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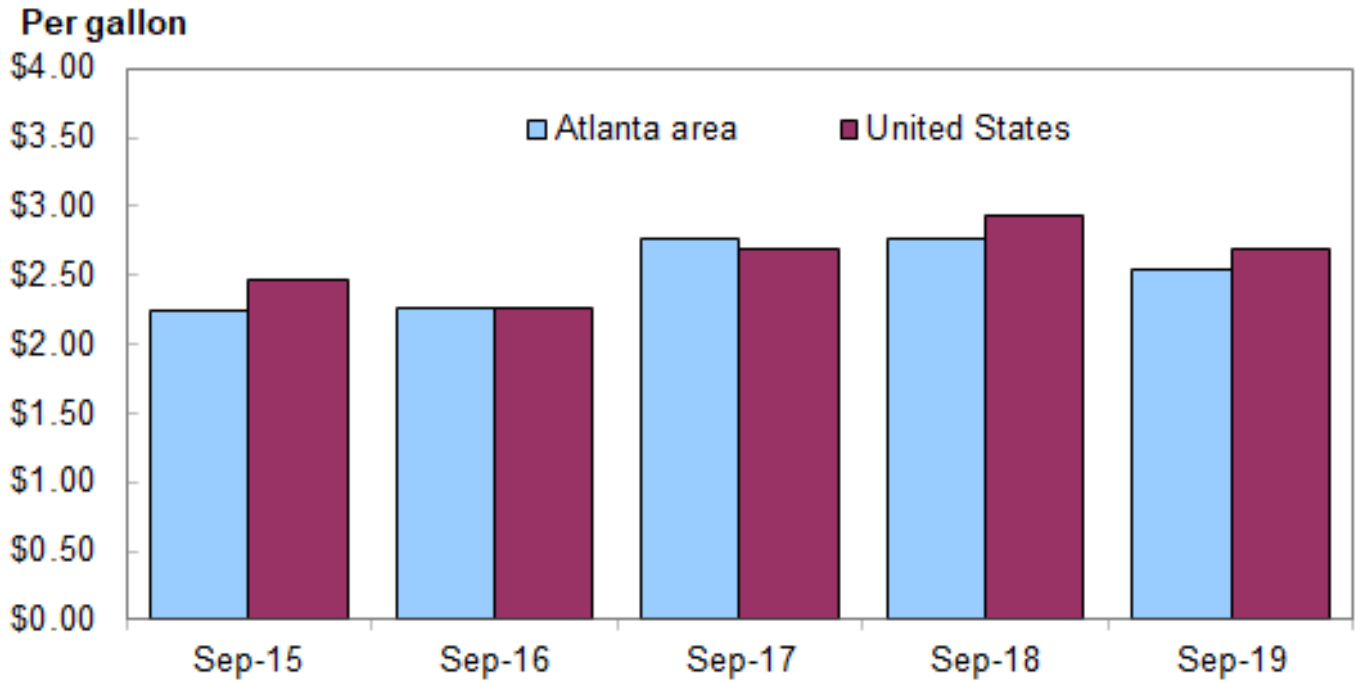
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Average Energy Prices, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell – September 2019

Gasoline prices averaged \$2.541 a gallon in the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell area in September 2019, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that area gasoline prices were 22.1 cents less than last September when they averaged \$2.762 per gallon. Atlanta area households paid an average of 14.5 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in September 2019, higher than the 12.6 cents per kWh paid in September 2018. The average cost of utility (piped) gas at \$1.744 per therm in September was similar to the \$1.713 per therm spent last year. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

Atlanta area consumers paid \$2.541 a gallon for gasoline in September 2019, 5.7 percent less than the \$2.694 paid nationally. Similarly, consumers in the Atlanta area paid 5.7 percent less than the national average for a gallon of gasoline in September 2018. The local price of gasoline in the Atlanta area has been lower than the national average by more than 5 percent in the month of September in 3 of the past 5 years. (See [chart 1.](#))

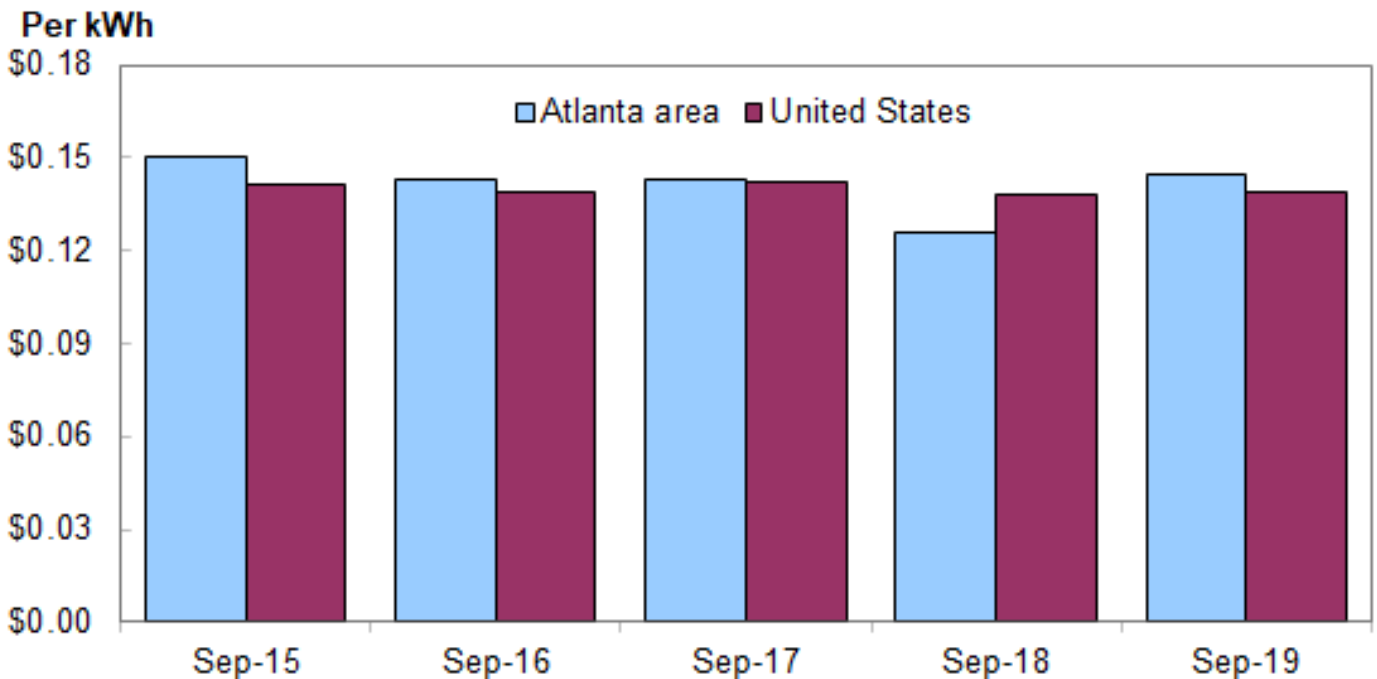
Chart 1. Average prices for gasoline, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell and the United States, 2015–2019 (as of September)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 14.5 cents per kWh Atlanta households paid for electricity in September 2019 was 4.3 percent more than the nationwide average of 13.9 cents per kWh. Last September, electricity costs in Atlanta were 8.7 percent less than the U.S. average. (See [chart 2](#).)

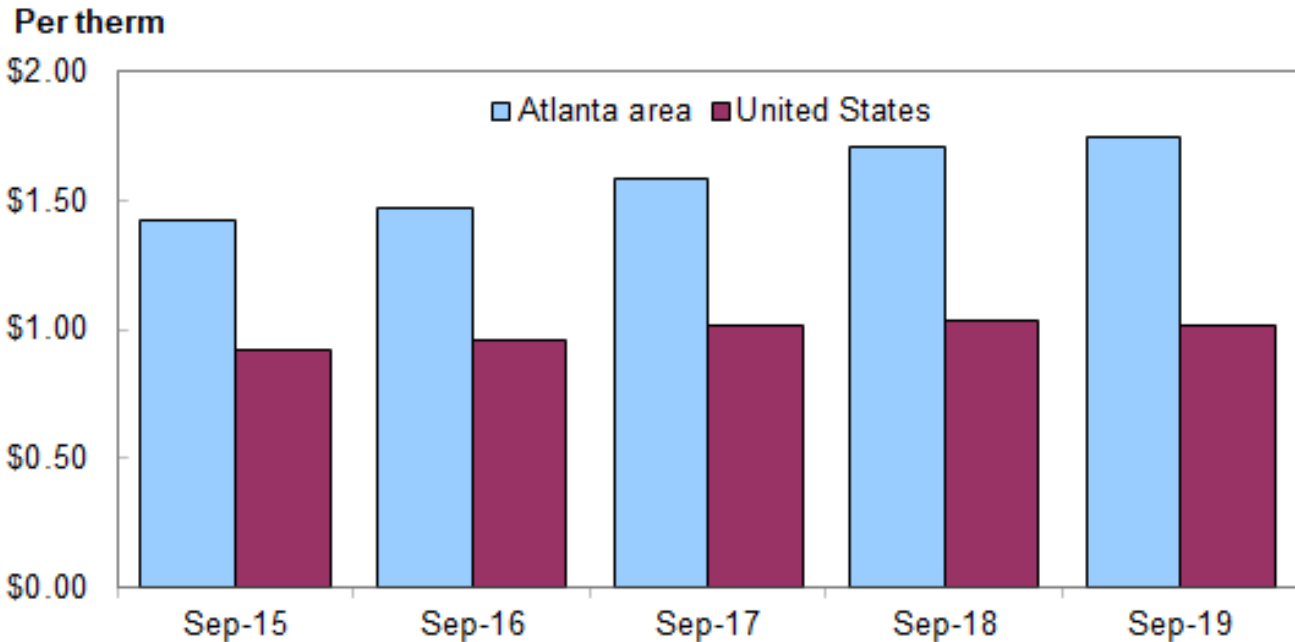
Chart 2. Average prices for electricity, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell and the United States, 2015–2019 (as of September)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Prices paid by Atlanta area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, were \$1.744 per therm, or 71.1 percent higher than the national average in September 2019 (\$1.019 per therm). A year earlier, area consumers paid 66.3 percent more per therm for natural gas compared to the nation. In each of the past 5 years, the per therm cost for natural gas in September for Atlanta households was at least 54 percent more than the U.S. average. (See [chart 3](#).)

Chart 3. Average prices for utility (piped) gas, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell and the United States, 2015–2019 (as of September)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The **Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Core Based Statistical Area** consists of Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Morgan, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties in Georgia.

The Consumer Price Index for October 2019 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

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, 9 divisions, 2 population size classes, 8 region/size-class cross-classifications, and the 23 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-Sandy Springs-Roswell and the United States, September 2018-2019, 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
2018						
September.....	2.762	2.930	0.126	0.138	1.713	1.030
October.....	2.769	2.945	0.095	0.136	1.709	1.023
November.....	2.429	2.733	0.108	0.134	1.785	1.020
December.....	2.171	2.479	0.105	0.135	1.872	1.085
2019						
January.....	2.130	2.352	0.109	0.135	1.826	1.082
February.....	2.202	2.412	0.110	0.136	1.757	1.051
March.....	2.404	2.620	0.113	0.135	1.749	1.048
April.....	2.684	2.894	0.113	0.135	1.762	1.034
May.....	2.676	2.963	0.116	0.136	1.754	1.035
June.....	2.526	2.814	0.125	0.139	1.759	1.035
July.....	2.679	2.836	0.143	0.140	1.745	1.029
August.....	2.514	2.716	0.143	0.139	1.736	1.034
September.....	2.541	2.694	0.145	0.139	1.744	1.019