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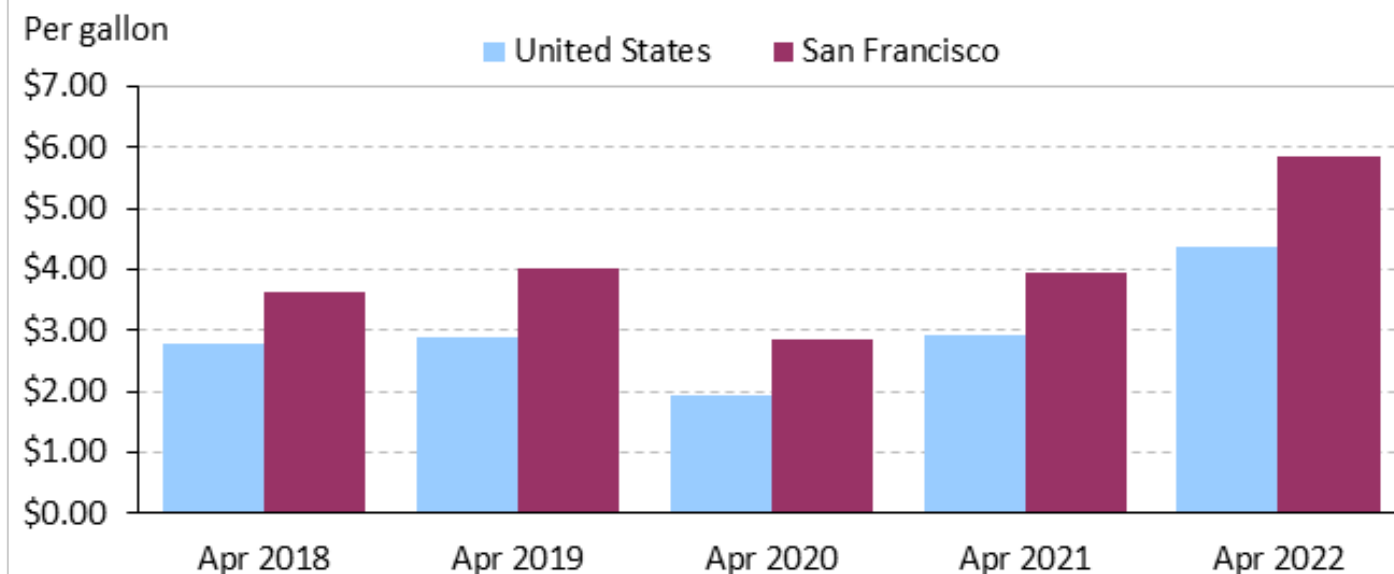
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## **Average Energy Prices, San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward – April 2022**

Gasoline prices averaged \$5.843 a gallon in the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward area in April 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Chris Rosenlund noted that area gasoline prices were \$1.900 higher than last April when they averaged \$3.943 per gallon. San Francisco area households paid an average of 30.3 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in April 2022, higher than the 25.7 cents per kWh paid in April 2021. The average cost of utility (piped) gas at \$2.107 per therm in April was higher than the \$1.707 per therm spent last year. (Data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year-analysis is used throughout.)

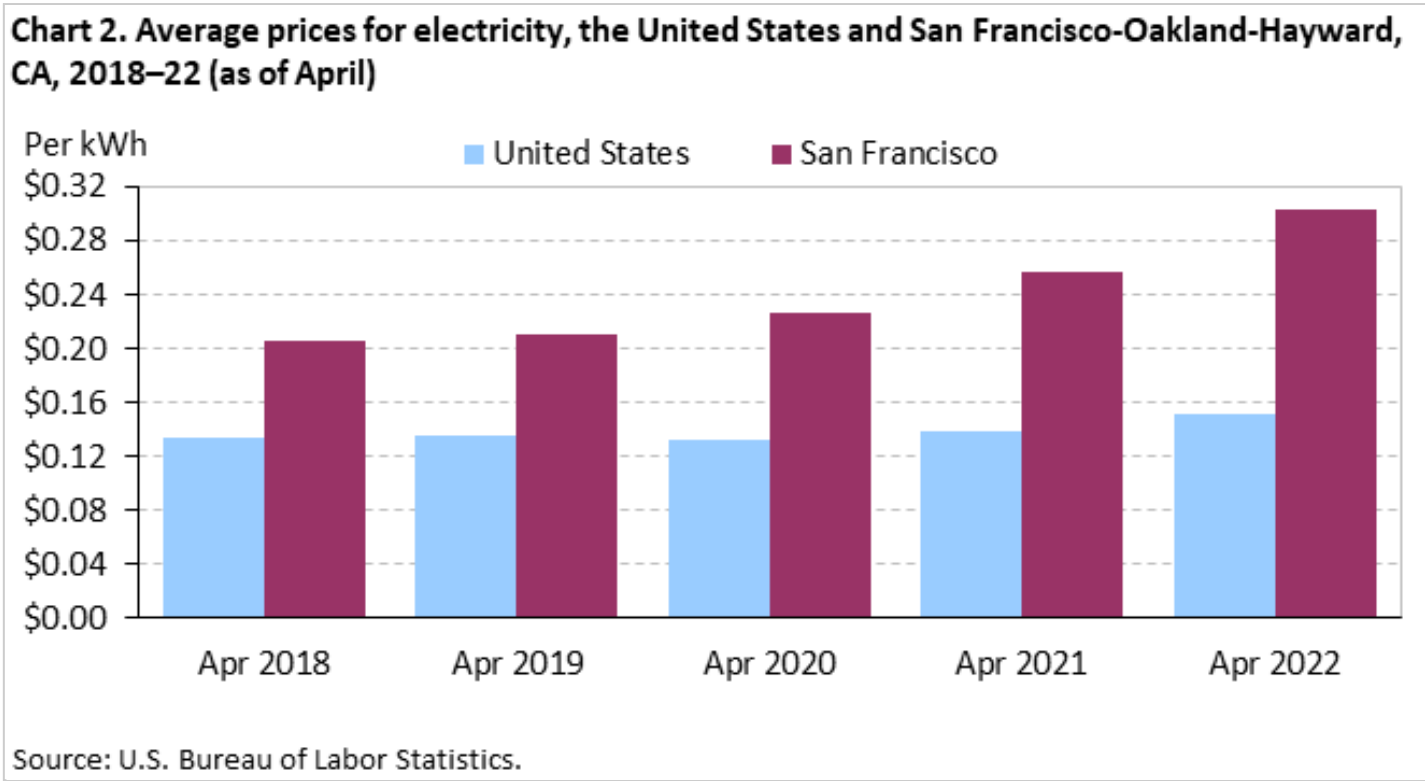
At \$5.843 a gallon, San Francisco area consumers paid 33.7 percent more than the \$4.369 national average in April 2022. A year earlier, consumers in the San Francisco area paid 35.6 percent more than the national average for a gallon of gasoline. The local price of a gallon of gasoline has ranged from 29.7 to 47.2 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 San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA, 2018–22 (as of April)**



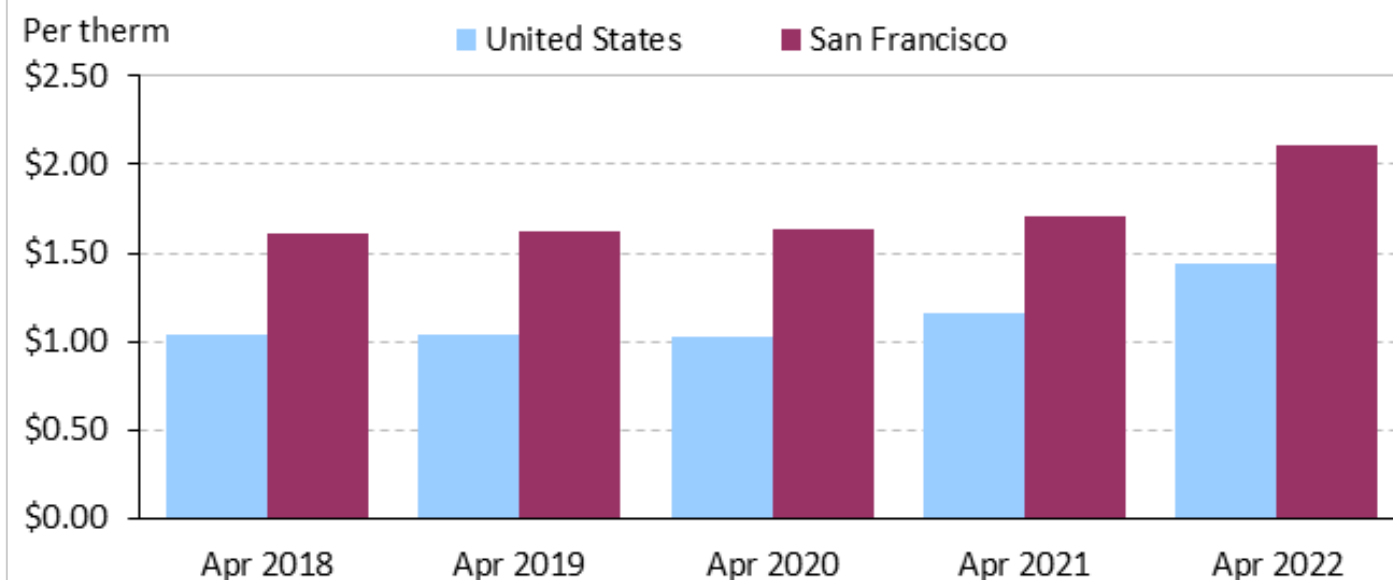
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 30.3 cents per kWh San Francisco households paid for electricity in April 2022 was 100.7 percent more than the nationwide average of 15.1 cents per kWh. Last April, electricity costs were 84.9 percent higher in San Francisco compared to the nation. In each of the past five years, prices paid by San Francisco area consumers for electricity exceeded the U.S. average by at least 53.0 percent in the month of April. (See [chart 2.](#))



Prices paid by San Francisco area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, were \$2.107 per therm, or 45.8 percent above the national average in April 2022 (\$1.445 per therm). A year earlier, area consumers paid 46.4 percent more per therm for natural gas compared to the nation. In the past five years, the per therm cost for natural gas in April in the San Francisco area has varied between 45.8 percent and 58.9 percent above the U.S. average. (See [chart 3.](#))

**Chart 3. Average prices for utility (piped) gas, the United States and San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA, 2018–22 (as of April)**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, Calif. metropolitan area consists of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo 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 San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA, April 2021–April 2022, not seasonally adjusted**

Year and month	Gasoline per gallon		Electricity per kWh		Utility (piped) gas per therm	
	United States	San Francisco area	United States	San Francisco area	United States	San Francisco area
<b>2021</b>						
April .....	\$2.907	\$3.943	\$0.139	\$0.257	\$1.166	\$1.707
May.....	3.041	4.117	0.140	0.257	1.201	1.695
June.....	3.245	4.396	0.142	0.261	1.219	1.704
July.....	3.326	4.472	0.143	0.261	1.241	1.678
August .....	3.351	4.572	0.144	0.263	1.267	1.712
September.....	3.361	4.559	0.144	0.263	1.302	1.932
October.....	3.477	4.674	0.142	0.258	1.383	2.166
November.....	3.576	4.864	0.142	0.258	1.401	2.052
December.....	3.505	4.844	0.142	0.259	1.402	2.047
<b>2022</b>						
January.....	3.500	4.809	0.147	0.279	1.409	2.156
February.....	3.675	4.853	0.148	0.279	1.413	2.144
March .....	4.401	5.773	0.150	0.310	1.411	2.030
April .....	4.369	5.843	0.151	0.303	1.445	2.107