

Table WF01. Selected U.S. Average Consumer Prices* and Expenditures for Heating Fuels During the Winter
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Fuel / Region	Winter of							Forecast	
	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	Avg.02-07	07-08	08-09	% Change
Natural Gas									
Northeast									
Consumption (mcf**)	84.3	80.0	79.8	73.9	74.7	78.5	75.2	80.0	6.4
Price (\$/mcf)	9.99	11.77	12.64	16.40	14.69	12.99	15.14	15.04	-0.6
Expenditures (\$)	842	941	1,009	1,211	1,098	1,020	1,138	1,203	5.7
Midwest									
Consumption (mcf)	92.1	85.5	85.2	82.2	84.8	85.9	88.5	87.8	-0.8
Price (\$/mcf)	7.61	8.77	10.04	13.45	11.06	10.12	11.38	11.07	-2.8
Expenditures (\$)	701	750	855	1,106	938	870	1,008	972	-3.5
South									
Consumption (mcf)	60.6	55.6	54.0	53.8	54.8	55.8	53.5	57.7	7.9
Price (\$/mcf)	9.03	10.67	12.17	16.46	13.59	12.30	14.27	14.25	-0.2
Expenditures (\$)	547	594	658	886	745	686	764	823	7.7
West									
Consumption (mcf)	44.7	45.7	46.7	46.7	47.2	46.2	49.3	46.8	-5.0
Price (\$/mcf)	7.55	8.84	10.18	12.96	11.20	10.17	11.30	10.91	-3.5
Expenditures (\$)	338	404	475	605	528	470	557	511	-8.3
U.S. Average									
Consumption (mcf)	71.1	67.1	66.8	64.7	66.0	67.1	67.4	68.5	1.5
Price (\$/mcf)	8.42	9.81	11.04	14.58	12.35	11.18	12.72	12.56	-1.3
Expenditures (\$)	599	659	738	943	815	751	858	860	0.2
Households (thousands)	54,942	55,811	56,167	56,587	57,223	56,146	57,804	58,316	0.9
Heating Oil									
Northeast									
Consumption (gallons)	671.5	636.9	637.0	589.6	596.0	626.2	603.1	637.6	5.7
Price (\$/gallon)	1.42	1.46	1.93	2.45	2.51	1.93	3.31	2.53	-23.7
Expenditures (\$)	956	930	1,230	1,446	1,494	1,211	1,998	1,611	-19.4
Midwest									
Consumption (gallons)	531.6	488.9	486.0	466.9	483.7	491.4	508.8	503.8	-1.0
Price (\$/gallon)	1.35	1.34	1.84	2.37	2.39	1.84	3.32	2.53	-24.0
Expenditures (\$)	718	654	893	1,108	1,158	906	1,691	1,273	-24.8
South									
Consumption (gallons)	418.8	394.1	378.0	372.3	363.2	385.3	356.5	405.6	13.8
Price (\$/gallon)	1.41	1.45	1.94	2.46	2.38	1.91	3.34	2.60	-22.3
Expenditures (\$)	590	572	734	915	863	735	1,190	1,053	-11.6
West									
Consumption (gallons)	311.6	325.0	331.6	328.0	327.2	324.7	348.2	317.1	-8.9
Price (\$/gallon)	1.39	1.46	1.99	2.49	2.57	1.99	3.36	2.52	-25.0
Expenditures (\$)	432	473	659	818	842	645	1,170	800	-31.7
U.S. Average									
Consumption (gallons)	644.9	612.5	610.2	574.9	580.9	604.7	589.4	619.5	5.1
Price (\$/gallon)	1.41	1.45	1.93	2.45	2.49	1.93	3.31	2.53	-23.5
Expenditures (\$)	912	886	1,176	1,409	1,445	1,166	1,953	1,570	-19.6
Households (thousands)	9,491	9,336	9,064	8,741	8,542	9,035	8,356	8,116	-2.9

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Propane									
Northeast									
Consumption (gallons)	915.8	871.2	870.0	808.3	816.7	856.4	823.8	870.3	5.6
Price (\$/gallon)	1.55	1.65	1.88	2.20	2.29	1.90	2.78	2.37	-14.7
Expenditures (\$)	1,416	1,435	1,633	1,775	1,872	1,626	2,287	2,062	-9.8
Midwest									
Consumption (gallons)	860.8	800.5	793.2	766.9	792.7	802.8	833.3	822.6	-1.3
Price (\$/gallon)	1.07	1.20	1.42	1.67	1.74	1.41	2.12	1.82	-14.1
Expenditures (\$)	922	960	1,130	1,278	1,382	1,135	1,770	1,501	-15.2
South									
Consumption (gallons)	577.0	532.5	515.1	514.2	519.7	531.7	508.3	551.6	8.5
Price (\$/gallon)	1.45	1.57	1.79	2.11	2.16	1.81	2.66	2.26	-15.0
Expenditures (\$)	838	838	921	1,087	1,123	961	1,350	1,246	-7.7
West									
Consumption (gallons)	559.7	567.5	581.6	581.7	588.5	575.8	615.2	585.1	-4.9
Price (\$/gallon)	1.38	1.53	1.78	2.09	2.17	1.80	2.64	2.27	-14.1
Expenditures (\$)	774	871	1,037	1,214	1,275	1,034	1,627	1,330	-18.3
U.S. Average									
Consumption (gallons)	713.3	672.5	668.3	655.4	669.0	675.7	685.3	700.3	2.2
Price (\$/gallon)	1.29	1.42	1.65	1.95	2.01	1.66	2.45	2.10	-14.3
Expenditures (\$)	918	953	1,103	1,277	1,347	1,120	1,681	1,472	-12.4
Households (thousands)	6,848	6,818	6,782	6,565	6,539	6,710	6,539	6,465	-1.1
Electricity									
Northeast									
Consumption (kwh ^{***})	10,417	10,013	10,019	9,497	9,570	9,903	9,614	10,051	4.5
Price (\$/kwh)	0.109	0.114	0.117	0.133	0.139	0.122	0.144	0.153	5.7
Expenditures (\$)	1,136	1,140	1,173	1,260	1,329	1,208	1,389	1,535	10.5
Midwest									
Consumption (kwh)	11,469	10,922	10,857	10,635	10,883	10,953	11,272	11,173	-0.9
Price (\$/kwh)	0.074	0.075	0.077	0.081	0.085	0.078	0.089	0.094	5.1
Expenditures (\$)	846	823	834	857	926	857	1,005	1,047	4.1
South									
Consumption (kwh)	8,763	8,402	8,266	8,255	8,299	8,397	8,206	8,553	4.2
Price (\$/kwh)	0.074	0.078	0.082	0.092	0.096	0.084	0.098	0.105	7.0
Expenditures (\$)	646	652	674	762	797	706	808	901	11.5
West									
Consumption (kwh)	6,968	7,091	7,188	7,185	7,199	7,126	7,423	7,142	-3.8
Price (\$/kwh)	0.091	0.091	0.092	0.097	0.102	0.095	0.104	0.108	3.5
Expenditures (\$)	635	642	661	695	735	674	776	772	-0.5
U.S. Average									
Consumption (kwh)	8,592	8,307	8,246	8,156	8,215	8,303	8,262	8,411	1.8
Price (\$/kwh)	0.082	0.085	0.088	0.096	0.101	0.090	0.104	0.110	6.0
Expenditures (\$)	702	703	722	787	828	749	861	929	7.9
Households (thousands)	34,153	34,686	35,745	36,741	37,349	35,735	38,024	38,792	2.0
All households (thousands)	105,434	106,650	107,758	108,634	109,654	107,626	110,723	111,689	0.9
Average Expenditures (\$)	681	712	793	948	900	807	990	971	-2.0

Note: Winter covers the period October 1 through March 31.

Fuel consumption per household is based only on households that use that fuel as the primary space-heating fuel. Included in fuel consumption is consumption for water heating, appliances, and lighting (electricity).

* Prices include taxes

** thousand cubic feet

*** kilowatthour