

# How dependent is Mexico on natural gas imports?

The country relies heavily on U.S. supplies to meet domestic demand, and has become the largest export market for the US natural gas industry.

**35%**

**Overall demand<sup>1</sup>**

2007–2019\*

**390%**

**Natural gas imports<sup>2</sup>**

2007–2019\*

**89.5%**

**Dependency on natural gas imports<sup>2</sup> (discounting PEMEX demand)**

2019

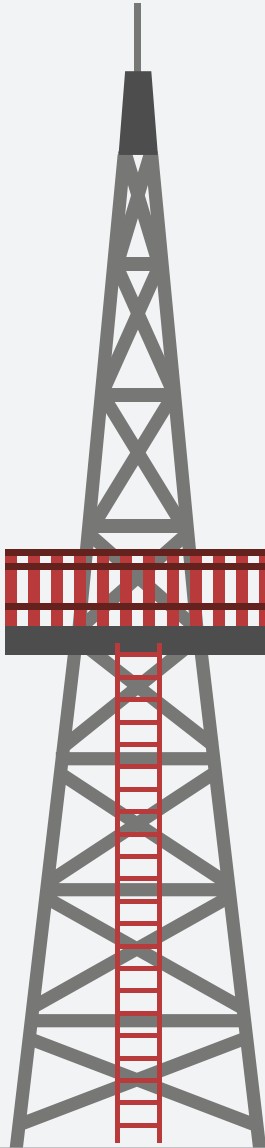
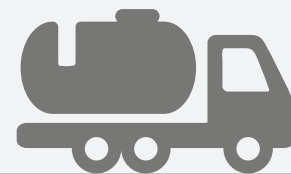
**46.7%**

**Domestic production<sup>2</sup>**

2007–2019\*

**Import dependency may continue as:**

- Cross-border capacity climbs as high as 11bcf/d (up from 2.7 bcf/d in 2012)<sup>3</sup>
- More pipelines come online in Mexico
- U.S. gas remains abundant and affordable



## Policy Recommendations

- Pemex's unstable financial standing suggests that oil and gas auctions should continue
- Assess if production can increase without development of shale resources

### Sources

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- \* January – July 2019.