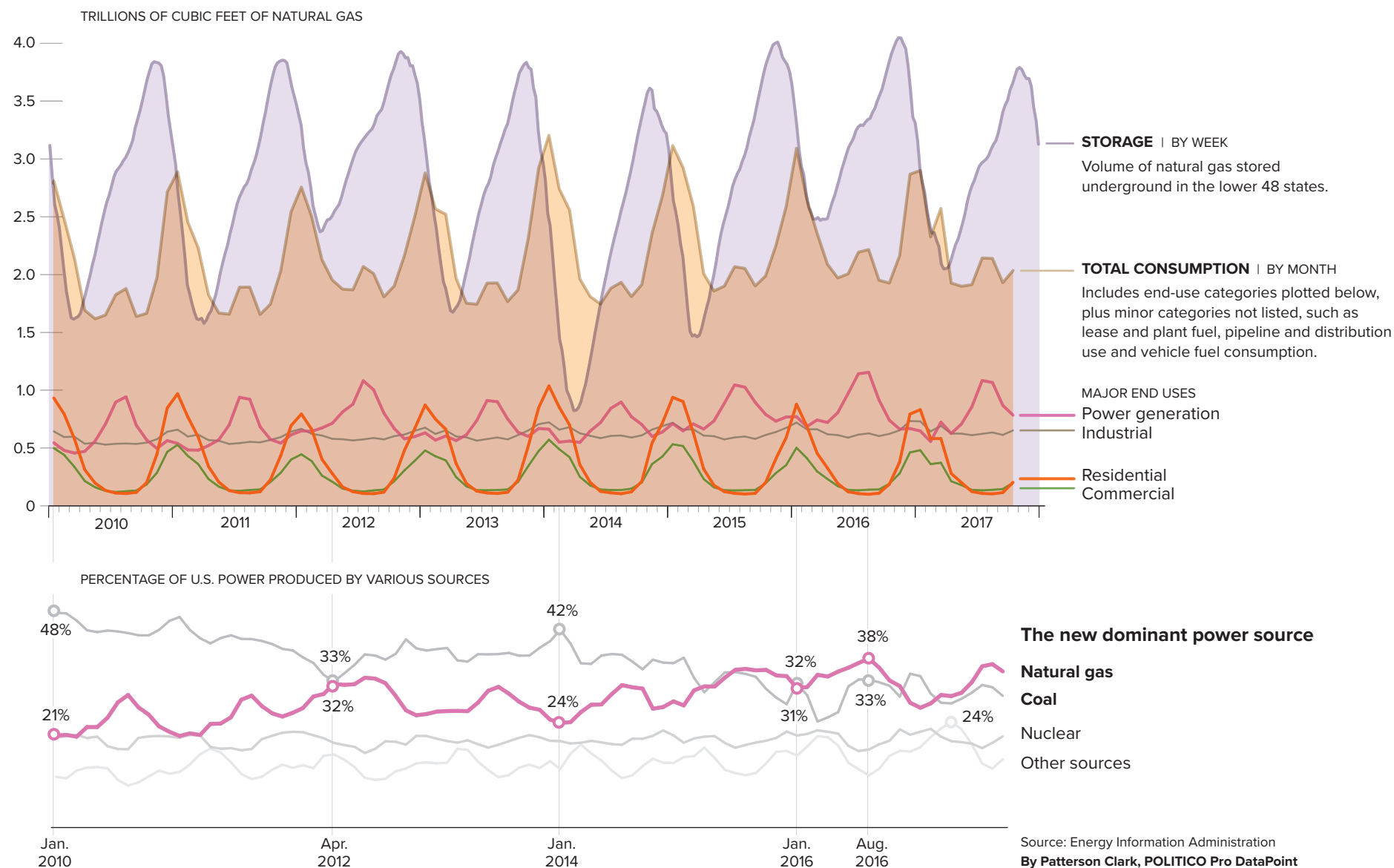


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## Natural Gas Storage Takes a Hit in Winter

Nearly 4 trillion cubic feet of gas are stored underground in the U.S. before winter. Increased demands from residences, commerce and industry reduce storage by about half come spring. Prolonged frigid winter weather events, such as the “polar vortex” of 2014, can spike consumption, reducing deposits even more, but not enough to empty the stores. Natural gas prices for power generation tend to climb in winter, shifting some demand to other sources.



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