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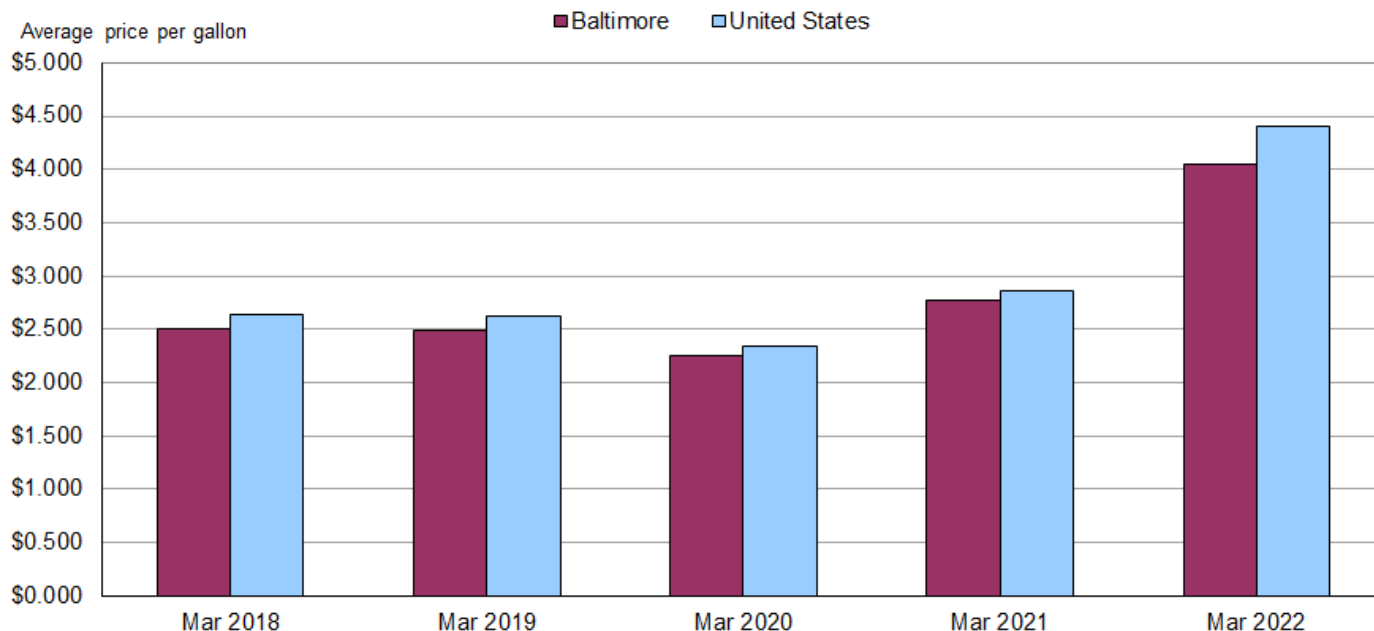
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### Average Energy Prices, Baltimore-Columbia-Towson – March 2022

Gasoline prices averaged \$4.054 a gallon in the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson area in March 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Alexandra Hall Bovee noted that area gasoline prices were up 46.0 percent compared to last March when they averaged \$2.777 per gallon. Baltimore area households paid an average of 14.1 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in March 2022, up 12.8 percent from March 2021. The average cost of utility (piped) gas at \$1.543 per therm in March was up from \$1.413 per therm a year earlier. (Data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year-analysis is used throughout.)

At \$4.054 a gallon, costs for gasoline in the Baltimore area were 7.9 percent below the national average of \$4.401 a gallon in March 2022. The prior four years in March, prices for a gallon of gasoline in Baltimore have been below the U.S. average by 5.1 percent or less. (See [chart 1.](#))

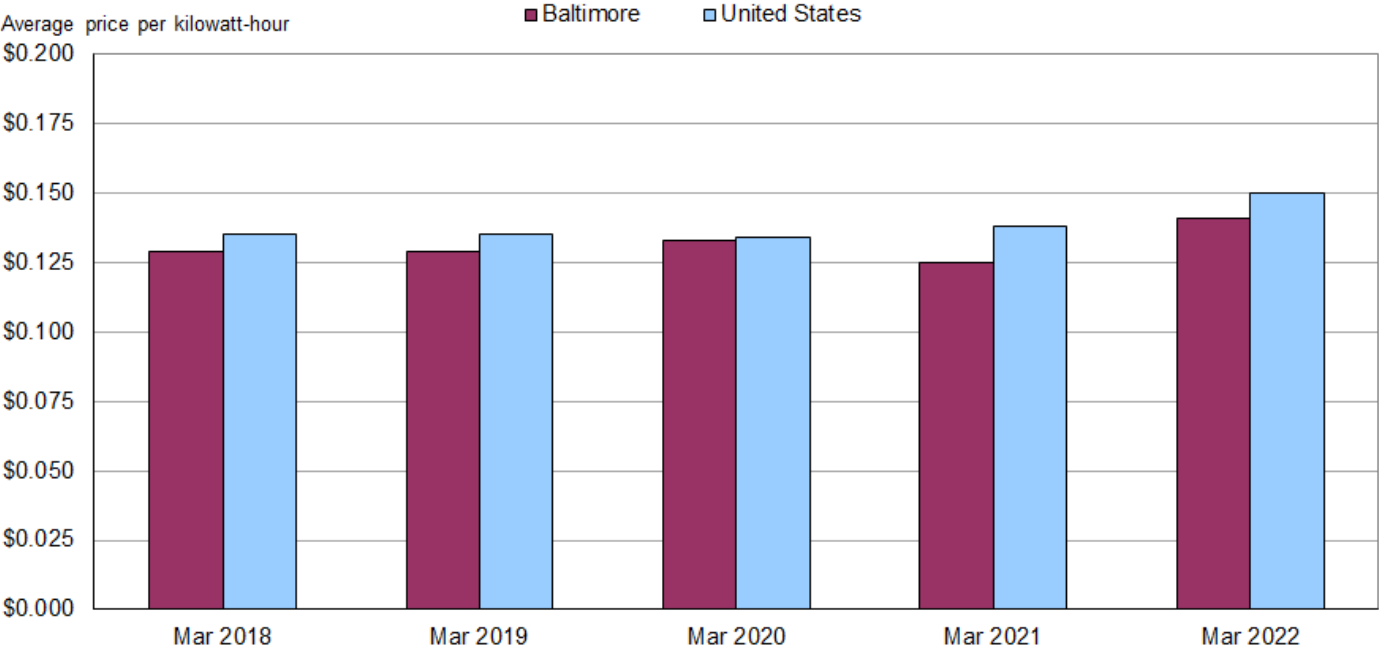
**Chart 1. Average prices for gasoline, Baltimore-Columbia-Towson and United States, March 2018–March 2022**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

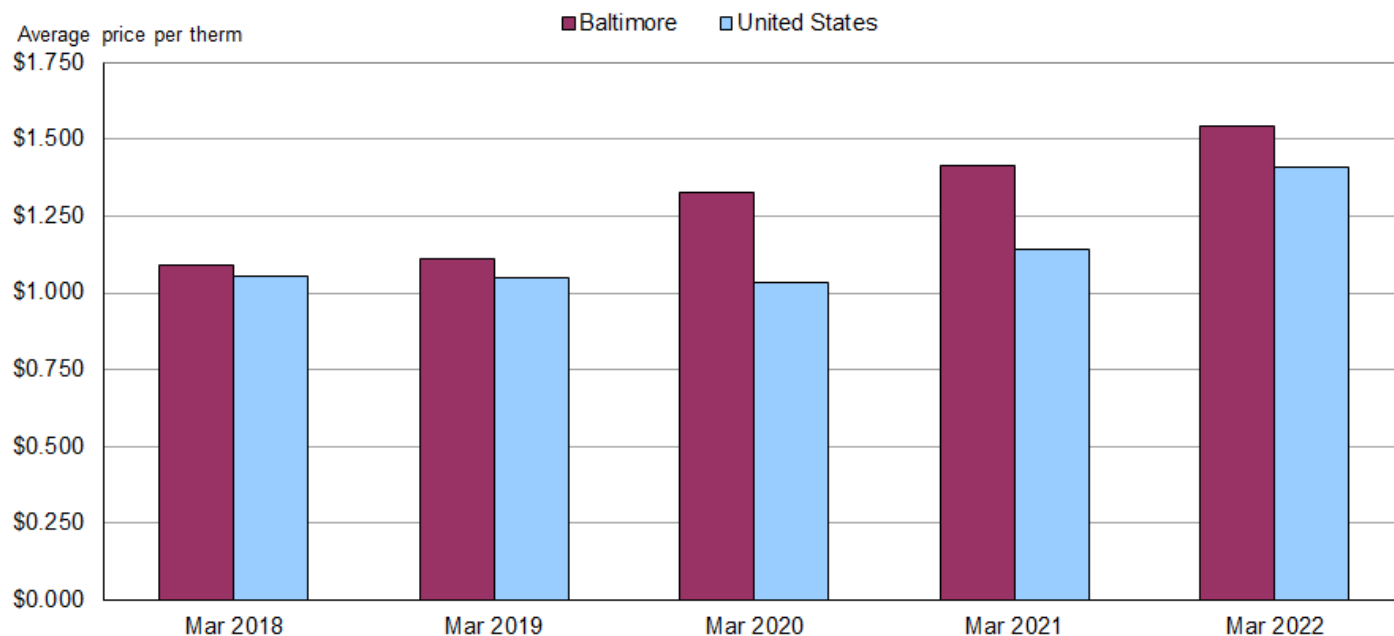
The 14.1 cents per kWh that Baltimore households paid for electricity in March 2022 was 6.0 percent lower than the nationwide average cost of 15.0 cents per kWh. Last March, electricity costs in Baltimore were 9.4 percent lower than the nation. Over the prior three years in March, prices for electricity in Baltimore have been below the U.S. average by 4.4 percent or less. (See [chart 2.](#))

**Chart 2. Average prices for electricity, Baltimore-Columbia-Towson and United States, March 2018–March 2022**



Prices paid by Baltimore area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, were \$1.543 per therm in March 2022, 9.4 percent above the national average of \$1.411 per therm. Utility (piped) gas prices in the Baltimore area have been above the national average over the previous four years in March, ranging from 3.2 to 28.4 percent higher. (See [chart 3.](#))

**Chart 3. Average prices for utility (piped) gas, Baltimore-Columbia-Towson and United States, March 2018–March 2022**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The **Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD Core Based Statistical Area** includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne’s Counties and Baltimore City in Maryland.

**The Consumer Price Index for April 2022 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, May 11, 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 Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD, March 2021–March 2022, not seasonally adjusted**

Year and month	Gasoline per gallon		Electricity per kWh		Utility (piped) gas per therm	
	United States	Baltimore area	United States	Baltimore area	United States	Baltimore area
<b>2021</b>						
March .....	2.856	2.777	0.138	0.125	1.144	1.413
April .....	2.907	2.757	0.139	0.124	1.166	1.424
May .....	3.041	2.925	0.140	0.131	1.201	1.446
June .....	3.245	3.034	0.142	0.130	1.219	1.465
July .....	3.326	3.077	0.143	0.130	1.241	1.502
August .....	3.351	3.105	0.144	0.129	1.267	1.543
September .....	3.361	3.113	0.144	0.130	1.302	1.581
October .....	3.477	3.324	0.142	0.135	1.383	1.683
November .....	3.576	3.422	0.142	0.137	1.401	1.597
December .....	3.505	3.374	0.142	0.137	1.402	1.647
<b>2022</b>						
January .....	3.500	3.307	0.147	0.137	1.409	1.599
February .....	3.675	3.547	0.148	0.145	1.413	1.679
March .....	4.401	4.054	0.150	0.141	1.411	1.543