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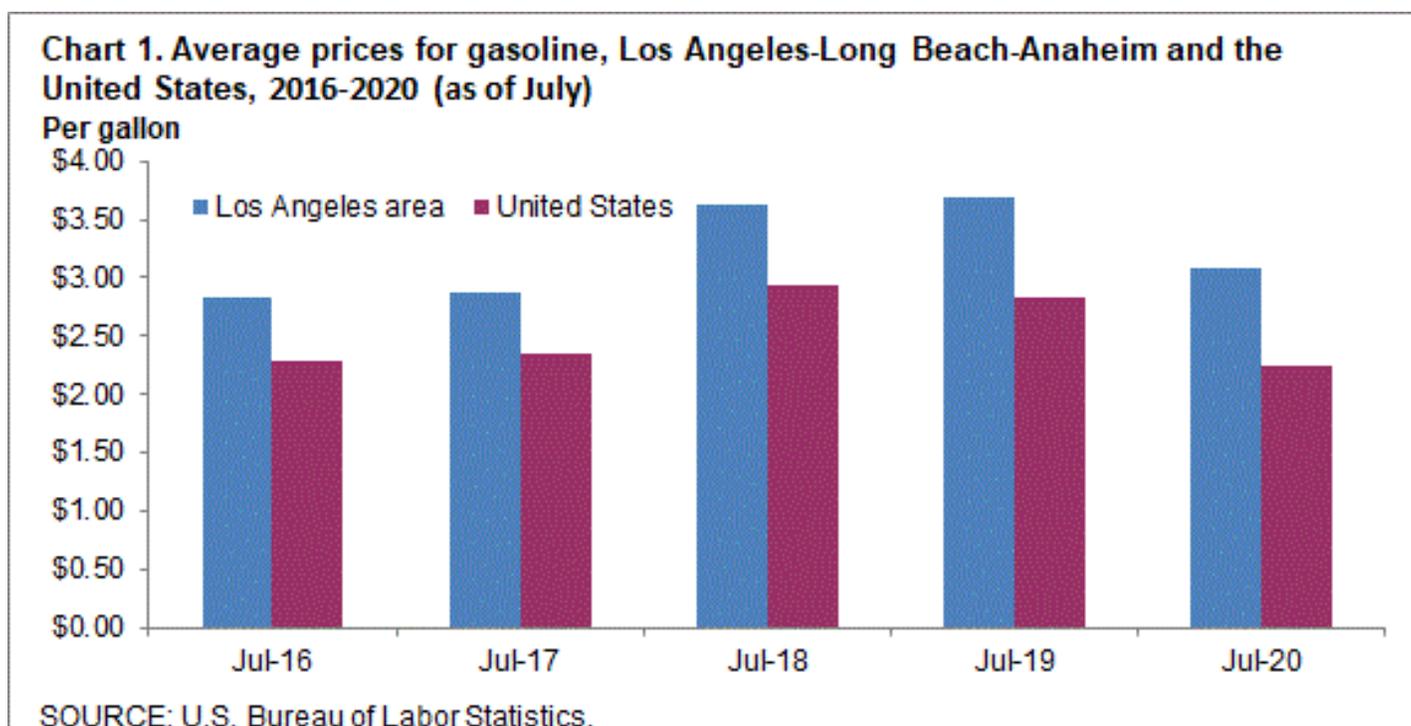
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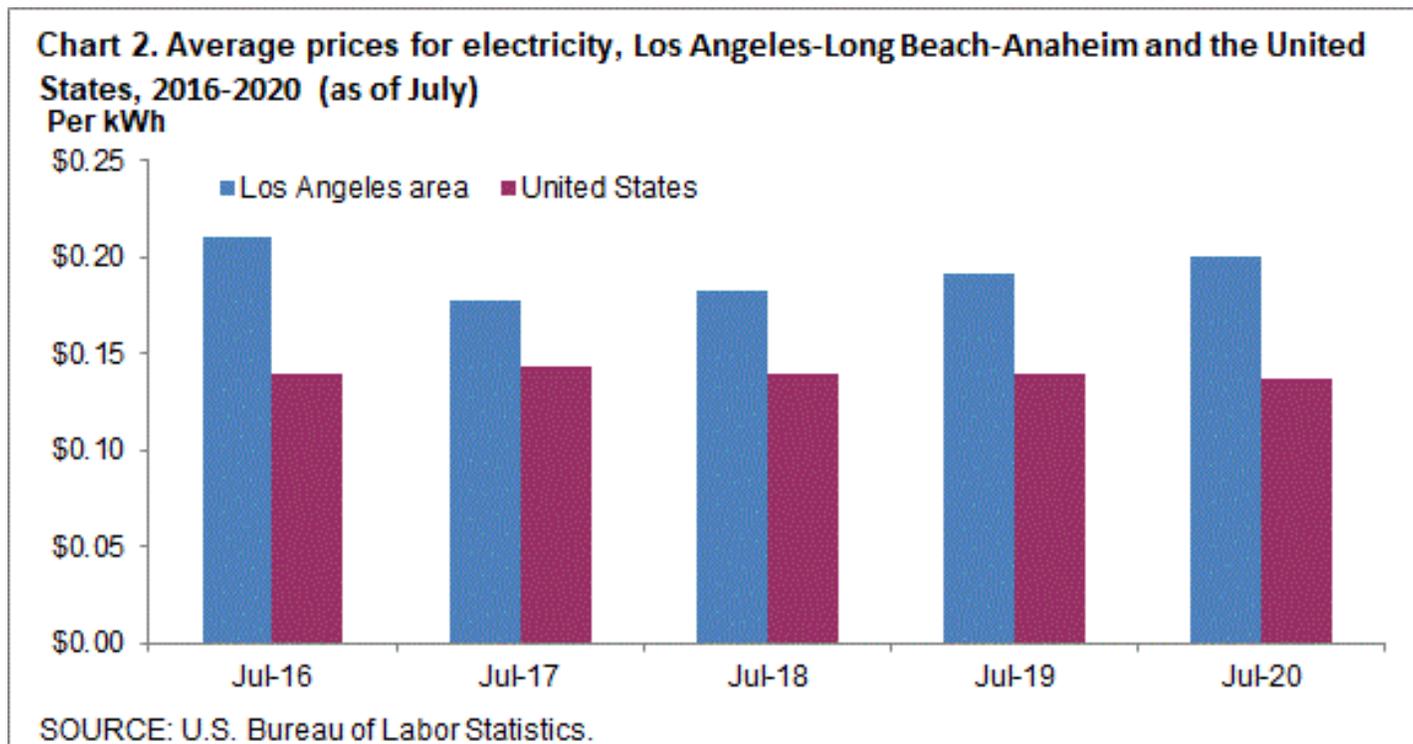
## **Average Energy Prices, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim – July 2020**

Gasoline prices averaged \$3.089 a gallon in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area in July 2020, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Assistant Commissioner for Regional Operations Richard Holden noted that area gasoline prices were lower than last July when they averaged \$3.689 per gallon. Los Angeles area households paid an average of 20.0 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in July 2020, higher than the 19.1 cents price per kWh paid in July 2019. The average cost of utility (piped) gas at \$1.471 per therm in July was higher than the \$1.308 per therm spent last year. (Data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year-analysis is used throughout.)

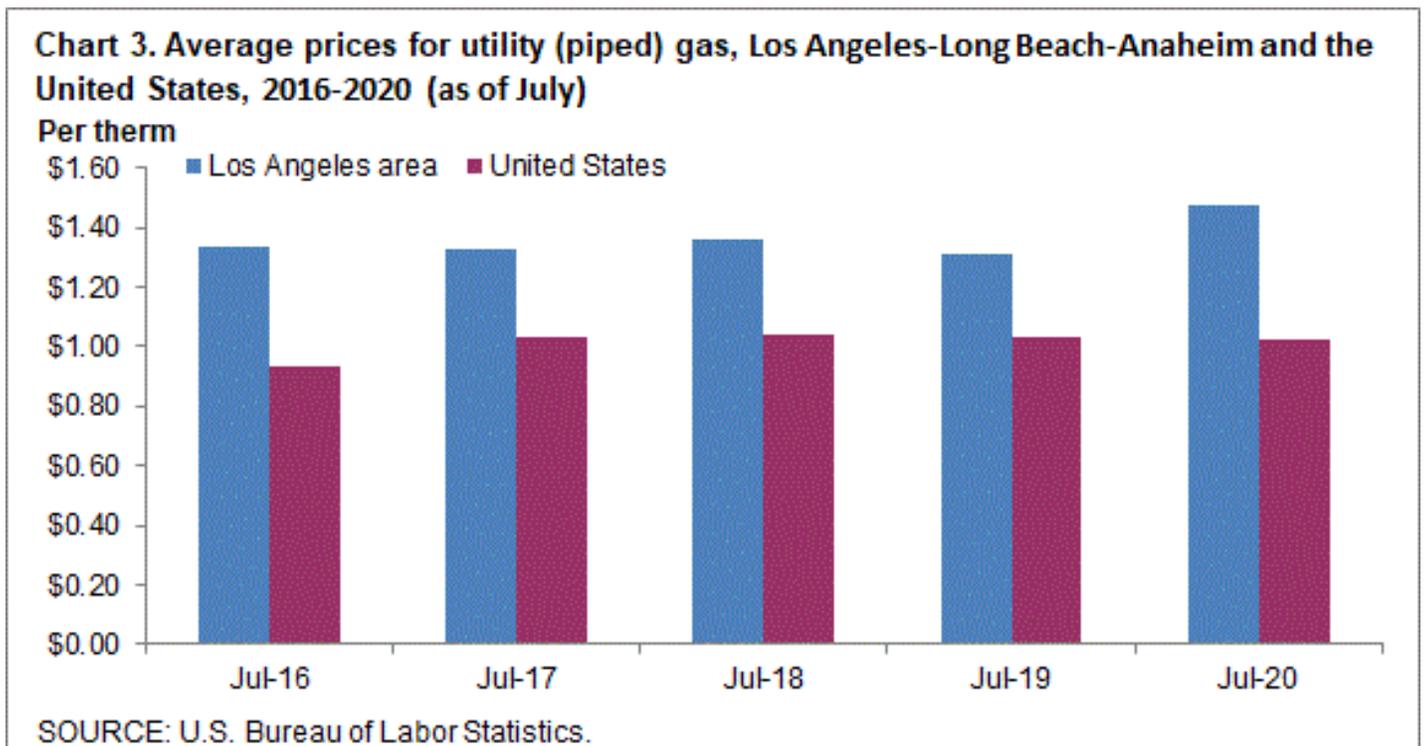
At \$3.089 a gallon, Los Angeles area consumers paid 37.7 percent more than the \$2.243 national average in July 2020. A year earlier, consumers in the Los Angeles area paid 30.1 percent more than the national average for a gallon of gasoline. The local price of a gallon of gasoline has ranged from 22.4 to 37.7 percent above the national average in the month of July during the past five years. (See [chart 1](#).)



The 20.0 cents per kWh Los Angeles households paid for electricity in July 2020 was 46.0 percent more than the nationwide average of 13.7 cents per kWh. Last July, electricity costs were 36.4 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 24.5 percent or more in the month of July. (See [chart 2.](#))



Prices paid by Los Angeles area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, were \$1.471 per therm, 43.2 percent more than the national average in July 2020 (\$1.027 per therm). A year earlier, area consumers paid 27.1 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 July has varied between 27.1 percent and 43.2 percent above the U.S. average. (See [chart 3.](#))



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, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim and the United States, July 2019 - July 2020, not seasonally adjusted**

	Gasoline per gallon		Electricity per kWh		Utility (piped) gas per therm	
	Los Angeles area	United States	Los Angeles area	United States	Los Angeles area	United States
<b>2019</b>						
July .....	\$3.689	\$2.836	\$0.191	\$0.140	\$1.308	\$1.029
August .....	<b>3.563</b>	<b>2.716</b>	<b>0.187</b>	<b>0.139</b>	<b>1.296</b>	<b>1.034</b>
September .....	3.769	2.694	0.188	0.139	1.284	1.019
October .....	<b>4.144</b>	<b>2.741</b>	<b>0.190</b>	<b>0.136</b>	<b>1.323</b>	<b>1.041</b>
November .....	3.959	2.687	0.190	0.133	1.100	1.058
December .....	<b>3.641</b>	<b>2.652</b>	<b>0.190</b>	<b>0.133</b>	<b>1.215</b>	<b>1.057</b>
<b>2020</b>						
January .....	3.553	2.631	0.193	0.134	1.326	1.066
February .....	<b>3.535</b>	<b>2.530</b>	<b>0.193</b>	<b>0.134</b>	<b>1.252</b>	<b>1.050</b>
March .....	3.274	2.334	0.193	0.134	1.189	1.034
April .....	<b>2.877</b>	<b>1.946</b>	<b>0.191</b>	<b>0.133</b>	<b>1.228</b>	<b>1.028</b>
May .....	2.802	1.946	0.199	0.134	1.456	1.037
June .....	<b>2.967</b>	<b>2.141</b>	<b>0.198</b>	<b>0.137</b>	<b>1.478</b>	<b>1.037</b>
July .....	3.089	2.243	0.200	0.137	1.471	1.027