

Can Canada become a material energy supplier beyond the United States?

11.7% non-US gas

It has started, but small: in **12** months to July 2026, **11.3** of **96.8** bcm of gas exports and **32.6** of **256.0** million m³ of crude went beyond the US.

12.7%
non-US crude

122
LNG cargo
records

88.3%
gas still to
US

11.7%

of gas exports went beyond the US, Aug 2025 to Jul 2026 (0.4% a year earlier)

12.7%

of crude exports went beyond the US, same 12 months (8.5% a year earlier)

122

LNG export cargo records from Kitimat to 7 Asian destinations, Jun 2025 to Jul 2026

0 of 2,961

regulator pipeline rows carrying a nameplate capacity

THE ANSWER

Canada has begun to sell energy beyond the United States, and the flow is small. In the 12 months to July 2026, 11.7% of gas exports and 12.7% of crude exports by volume went elsewhere, against 0.4% and 8.5% a year earlier (Statistics Canada, released 23 and 29 Sep 2026).

The gas went almost entirely through one terminal at Kitimat, whose 122 export cargo records to July 2026 name one licence holder and seven Asian destinations (Canada Energy Regulator). What is being built is not measured here.

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER

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TAKEAWAYS

1. The change is dated: Statistics Canada's non-US gas column is blank from January 2016 and carries a value from July 2025.
2. The United States still took 88.3% of gas and 87.3% of crude export volume in the year to July 2026.
3. All 122 LNG export cargo records name one licence holder, under long-term licences.
4. What is under construction or proposed is not measured here; three sections say so rather than estimate.

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