

# Responsible Natural Gas Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Source (Conventional Natural Gas and Unconventional Natural Gas), Distribution Mode, Application, End User and By Geography

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## Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Responsible Natural Gas Market is accounted for \$48.3 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$84.8 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 7.3% during the forecast period. Responsible natural gas describes a framework for producing and using natural gas with reduced environmental harm and improved sustainability performance. It focuses on lowering methane leaks, enhancing efficiency, and integrating modern digital monitoring systems throughout extraction, processing, and delivery stages. Energy companies applying this model prioritize cleaner operations, including carbon reduction technologies and upgraded infrastructure. Responsible natural gas plays a transitional role in shifting from high-carbon fuels to renewable energy sources while maintaining grid stability. It supports global decarbonization efforts by ensuring safety, accountability, and responsible resource use across the energy value chain in a balanced and efficient manner.

According to India's Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), the Government of India targets raising natural gas's share in the primary energy mix from 6.7% to 15% by 2030, supported by major infrastructure expansion.

### Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Decarbonization policies and climate targets

Climate policy and emission reduction mandates significantly drive the responsible natural gas sector as nations implement strict environmental regulations. These measures push companies to improve efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas outputs across operations. Investment in methane monitoring systems and carbon capture solutions is increasingly prioritized. Natural gas serves as a transition fuel supporting lower carbon energy systems globally. This enhances energy reliability while aligning with sustainability frameworks and international agreements. It also drives modernization of infrastructure and adoption of advanced emission control technologies ultimately supporting long term global decarbonization pathways across multiple sectors while maintaining economic stability and energy affordability.

#### Restraint:

##### High infrastructure and capital investment costs

Expensive infrastructure development and high capital requirements significantly restrict the responsible natural gas market. Building pipelines, LNG facilities, storage systems, and digital monitoring infrastructure demands substantial financial resources. Many smaller firms face difficulties in obtaining necessary funding for such large projects, which limits their market entry and expansion potential. Additionally, modernizing aging infrastructure to comply with environmental and safety standards further increases costs. Long recovery periods and uncertain market demand also raise investment risks. These financial constraints slow down adoption of cleaner gas practices, particularly in emerging economies, thereby limiting the overall pace of market development and technological advancement globally.

#### Opportunity:

##### Expansion of LNG infrastructure and global trade

Growth in LNG infrastructure and international energy trade creates significant opportunities for responsible natural gas development. Increasing demand for cleaner and flexible energy is driving investments in liquefaction facilities, regasification plants, and global shipping routes. LNG allows countries to diversify energy sources and enhance supply security while reducing dependence on coal and oil. Technological advancements are improving LNG efficiency, transportation, and storage capabilities. Emerging economies are adopting LNG to meet rising energy consumption needs. This development strengthens global energy cooperation, supports responsible sourcing practices, and expands cross-border energy connectivity, generating strong long-term

growth potential for industry stakeholders worldwide overall.

Threat:

Stringent environmental regulations and emission limits

Tightening environmental compliance and emission control laws significantly threaten the responsible natural gas industry. Governments are enforcing stricter regulations on methane leakage, gas flaring, and overall carbon emissions from energy operations. Meeting these evolving standards requires continuous investment in advanced monitoring and emission reduction technologies, increasing operational costs. Companies that fail to comply risk financial penalties, legal consequences, and damage to brand reputation. Additionally, inconsistent regulatory frameworks across different regions create operational challenges for global companies. As environmental rules become more rigorous, natural gas producers face higher compliance burdens, reduced profitability, and slower expansion in highly regulated markets worldwide overall.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 outbreak disrupted the responsible natural gas industry by sharply reducing energy demand from industrial, commercial, and transport sectors worldwide. Global lockdowns and economic contraction caused lower gas consumption and falling prices, which negatively impacted producer revenues. Construction delays and supply chain interruptions slowed LNG and pipeline infrastructure development. At the same time, the crisis increased attention on cleaner, more resilient energy systems, pushing companies toward digital technologies and emission control solutions. Governments supported recovery through stimulus programs focused on sustainability and energy transition.

The conventional natural gas segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The conventional natural gas segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period because it benefits from established extraction technologies, extensive infrastructure, and broad global availability. It is sourced from traditional underground reservoirs using standard drilling methods, which makes it more cost efficient than unconventional alternatives. It also supports easier implementation of emission control and monitoring practices, aligning with sustainability goals. Its consistent supply, operational efficiency, and adaptability across industrial, residential,

and power generation sectors ensure its continued dominance as a key fuel in the global energy transition framework.

The industrial enterprises segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the industrial enterprises segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate because of their rising energy consumption and growing shift toward cleaner fuels. Sectors including manufacturing, chemicals, metallurgy, and processing are increasingly replacing coal and oil with natural gas to lower emissions and enhance efficiency. Environmental regulations and sustainability commitments from corporations are accelerating this transition. Natural gas also provides stable and cost-effective energy for continuous industrial operations. Rapid industrial growth in developing regions and upgrades to modern production systems further support strong expansion, making this segment the fastest-growing contributor to responsible natural gas adoption worldwide.

#### **Region with largest share:**

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share because of vast natural gas resources advanced drilling methods, and a highly developed energy infrastructure. The region has strong shale gas production, extensive pipeline systems, and significant LNG export capacity. Supportive regulatory frameworks and sustainability-driven corporate strategies promote responsible production practices. Investments in emission reduction technologies and digital monitoring solutions further reinforce its leadership. Industrial expansion and high energy consumption from power generation sectors continue to support market strength.

#### **Region with highest CAGR:**

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, driven by fast industrial growth, urban expansion, and increasing energy requirements in emerging economies. Many countries in the region are transitioning from coal-based energy to cleaner natural gas to lower emissions and improve environmental conditions. Strong development of LNG import terminals and supportive government energy transition policies are accelerating growth. Rising investments in electricity generation, industrial production, and transport sectors are further increasing gas demand. Favourable regulatory support for cleaner fuels and diversification of

energy sources positions Asia Pacific as the fastest expanding regional market worldwide.

### **Key players in the market**

Some of the key players in Responsible Natural Gas Market include EQT Corporation, Range Resources, Antero Resources, Coterra Energy, BP, Shell, TotalEnergies, Equinor, ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, Cheniere Energy, Kinder Morgan, Williams Companies, Dominion Energy, Sempra, TC Energy and Devon Energy.

### **Key Developments:**

In April 2026, TotalEnergies and Masdar have signed a binding agreement to establish a \$2.2 billion joint venture aimed at expanding renewable energy capacity in nine countries across Asia. The joint venture will have a portfolio capacity of 3 GW of operational assets and 6 GW of assets in advanced development, which are expected to be operational by the end of the decade.

In April 2026, ExxonMobil strengthens collaboration with QatarEnergy to expand international LNG partnership portfolio. The enhanced partnership with QatarEnergy signals ExxonMobil's intent to secure long-term supply stability and expand its international LNG portfolio, showing how major players position themselves to meet energy needs, technological developments, and market growth.

In January 2025, BP plc has solidified its 70-year collaboration with United States-based KBR, Inc. KBR through a new global agreement that spans BP's onshore, offshore, greenfield and brownfield conventional energy projects as well as its new energy initiatives. This partnership highlights the company's commitment to leveraging KBR's proven expertise to deliver cutting-edge energy solutions.

Sources Covered:

Conventional Natural Gas

Unconventional Natural Gas

Distribution Modes Covered:

Pipeline Transmission

LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas)

CNG (Compressed Natural Gas)

Applications Covered:

Power Generation

Industrial Use

Residential & Commercial

Transportation

End Users Covered:

Utilities

Industrial Enterprises

Commercial Establishments

Households

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

## Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

## Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

**What our report offers:**

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
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