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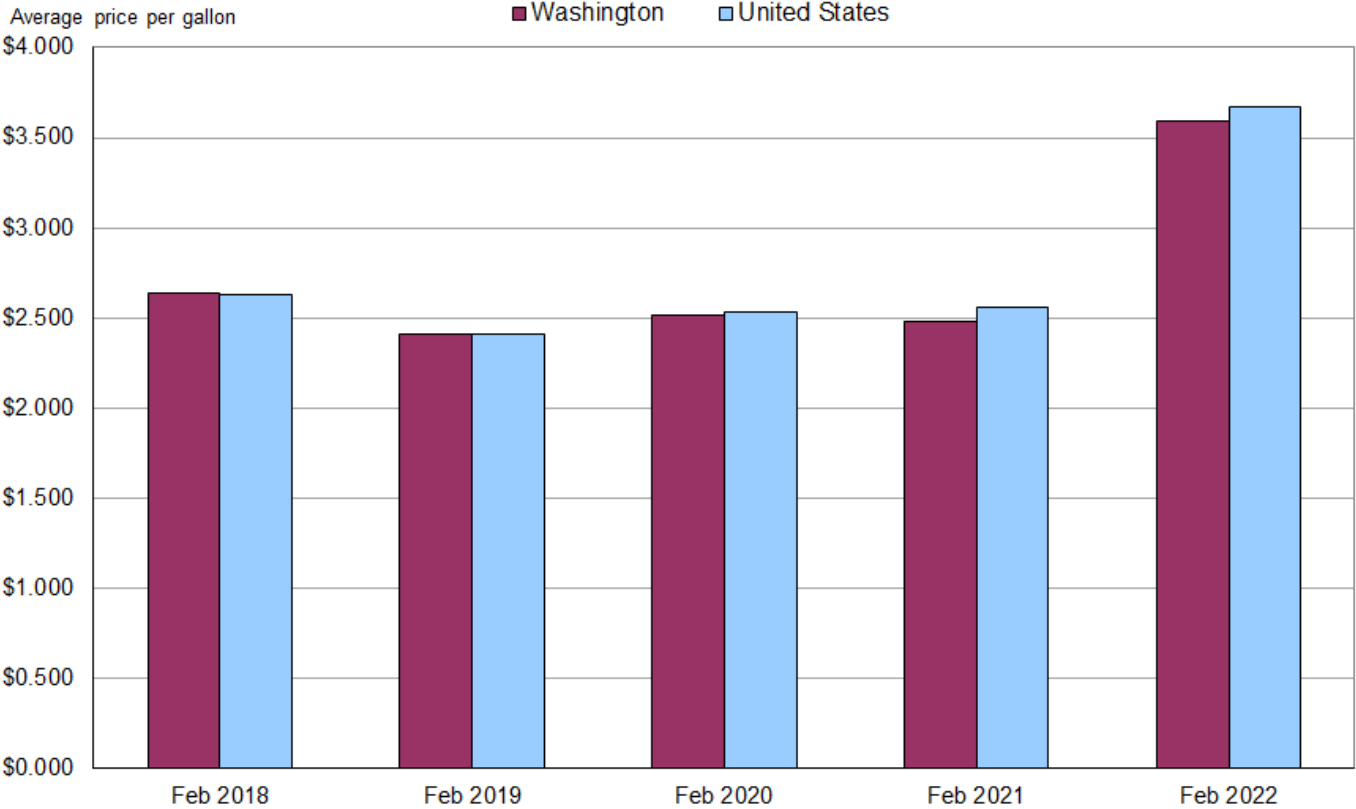
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Average Energy Prices, Washington-Arlington-Alexandria – February 2022

Gasoline prices averaged \$3.588 per gallon in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria area in February 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Alexandra Hall Bovee noted that area gasoline prices increased 44.6 percent from last February when they averaged \$2.482 per gallon. Washington area households paid an average of 13.6 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in February 2022, 7.9 percent higher than the 12.6 cents in February 2021. The average price of utility (piped) gas at \$1.509 per therm in February 2022 was up 24.5 percent from \$1.212 per therm a year earlier. (Data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year-analysis is used throughout.)

At \$3.588 per gallon, Washington area consumers paid 2.4 percent less than the national average of \$3.675 for a gallon of gasoline in February 2022. From 2018 to 2021, prices for a gallon of gasoline in Washington were close to the U.S. average in February, differing by 3.0 percent or less. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

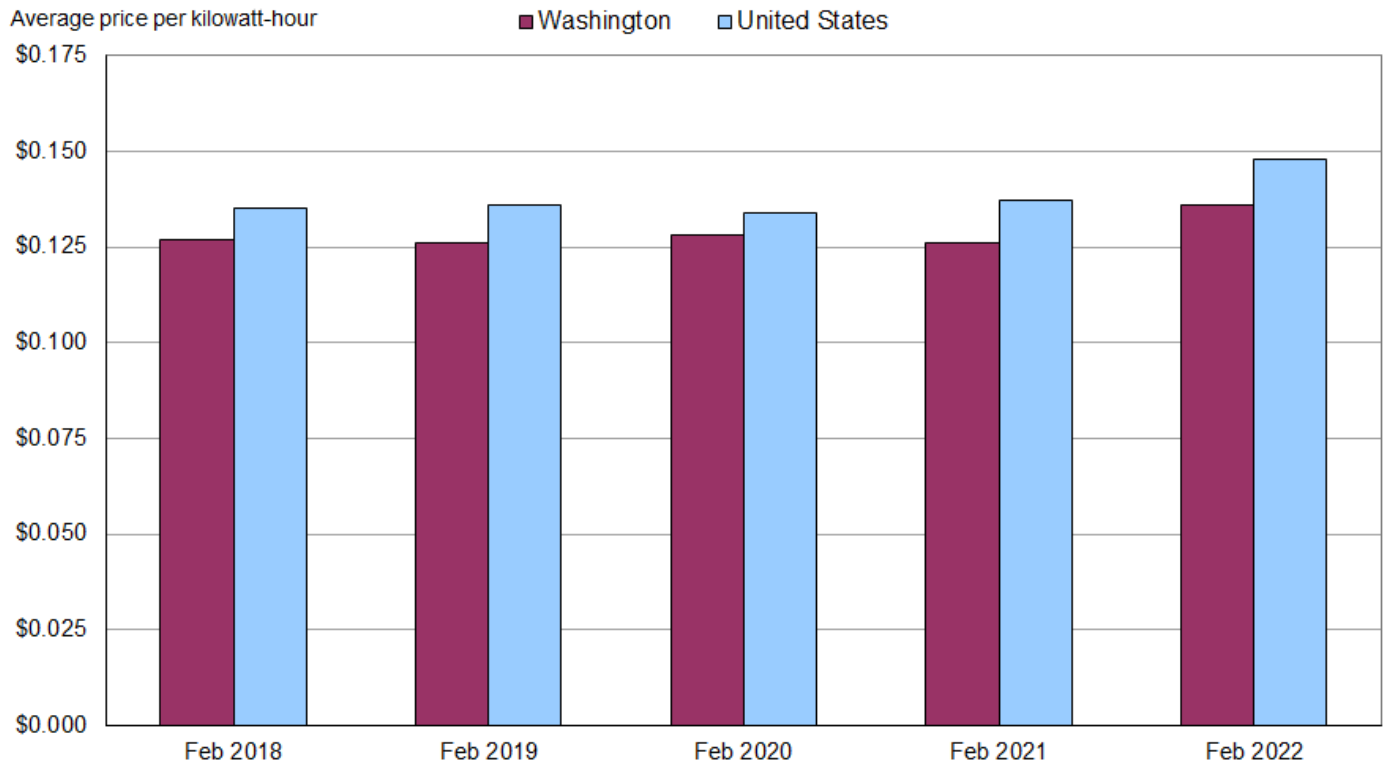
Chart 1. Average prices for gasoline, Washington-Arlington-Alexandria and United States, February 2018 - February 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 13.6 cents per kWh that Washington households paid for electricity in February 2022 was 8.1 percent below the nationwide average of 14.8 cents. Last February, the price per kWh for electricity in Washington was 8.0 percent below the national average. From 2018 to 2020, electricity prices for the Washington area ranged from 4.5 to 7.4 percent below those for the nation in February. (See [chart 2.](#))

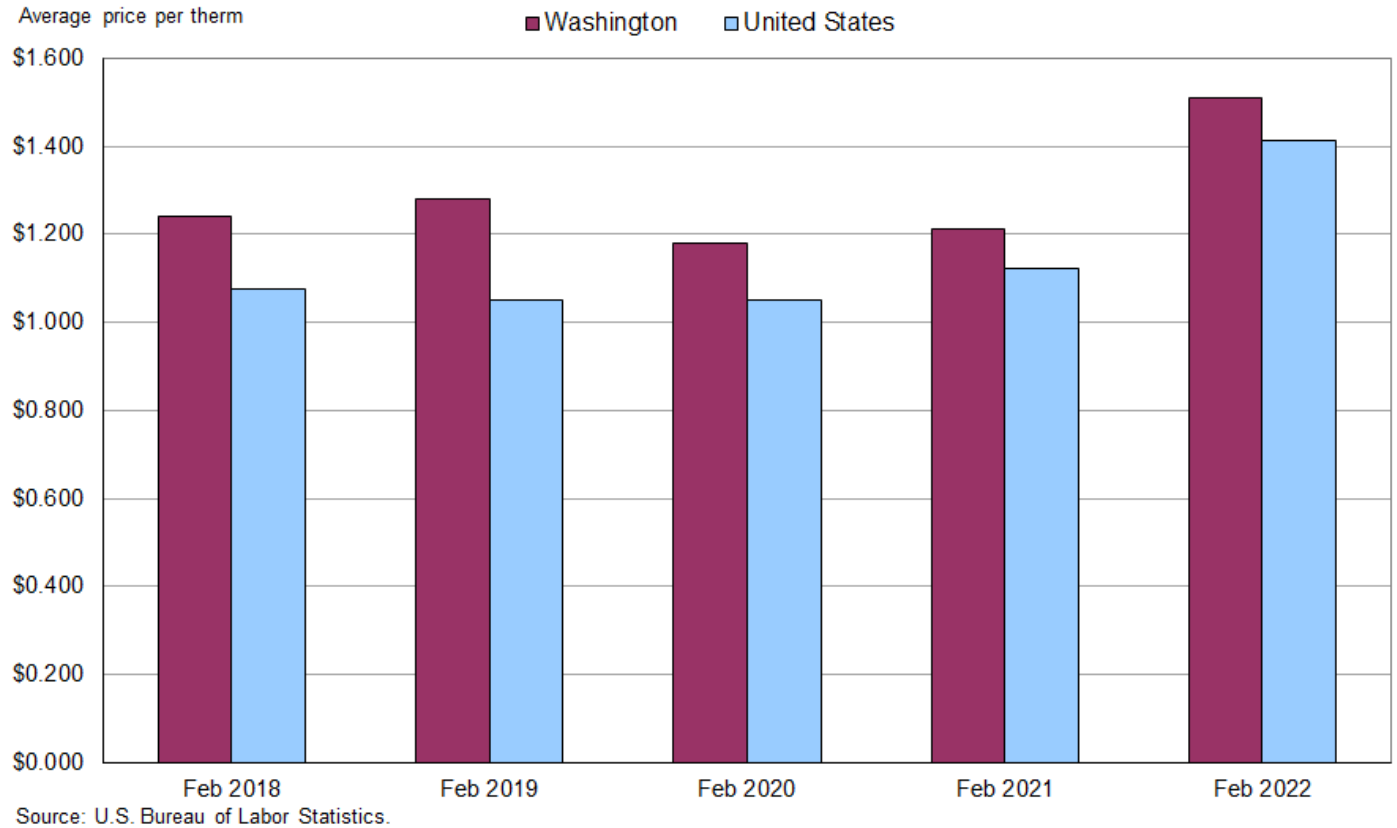
Chart 2. Average prices for electricity, Washington-Arlington-Alexandria and United States, February 2018 - February 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The price paid by Washington area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, was \$1.509 per therm in February 2022, 6.8 percent above the national average of \$1.413 per therm. Last February, the price for utility (piped) gas in Washington was 7.8 percent higher than the national average. From 2018 to 2020, the price for utility (piped) gas in the Washington area ranged from 12.4 percent to 21.9 percent higher than the national average in February. (See [chart 3](#).)

Chart 3. Average prices for utility (piped) gas, Washington-Arlington-Alexandria and United States, February 2018 - February 2022



The **Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MA-WV, Core Based Statistical Area** includes the District of Columbia; the counties of Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George’s in Maryland; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park and the counties of Arlington, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren in Virginia; and the county of Jefferson in West Virginia.

The Consumer Price Index for March 2022 is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. (ET).

Technical Note

Average prices are estimated from Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for selected commodity series to support the research and analytic needs of CPI data users. Average prices for electricity, utility (piped) gas, and gasoline are published monthly for the U.S. city average, the 4 regions, the 3 population size classes, 10 region/size-class cross-classifications, and the 14 largest local index areas. For electricity, average prices per kilowatt-hour (kWh) are published. For utility (piped) gas, average prices per therm are published. For gasoline, the average price per gallon is published. Average prices for commonly available grades of gasoline are published as well as the average price across all grades.

All eligible prices are converted to a price per normalized quantity. These prices are then used to estimate a price for a defined fixed quantity. The average price per kilowatt-hour represents the total bill divided by the kilowatt-hour usage. The total bill is the sum of all items applicable to all consumers appearing on an electricity bill including, but not limited to, variable rates per kWh, fixed costs, taxes, surcharges, and credits. This calculation also applies to the average price per therm for utility (piped) gas.

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Table 1. Average prices for gasoline, electricity, and utility (piped) gas, the United States and the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria area, February 2021-February 2022, not seasonally adjusted

Year and month	Gasoline per gallon		Electricity per kWh		Utility (piped) gas per therm	
	United States	Washington	United States	Washington	United States	Washington
2021						
February	\$2.559	\$2.482	\$0.137	\$0.126	\$1.124	\$1.212
March	2.856	2.788	0.138	0.127	1.144	1.370
April	2.907	2.822	0.139	0.127	1.166	1.465
May.....	3.041	2.967	0.140	0.126	1.201	1.478
June.....	3.245	3.153	0.142	0.136	1.219	1.553
July	3.326	3.190	0.143	0.138	1.241	1.607
August	3.351	3.204	0.144	0.138	1.267	1.553
September.....	3.361	3.198	0.144	0.137	1.302	1.429
October.....	3.477	3.371	0.142	0.138	1.383	1.612
November.....	3.576	3.489	0.142	0.130	1.401	1.608
December.....	3.505	3.442	0.142	0.132	1.402	1.431
2022						
January.....	3.500	3.424	0.147	0.133	1.409	1.504
February	3.675	3.588	0.148	0.136	1.413	1.509