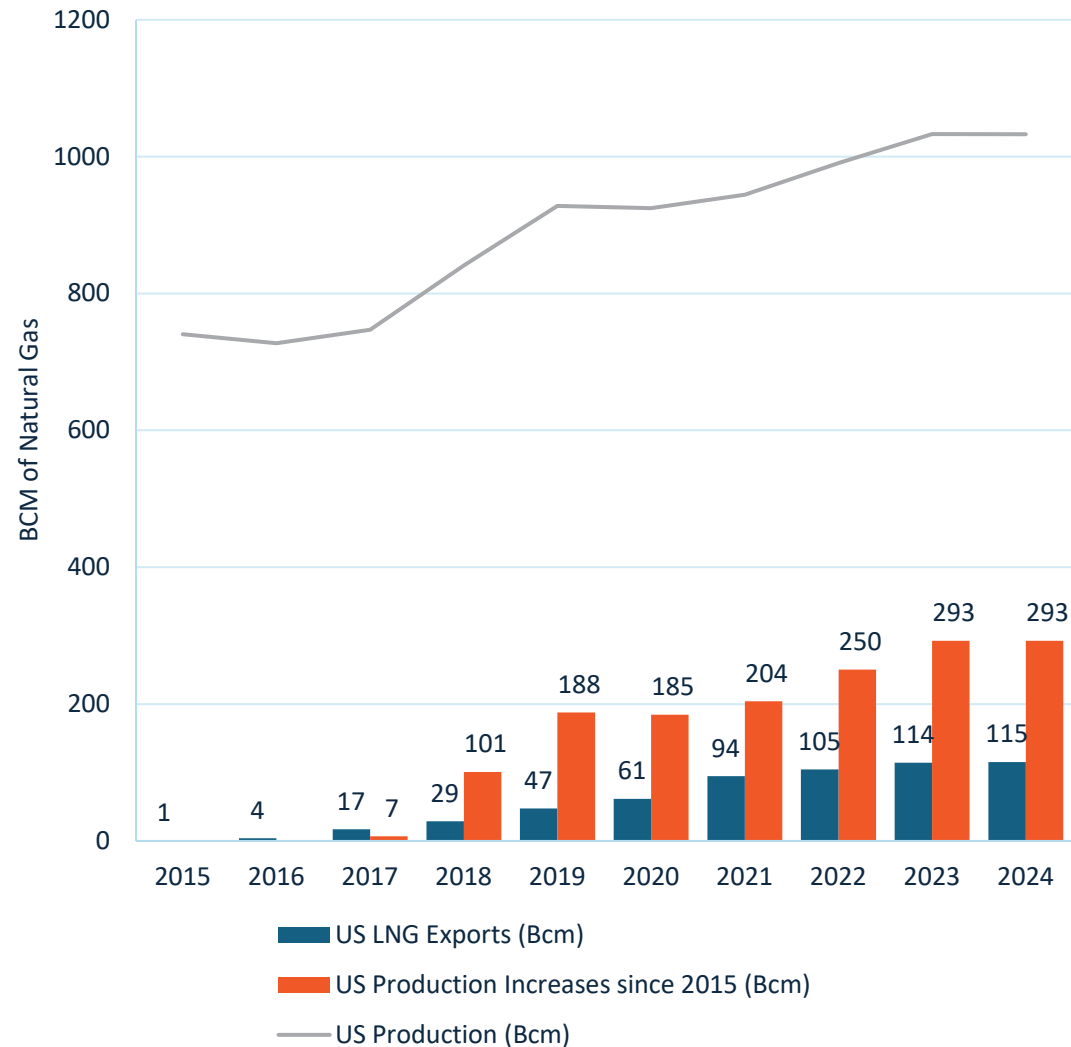
US LNG Around the Globe

Since 2015 when the US began exporting LNG, we have become the world's leading supplier, moving ahead of Qatar and Australia in 2023

Where US LNG was Exported in 2024:



Total US LNG Exports
2015 - 2024

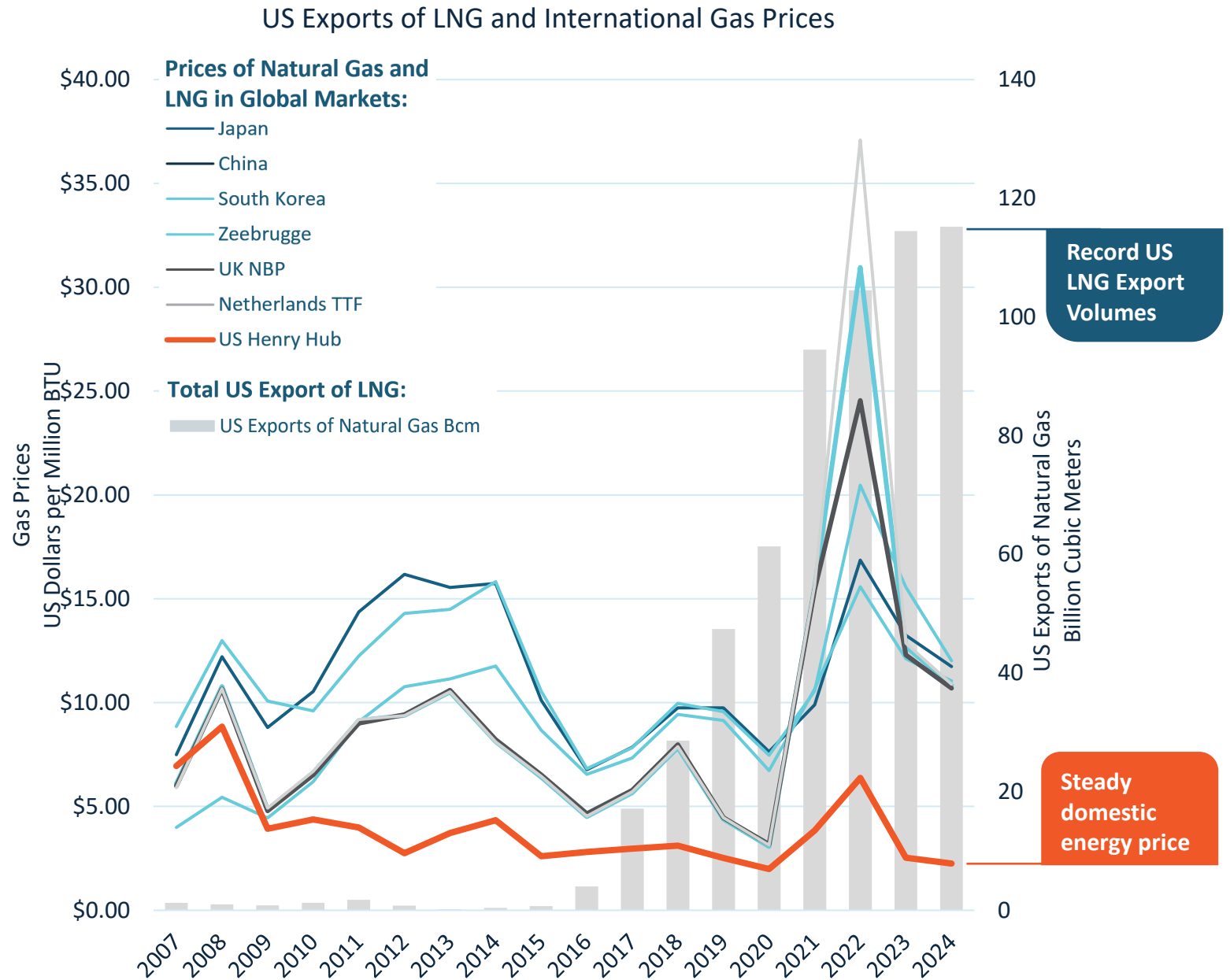


US natural gas production increasing to meet both domestic and global demand

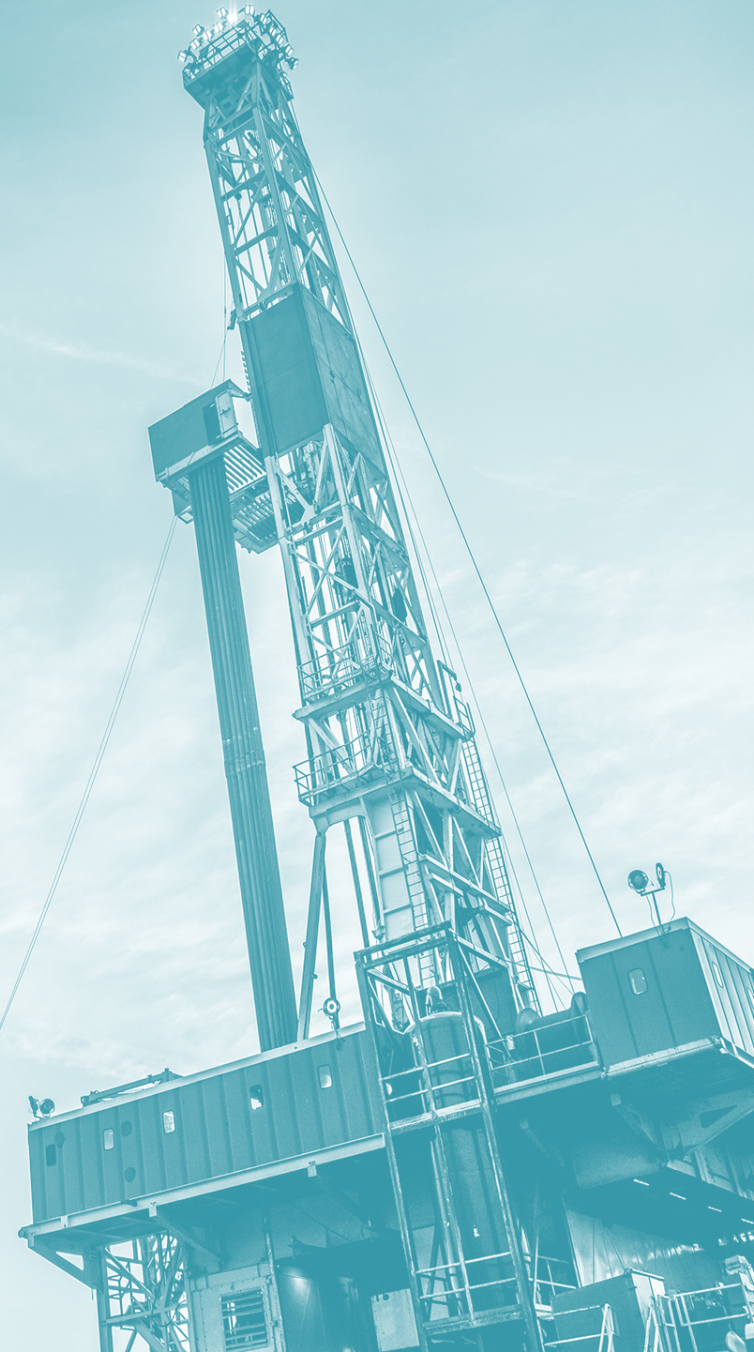
Production increases outpace export volumes

Increasing LNG Exports, Stable Domestic Prices

Since the Shale Revolution in 2005 and the first export of LNG in 2015, the US's domestic gas prices (Henry Hub) have remained lower and more stable as domestic production insulated the US to the volatility experienced abroad.



Exploration and Development



The Oil and Natural Gas Production Process

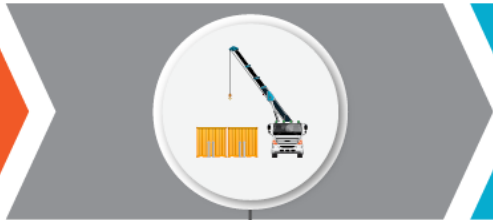
Planning, Leasing, Permitting, Drilling, Completions



~2 YEARS
Pre-Drill Planning



1-2 MONTHS
Construction and Drilling



6-10 DAYS
Completions



20+ YEARS
Production



ONGOING
Closure and Reclamation

What is Hydraulic Fracturing?

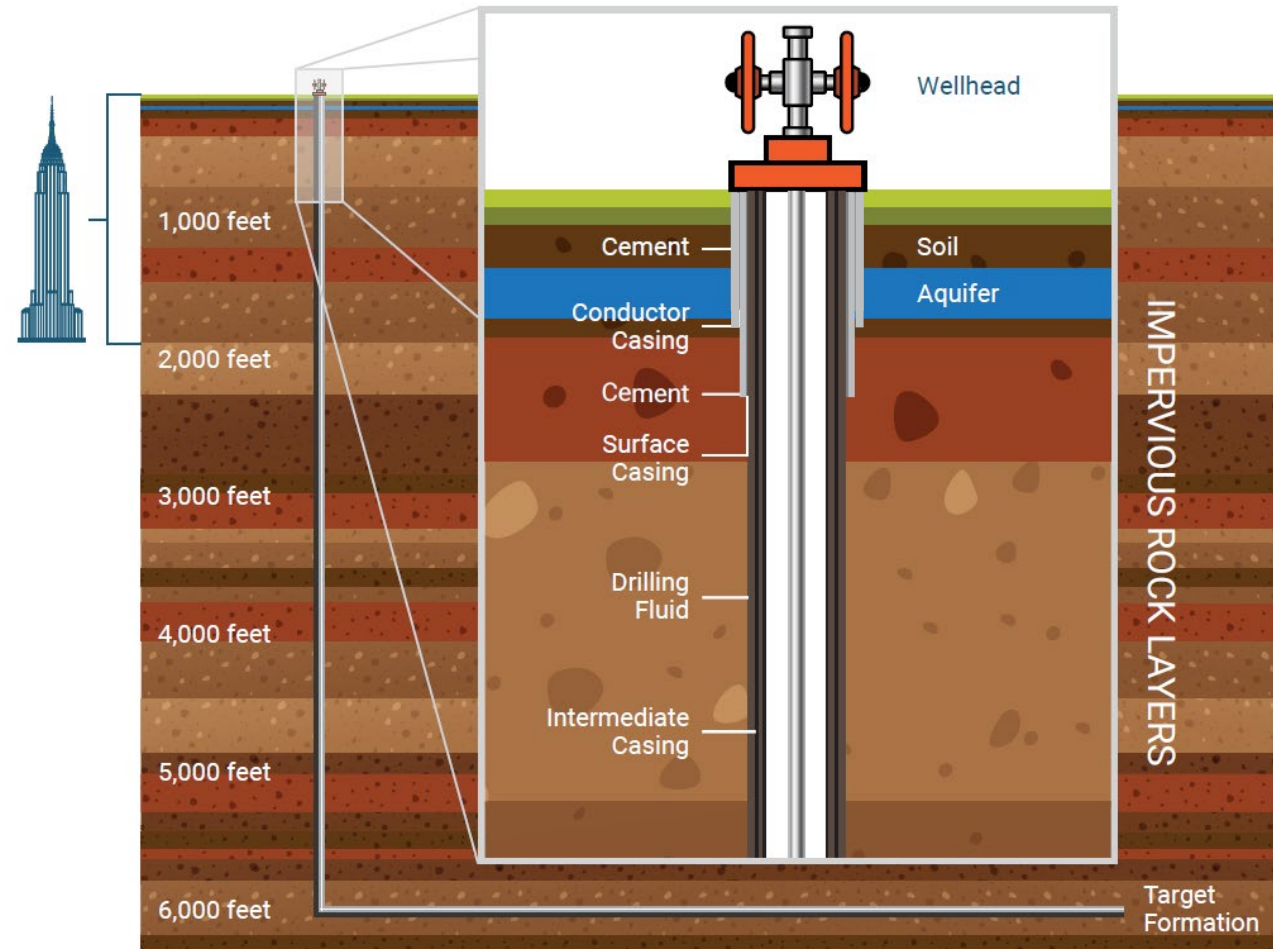
Fracking is a well stimulation technique that has been employed by the oil and gas industry since 1947

The technique is used to create spaces in the rock pores deep underground to release the oil and natural gas so that it can flow to the surface

How does Fracking work?

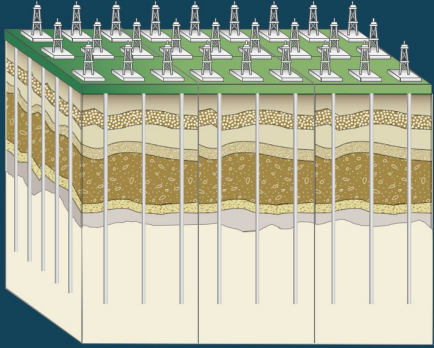
Hydraulic fracturing is generally associated with horizontal drilling practices or “drilling sideways”

Fracturing fluids are injected at high pressure into the targeted formation, creating fissures that allow oil and gas to move freely from rock pores where it was trapped



Innovation in the Oil and Gas Industry

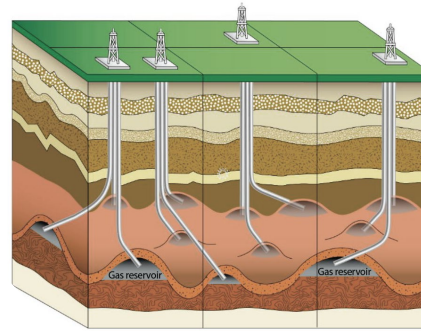
Technology and Modernization has Reduced the Industry's Physical Footprint



Conventional/Vertical Drilling

The industry has a long history of invention and scientific development

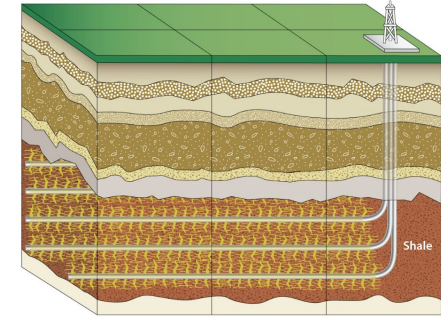
Conventional, vertical wells that were once the norm have been improved to minimize impacts to the environment



Horizontal/Directional Drilling

Modern drilling technology allows a drill to be guided horizontally underground for up to several miles

This allows operators to avoid sensitive environments and increase efficiency by drilling multiple wells in different directions from a single site



Hydraulic Fracturing

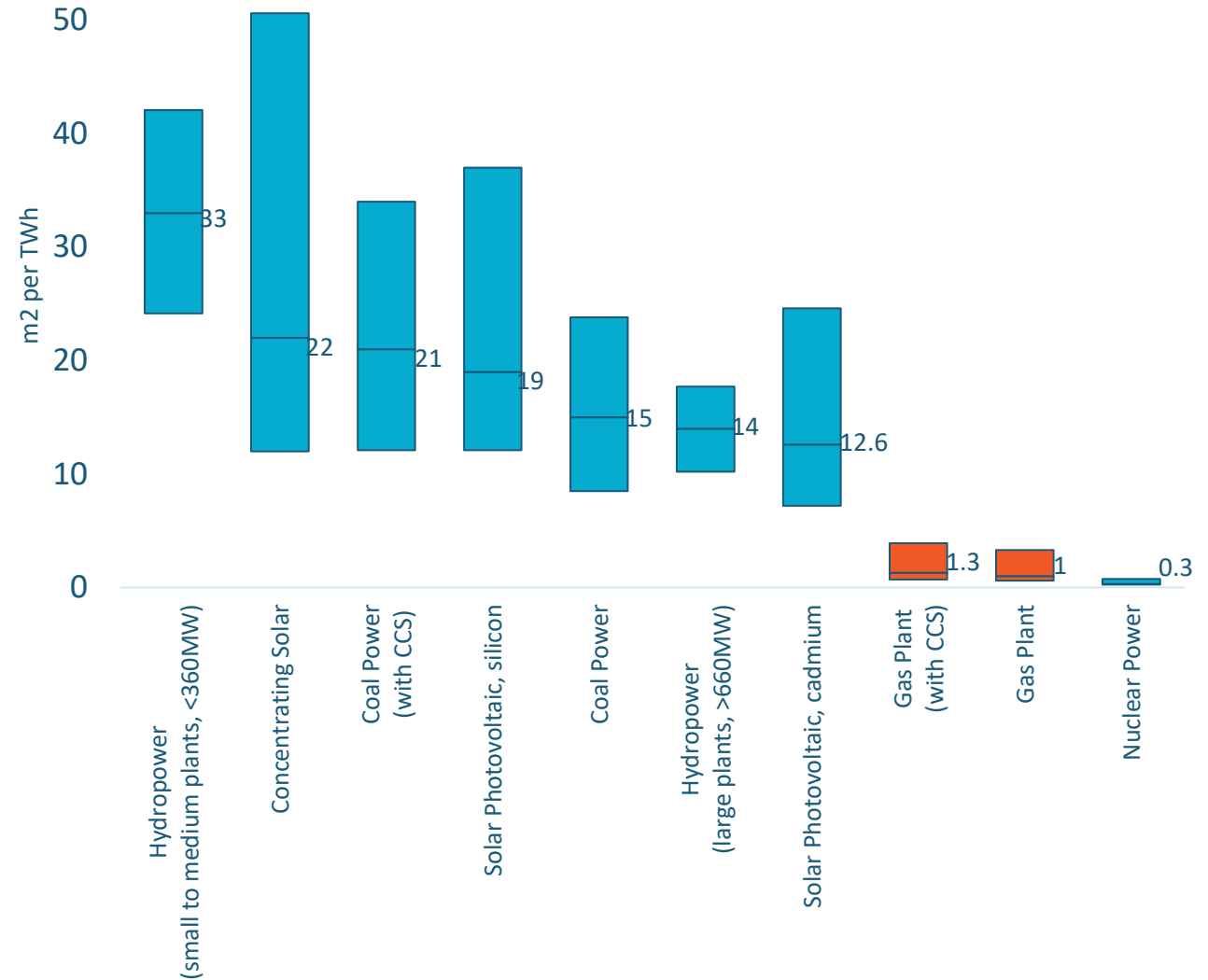
Natural Gas for Electricity Generation

All forms of energy generation require raw materials, whether drilling for oil or natural gas, or mining and disposing of materials.

Minimizing land use is critical to preserving biodiversity and reducing impacts to wildlife.

Natural gas-fired power plants have one of the lowest land-use footprints per unit of energy produced — **more than 12 times lower than traditional PV solar installations.**

Total Land Occupation per Energy Output
(includes land use for extraction and/or mining of materials, construction, fuel inputs, decommissioning, and handling of waste)



Who Regulates the Oil and Gas Industry?

One of the most highly regulated industries in the country



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The EPA is responsible for overseeing environmental protection during oil and gas operations. The EPA is tasked with enforcing current regulations in place as dictated by bills passed by Congress such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

These bills ensure operators maintain the highest quality of life for the environments in which they live and operate.



US Fish & Wildlife Service; National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Fisheries

The USFWS and NOAA Fisheries implement the Endangered Species Act (ESA). These agencies consult with BLM on oil and gas projects to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to protect nearby species listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA and their habitat.



Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

BLM is responsible for managing the federal government's onshore oil and gas program, including leasing and permitting of oil and gas exploration, development, and production activities on federal and Native lands.



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

FERC regulates the interstate transmission of natural gas, oil, and electricity, in addition to hydropower and natural gas projects.



Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration (PHMSA)

PHMSA develops and enforces regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's 2.6-million-mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air.



Army Corps of Engineers (Department of Defense)

The Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for administering the Clean Water Act (CWA) and issuing permits associated with activities that may impact navigable waters or wetlands.



State regulatory agencies

Onshore oil and natural gas operations (whether they are on state, federal, or private lands) require state permits in addition to federal permits. State regulations are tailored specifically to formations within each state, and account for site-specific expertise. In many states, jurisdiction for water and air protection has been delegated to state agencies by US EPA.

US Department of the Interior (DOI)



Industry activities are heavily governed by state/federal regulations

- ✓ Well drilling and operations
- ✓ Spacing and site selection
- ✓ Stormwater discharge
- ✓ Erosion and sedimentation controls
- ✓ Stream and wetland impacts
- ✓ Water use
- ✓ Pits and impoundments
- ✓ Spill prevention
- ✓ Air emissions
- ✓ Noise/vibrations
- ✓ Lighting and road use
- ✓ Waste disposal
- ✓ Potential impact on wildlife species/habitat
- ✓ Reclamation