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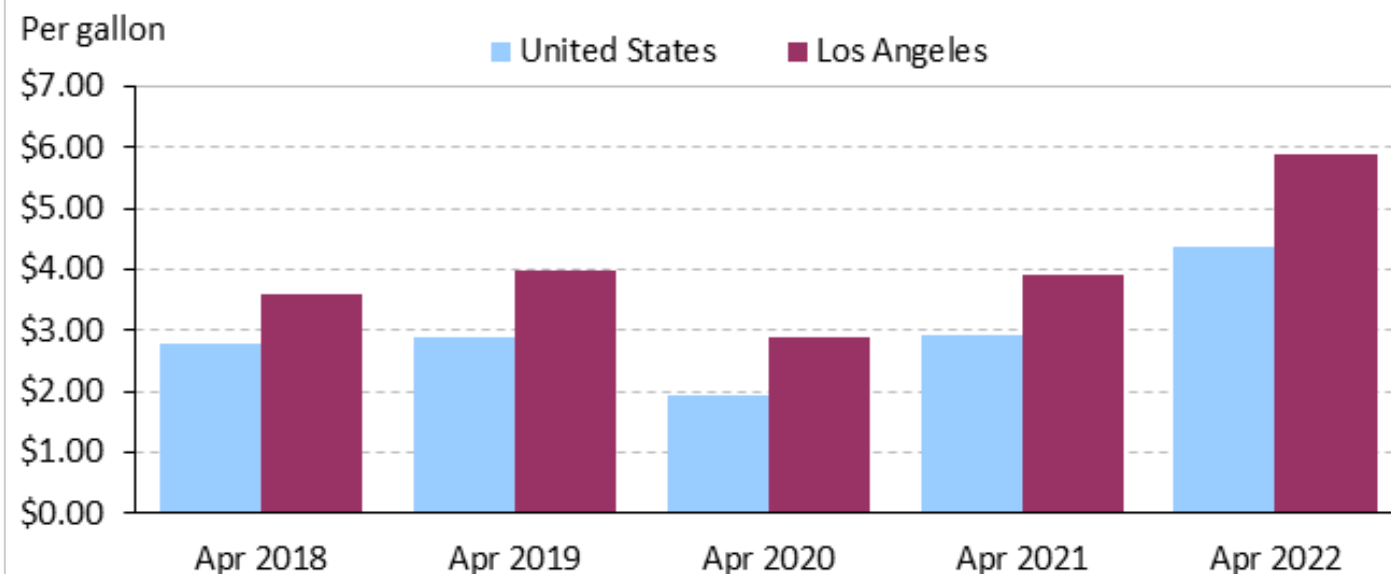
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Average Energy Prices, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim – April 2022

Gasoline prices averaged \$5.893 a gallon in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area in April 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Chris Rosenlund noted that area gasoline prices were \$1.993 higher than last April when they averaged \$3.900 per gallon. Los Angeles area households paid an average of 25.1 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in April 2022, higher than the 22.0 cents price per kWh paid in April 2021. The average cost of utility (piped) gas at \$1.664 per therm in April was higher than the \$1.331 per therm spent last year. (Data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year-analysis is used throughout.)

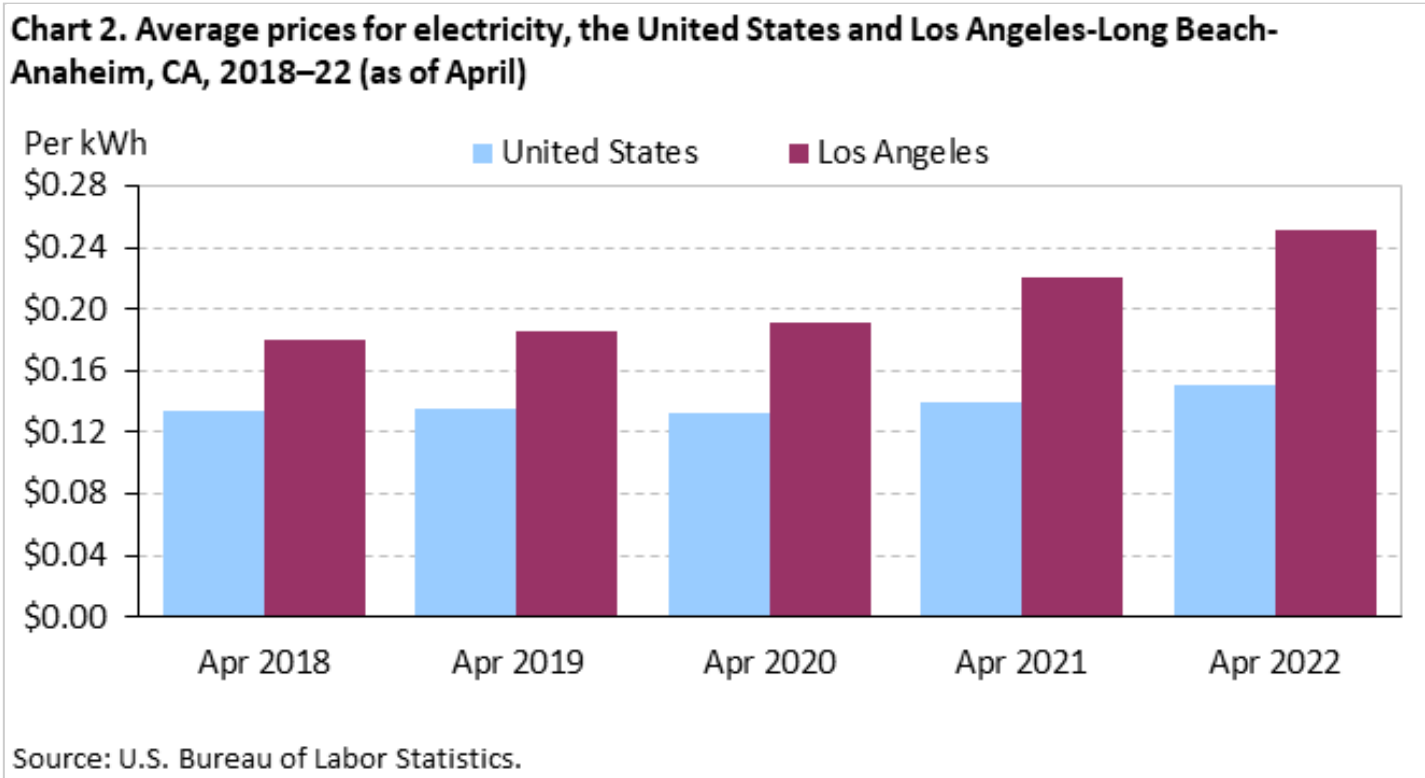
At \$5.893 a gallon, Los Angeles area consumers paid 34.9 percent more than the \$4.369 national average in April 2022. A year earlier, consumers in the Los Angeles area paid 34.2 percent more than the national average for a gallon of gasoline. The local price of a gallon of gasoline has ranged from 28.6 to 47.8 percent above the national average in the month of April during the past five years. (See [chart 1.](#))

Chart 1. Average prices for gasoline, the United States and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, 2018–22 (as of April)



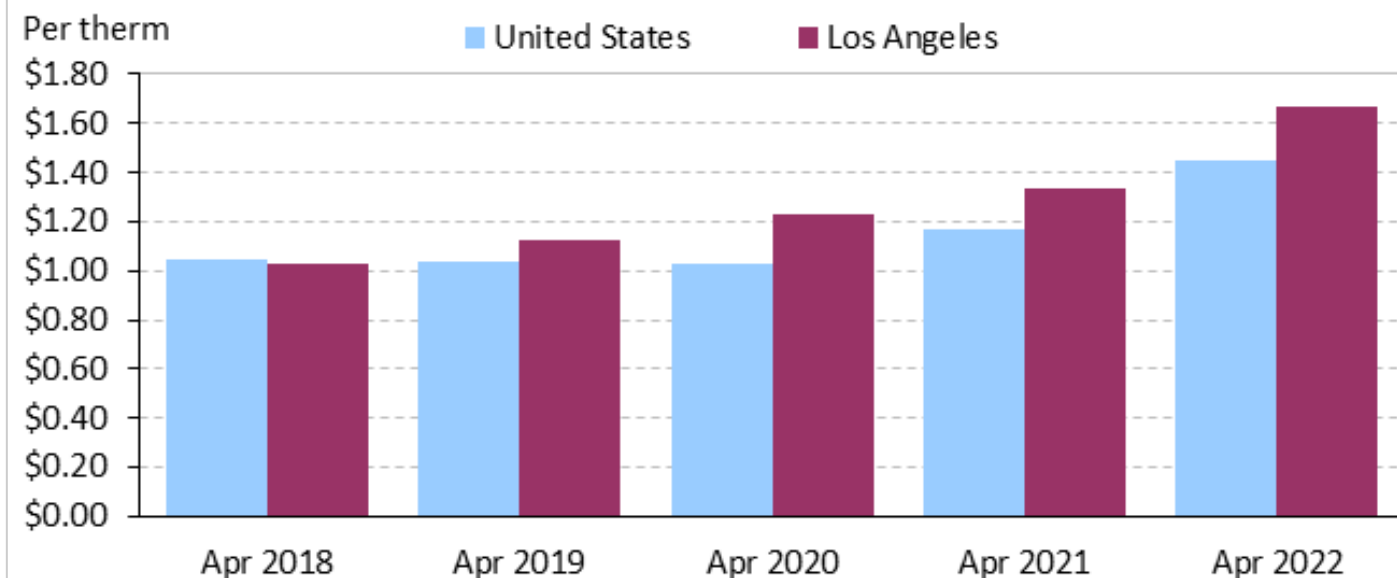
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 25.1 cents per kWh Los Angeles households paid for electricity in April 2022 was 66.2 percent more than the nationwide average of 15.1 cents per kWh. Last April, electricity costs were 58.3 percent higher in Los Angeles compared to the nation. In the past five years, prices paid by Los Angeles area consumers for electricity exceeded the U.S. average by 34.3 percent or more in the month of April. (See [chart 2.](#))



Prices paid by Los Angeles area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, were \$1.664 per therm, 15.2 percent more than the national average in April 2022 (\$1.445 per therm). A year earlier, area consumers paid 14.2 percent more per therm for natural gas compared to the nation. In the Los Angeles area over the past five years, the per therm cost for natural gas in April has varied between 1.9 percent below and 19.5 percent above the U.S. average. (See [chart 3.](#))

Chart 3. Average prices for utility (piped) gas, the United States and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, 2018–22 (as of April)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim metropolitan area consists of Los Angeles and Orange Counties in California.

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, the United States and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, April 2021–April 2022, not seasonally adjusted

Year and month	Gasoline per gallon		Electricity per kWh		Utility (piped) gas per therm	
	United States	Los Angeles area	United States	Los Angeles area	United States	Los Angeles area
2021						
April	\$2.907	\$3.900	\$0.139	\$0.220	\$1.166	\$1.331
May.....	3.041	4.055	0.140	0.220	1.201	1.609
June.....	3.245	4.295	0.142	0.218	1.219	1.647
July.....	3.326	4.384	0.143	0.221	1.241	1.680
August	3.351	4.429	0.144	0.221	1.267	1.705
September.....	3.361	4.440	0.144	0.222	1.302	1.702
October.....	3.477	4.524	0.142	0.239	1.383	1.796
November.....	3.576	4.694	0.142	0.240	1.401	1.710
December.....	3.505	4.720	0.142	0.240	1.402	1.625
2022						
January.....	3.500	4.708	0.147	0.248	1.409	1.878
February.....	3.675	4.809	0.148	0.248	1.413	1.642
March	4.401	5.824	0.150	0.258	1.411	1.693
April	4.369	5.893	0.151	0.251	1.445	1.664