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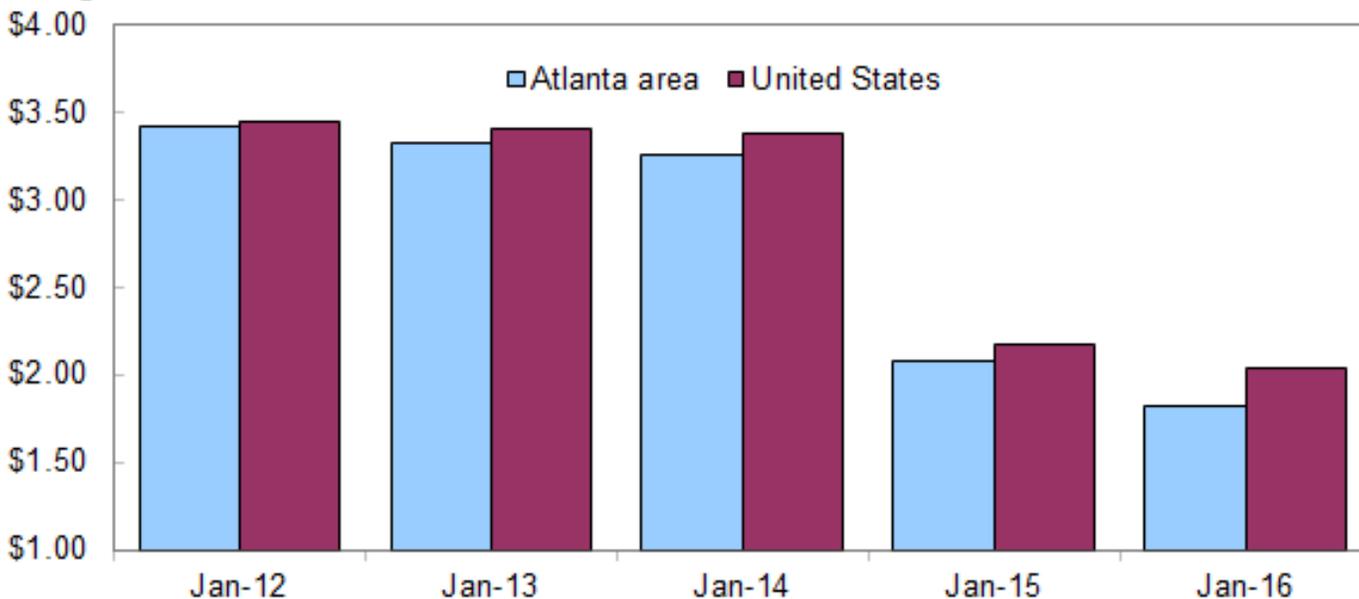
## **Average Energy Prices, Atlanta – January 2016**

Gasoline prices averaged \$1.815 a gallon in the Atlanta area in January 2016, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that area gasoline prices were 25.8 cents lower than last January when they averaged \$2.073 per gallon. Atlanta area households paid an average of 11.2 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in January 2016, similar to the 11.3 cents per kWh paid in January 2015. The average cost of utility (piped) gas at \$1.421 per therm was less than the \$1.484 per therm spent last year. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

Atlanta area consumers paid \$1.815 a gallon for gasoline in January 2016, 10.8 percent lower than the \$2.034 paid nationally. A year earlier, consumers in the Atlanta area also paid less than the national average for a gallon of gasoline. The local price of gasoline has been similar to the national average in the month of January in three of the past five years. (See [chart 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Average prices for gasoline, Atlanta and the United States, 2012-2016 (as of January)**

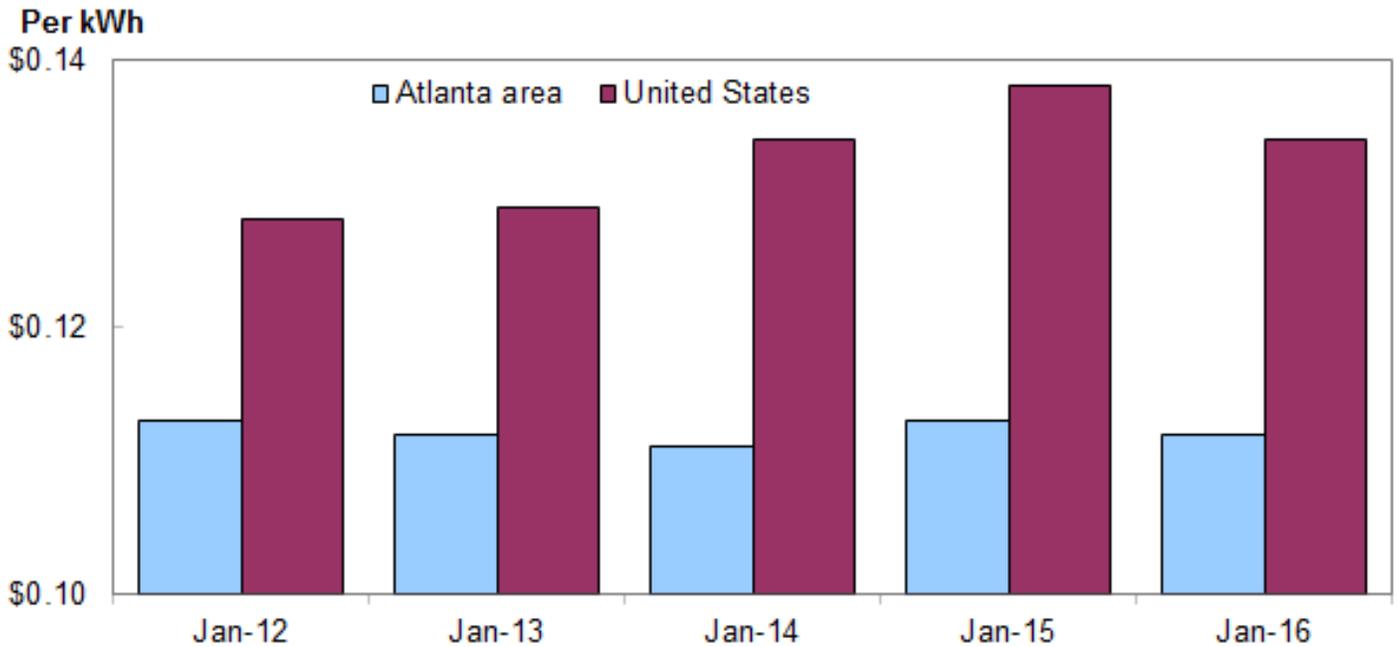
Per gallon



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 11.2 cents per kWh Atlanta households paid for electricity in January was 16.4 percent less than the nationwide average of 13.4 cents per kWh. Last January, electricity costs in Atlanta were 18.1 percent less than those paid for the nation. In each of the past five years, prices paid by Atlanta area consumers for electricity were lower than the U.S. average by at least 11 percent. (See [chart 2.](#))

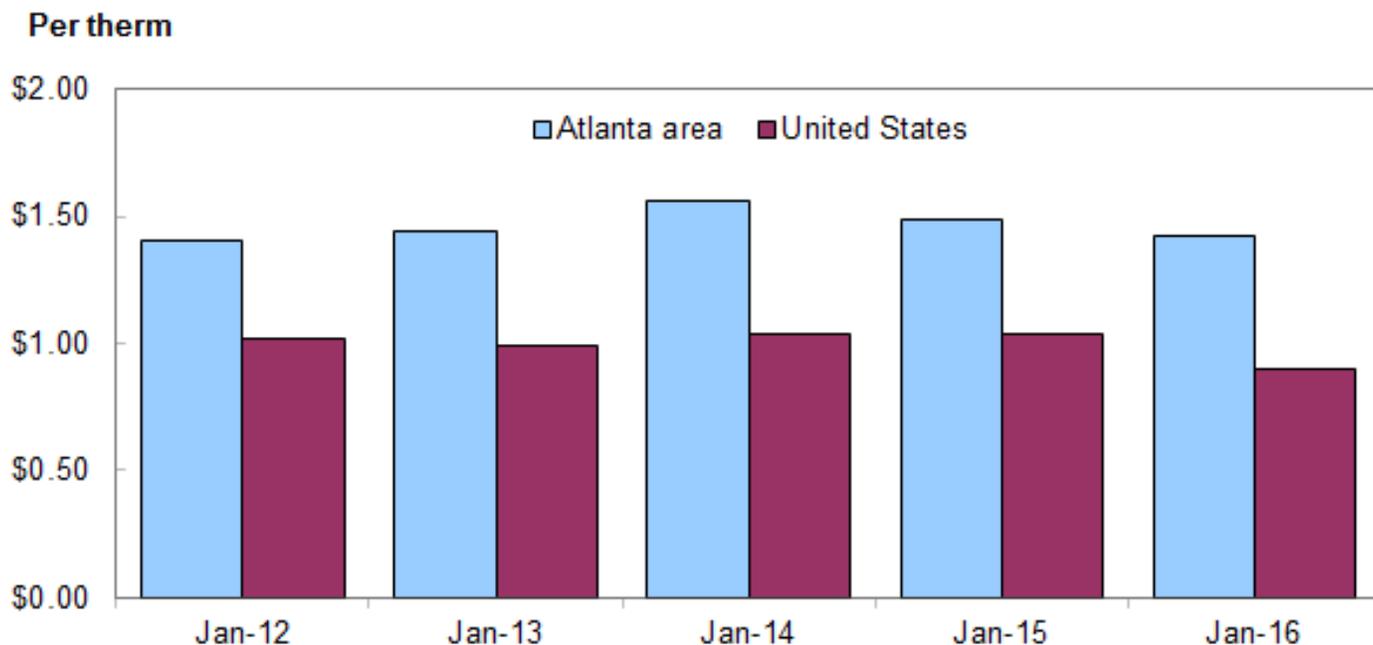
**Chart 2. Average prices for electricity, Atlanta and the United States, 2012-2016 (as of January)**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Prices paid by Atlanta area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, were \$1.421 per therm, or 58.2 percent higher than the national average in January 2016 (\$0.898 per therm). A year earlier, area consumers paid 43.2 percent more per therm for natural gas compared to the nation. In four of the past five years, the per therm cost for natural gas in January for Atlanta households was at least 40 percent more than the U.S. average. (See [chart 3.](#))

**Chart 3. Average prices for utility (piped) gas, Atlanta and the United States, 2012-2016 (as of January)**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The **Atlanta, Ga., Metropolitan Statistical Area** consists of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties in Georgia.

**The Consumer Price Index for February 2016 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.**

### 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, Atlanta and the United States, January 2015-2016, not seasonally adjusted**

Year and month	Gasoline per gallon		Electricity per kWh		Utility (piped) gas per therm	
	Atlanta area	United States	Atlanta area	United States	Atlanta area	United States
2015 .....						
January.....	2.073	2.170	0.113	0.138	1.484	1.036
February.....	2.152	2.308	0.113	0.138	1.463	1.007
March.....	2.246	2.544	0.113	0.136	1.455	0.985
April.....	2.295	2.545	0.113	0.137	1.426	0.947
May.....	2.609	2.832	0.118	0.137	1.422	0.930
June.....	2.801	2.889	0.150	0.143	1.444	0.942
July.....	2.689	2.893	0.149	0.142	1.444	0.933
August.....	2.504	2.745	0.149	0.142	1.448	0.932
September.....	2.246	2.463	0.150	0.141	1.427	0.921
October.....	2.137	2.357	0.116	0.136	1.433	0.909
November.....	2.083	2.249	0.111	0.134	1.396	0.903
December.....	1.961	2.125	0.110	0.133	1.424	0.892
2016 .....						
January.....	1.815	2.034	0.112	0.134	1.421	0.898