

Economic impact

By reducing emissions on our system, improving energy efficiency, integrating renewable gas and enabling solar and other renewables, **Nicor Gas is a part of Illinois' clean energy future.**



Who Is Nicor Gas?



Employees – Nicor Gas employs more than 2,000 of the 7,000 natural gas distribution employees in Illinois



Customers – Nicor Gas is the largest gas distributor in Illinois with **2.3 million** customers

- Residential 2,049,000
- Commercial 184,000
- Industrial 11,750



8th – in number of commercial customers*



Infrastructure – 8 storage fields with the capacity to store over 150 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas

3rd – in number of industrial customers*



34,300 – miles of pipeline



Top customer industries

- Biofuels production
- Chemical industry
- Food production and processing
- Manufacturing

6th – in number of residential customers*

Why choose Nicor Gas?



Sustainability strategy

- Targeting net-zero methane emissions by 2050
- Reduced annual operational emissions by 65% over 10 years through infrastructure modernization and leak detection and repair programs
- Leading research and implementation of future fuels, including renewable natural gas and hydrogen
- Nicor Gas has identified potential hydrogen hubs across its service territory and existing customers with high potential use for hydrogen in process load
- Through Nicor Gas' regulatory approved Renewable Gas Interconnection Pilot Program, Nicor Gas works with renewable natural gas producers to integrate this safe, reliable and clean energy source onto its pipeline system



Customer incentives – more than \$224 million in energy efficiency incentives given to Nicor Gas customers since 2011



Carbon reduction goals

- 50% reduction by 2030
- Low- to No-Carbon by 2050



Services offered

- Customized site and cost analysis
- Infrastructure verification and coordination
- Technical assistance with energy-related issues
- Site visit support and participation



Energy efficiency

- More than 200M therms saved since 2011
- 1.06M tons of CO2 emissions since 2011

Why choose Illinois?

Illinois is uniquely positioned to incorporate natural gas into a clean and affordable energy economy with access to eight interstate pipelines, availability of storage fields and our commitment to reduce emissions through infrastructure modernization, energy efficiency and renewable gas.



\$13.8B – natural gas saved Illinois businesses and manufacturers about \$13.8 billion from 2007–2017

12.8M – Illinois population, 6.9 million people live in the Nicor Gas service area

6.1M – workforce civilians in Illinois, with more than 3.6 million workforce civilians in the Nicor Gas territory

8% – since 2010, natural gas use by Illinois has grown 8%

10th – ranked in the top 10 of states with Lowest Commercial Natural Gas Prices



► Indicates Nicor Gas service area

*AGA 2019 **US Energy Information Administration, 2020

Incentives

Energy Efficiency Assessment and Studies

Nicor Gas offers a wide range of assessments and studies by skilled energy advisors and certified engineers to help you determine your overall needs, natural gas usage and potential cost savings. Learn more at [nicorgas.com/bizassessment](https://www.nicorgas.com/bizassessment)

- Combined Heat and Power Feasibility Study
- Assessments for buildings of every size and type
- Retro-commissioning Study

Free Products for Businesses

Start saving today with free, professionally-installed energy-saving products for your business when you schedule a free energy assessment. Free products may include: faucet aerators for kitchens and baths, water-saving showerheads, antimicrobial laminar flow restrictors for healthcare facilities, pre-rinse spray valves for commercial kitchens, weatherstripping and hot water pipe insulation (small business only).

Equipment and Service Rebates

High-efficiency products use less energy and can save you money. Rebates for energy efficiency upgrades are available to all active Nicor Gas commercial customers. For current rebates and requirements, visit [nicorgas.com/bizrebates](https://www.nicorgas.com/bizrebates).

- Agriculture
- Boiler Tune-Ups
- Commercial Food Service Equipment
- Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Space and Water Heating
- Steam Traps

Strategic Energy Management (SEM)

SEM motivates customers to consider behavioral and operational changes that lead to long-lasting energy savings, without significant capital investments. The program includes a year-long series of workshops and coaching sessions focused on identifying and implementing operational and behavioral changes. Learn more at [nicorgas.com/sem](https://www.nicorgas.com/sem).

Custom Incentives

Custom incentives are available to commercial customers who install qualifying energy efficiency projects that are not eligible for rebates through other Nicor Gas offerings. Incentives are based on therms saved from the energy efficiency project and pre-approval is required. Learn more at [nicorgas.com/custom](https://www.nicorgas.com/custom).

Common Projects Include:

High-efficiency burner replacements, burner and furnace controls, process heat recovery technologies, including flue stack and condensing economizers, regenerative thermal oxidizers, condensate return system improvements, building and process insulation, combined heat and power and air-side measures.

Construction Incentives

New Construction: Receive incentives for new construction, addition/expansion or major renovation of an existing space designed to exceed energy code requirements via two participation pathways:

Performance Path: Offers a custom, hands-on technical approach to new construction projects and targets projects that are early in the design phase to maximize opportunities to influence the incorporation of high-performance design strategies. Technical staff uses whole-building modeling to optimize the building design for energy performance. Modeling results include incentive amounts and annual energy savings estimates.

Design firms can earn bonus incentives for projects that achieve high-performance certifications/criteria.

Best Practices Path: Offers a prescriptive approach to new construction projects. This path is designed for fastmoving, developer-led projects. Includes a pre-determined list of measures available for specific building types along with resources and guidelines for how to best implement the measures. Provides an optimized and predictable incentive pathway with pre-defined, per-square-foot incentives for achieving energy efficiency best practices, as well as optional advanced measures.

Available building types include:

- Multi-Family and Assisted Living
- Office
- Retail and Grocery
- Warehouse and Industrial

Design firms can earn bonus incentives for the accurate submission of design workbooks for each building type.

Construction Cost Incentives: Customers receive a free main allowance of 200' for every new construction meter installed.

Revenue Credits: Revenue Credits are estimated on a project to project basis and are used to offset required investment costs when determining if the customer would be required to pay a deposit.

Service Extension Allowance: New residential and commercial customers receive 60' of free service per meter.

Advance Deposit Agreement Refund (Connection): Customers may qualify to recover a portion of the Advance Deposit Agreement over a 10-year period for each qualified customer who connects to the new gas main extension; total refunds will not exceed the deposit amount.

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