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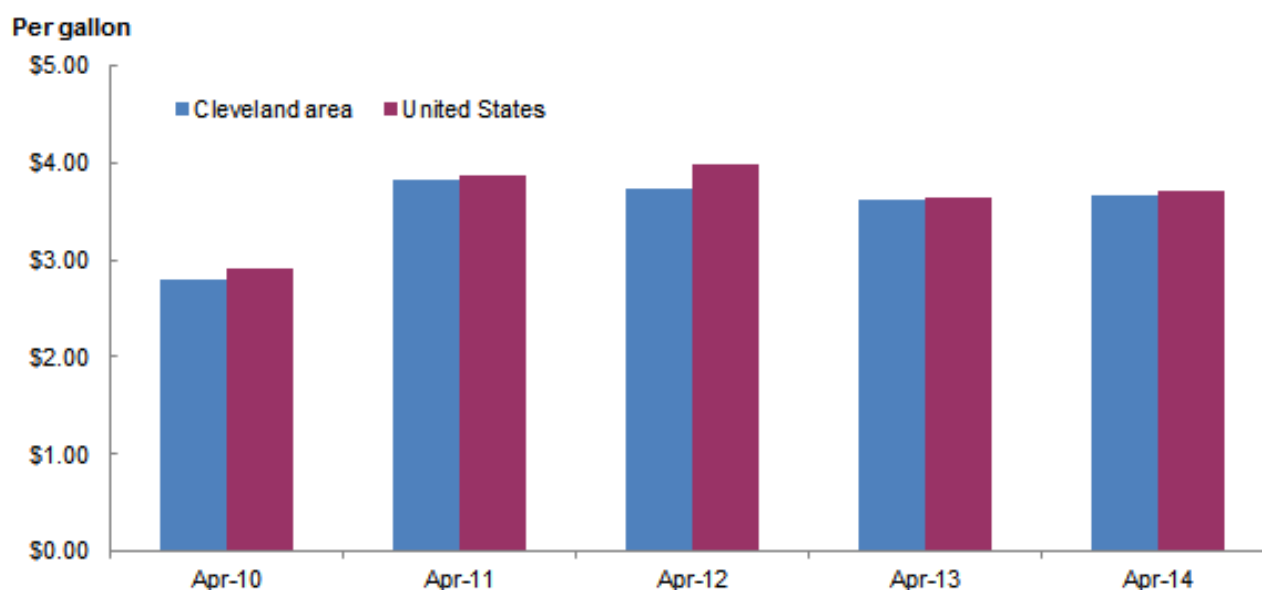
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Average Energy Prices, Cleveland-Akron-Lorain – April 2014

Gasoline prices averaged \$3.670 a gallon in the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain area in April 2014, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Charlene Peiffer noted that area gasoline prices were similar to last April when they averaged \$3.627 per gallon. Cleveland area households paid an average of 12.6 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in April 2014, up from 12.0 cents per kWh in April 2013. Utility (piped) gas averaged 84.2 cents per therm in April, up from its average price of 76.5 cents per therm a year earlier. (Data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year-analysis is used throughout.)

At \$3.670 a gallon, costs for gasoline in the Cleveland area were close to the national average of \$3.717 in April 2014. A year earlier, consumers in the Cleveland area also paid prices similar to the national average. Local prices for a gallon of gasoline have been close to the national average in four of the past five Aprils. (See [chart 1.](#))

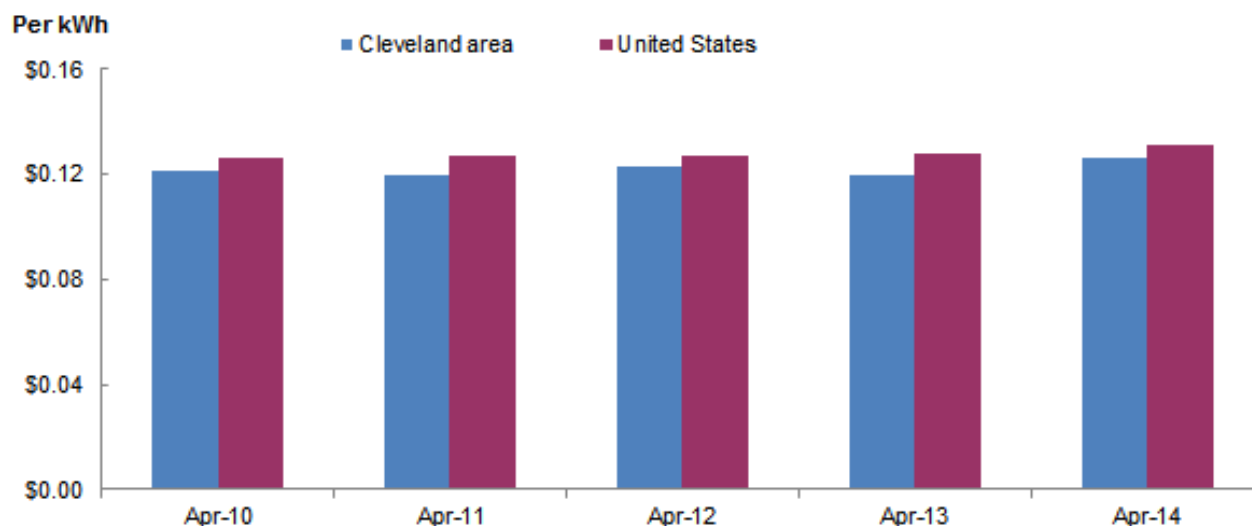
Chart 1. Average prices for gasoline, Cleveland-Akron-Lorain and the United States, 2010-2014 (as of April)



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 12.6 cents per kWh Cleveland households paid for electricity in April 2014 was comparable to the nationwide average of 13.1 cents during this same period. A year earlier, electricity costs in the Cleveland area were 6.3 percent below the national average. Electricity prices in the Cleveland area have been similar to the national average in three of the past five Aprils. (See [chart 2.](#))

Chart 2. Average prices for electricity, Cleveland-Akron-Lorain and the United States, 2010-2014 (as of April)

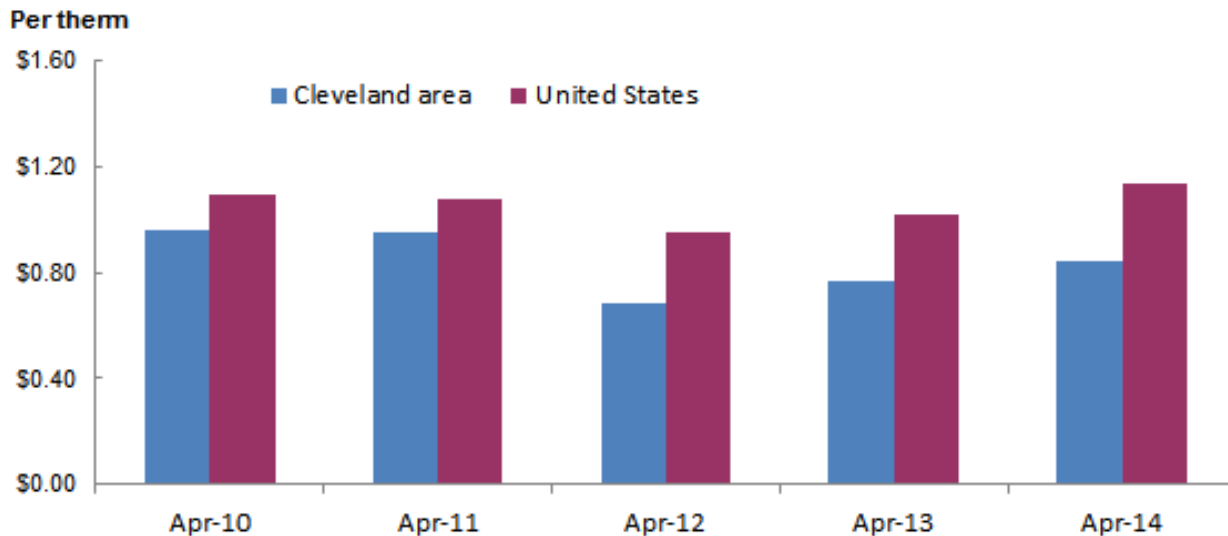


SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Prices paid by Cleveland area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, were 84.2 cents per therm or 25.9 percent below the national average of \$1.137 per therm in April 2014. A year earlier, area consumers paid 25.0 percent less per therm for natural gas compared to the nation. Utility (piped) gas prices in the Cleveland area have been lower than the national average in each of the

past five Aprils, ranging from 12.2 percent below in April 2010 and 2011 to April 2012's 28.4 percent differential. (See [chart 3](#).)

Chart 3. Average prices for utility (piped) gas, Cleveland-Akron-Lorain and the United States, 2010-2014 (as of April)



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Cleveland-Akron Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA) consists of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties in Ohio.

Historical average energy prices for the U.S. and select metropolitan areas are available at www.bls.gov/ro5/ro5econ1.htm.

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, Cleveland-Akron-Lorain and the United States, April 2013 - April 2014, not seasonally adjusted

Year and month	Gasoline per gallon		Electricity per kWh		Utility (piped) gas per therm	
	Cleveland area	United States	Cleveland area	United States	Cleveland area	United States
2013						
April.....	\$3.627	\$3.647	\$0.120	\$0.128	\$0.765	\$1.020
May.....	3.712	3.682	0.120	0.131	0.820	1.036
June.....	3.860	3.693	0.137	0.137	0.821	1.038
July.....	3.510	3.687	0.136	0.137	0.812	1.025
August.....	3.600	3.658	0.136	0.137	0.716	1.003
September.....	3.546	3.616	0.125	0.137	0.681	1.000
October.....	NA	3.434	0.125	0.132	0.694	0.999
November.....	3.240	3.310	0.124	0.130	0.688	0.999
December.....	3.211	3.333	0.124	0.131	0.699	0.998
2014						
January.....	3.358	3.378	0.124	0.134	0.741	1.040
February.....	3.389	3.422	0.124	0.134	0.813	1.078
March.....	3.629	3.590	0.124	0.135	0.915	1.154
April.....	3.670	3.717	0.126	0.131	0.842	1.137
NA - Data not adequate for publication.						