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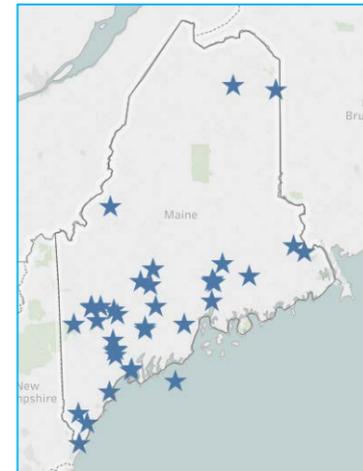
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## Maine Installed Base of CHP

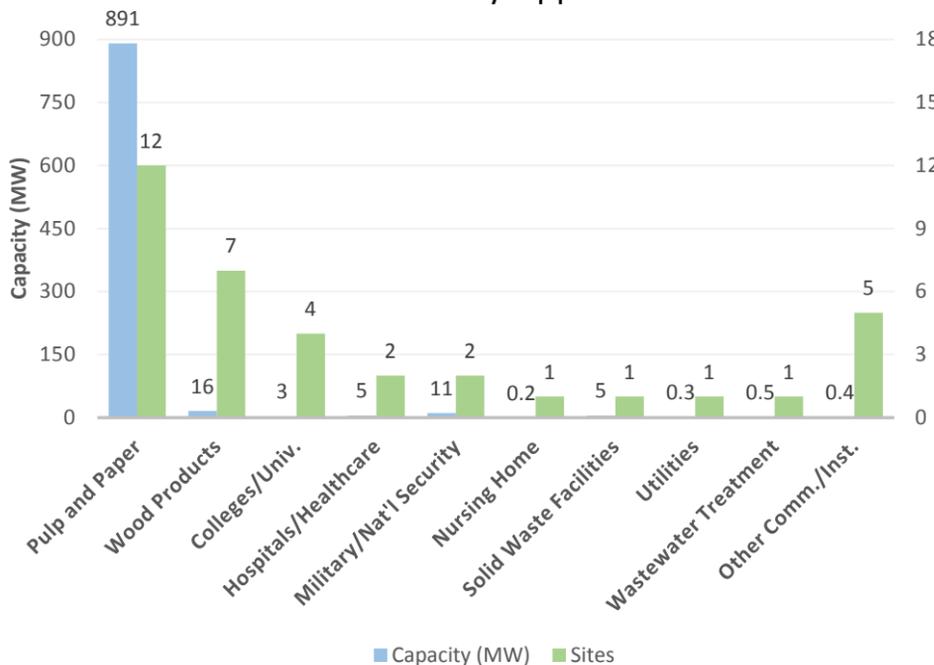
[U.S. DOE Combined Heat and Power Installation Database](#)

Sector	Installations	Capacity (MW)
Industrial	19	906
Commercial/Institutional	19	26
Other	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>933</b>



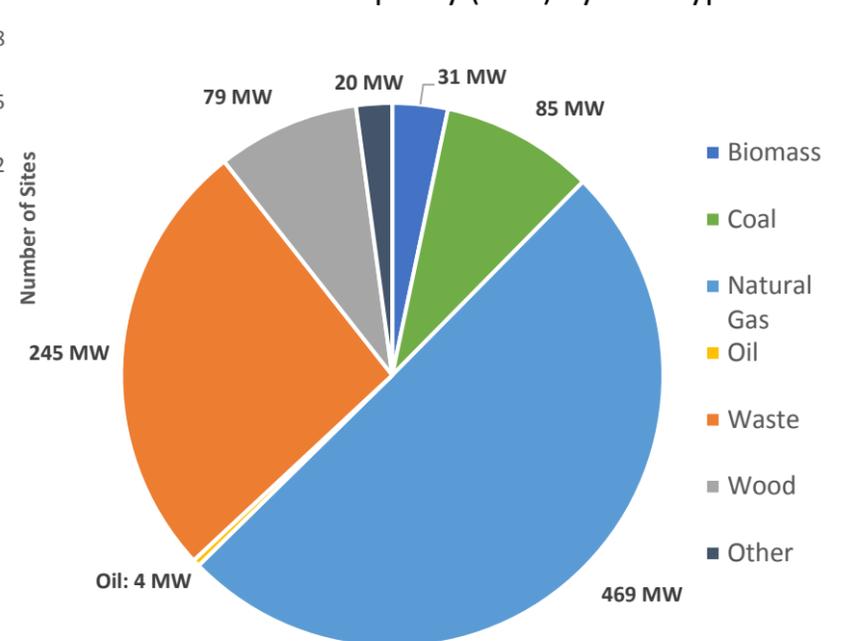
The Northeast CHP Technical Assistance Partnership has compiled information on certain illustrative CHP projects in Maine. You can access these by visiting the Department of Energy's [CHP Project Profiles Database](#).

Maine CHP by Application



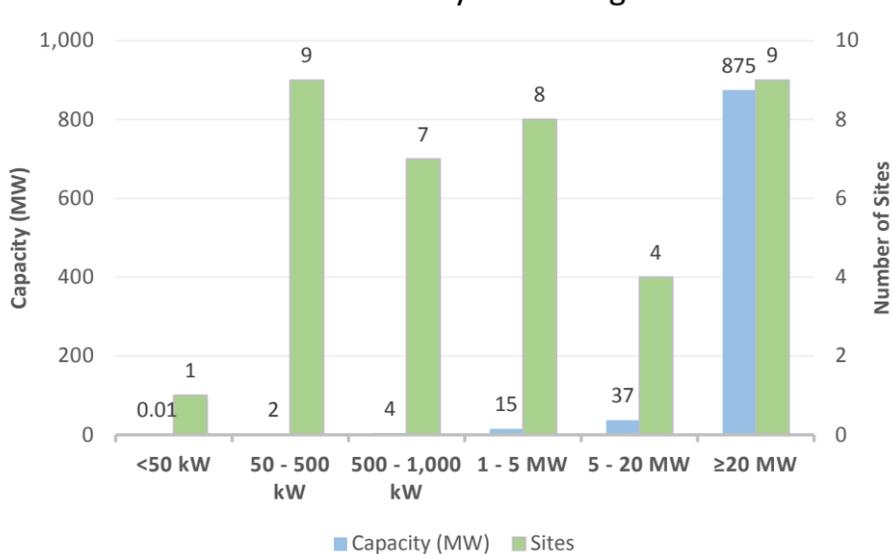
Source: DOE CHP Installation Database (U.S. installations as of Dec. 31, 2016)

Maine CHP Capacity (MW) by Fuel Type



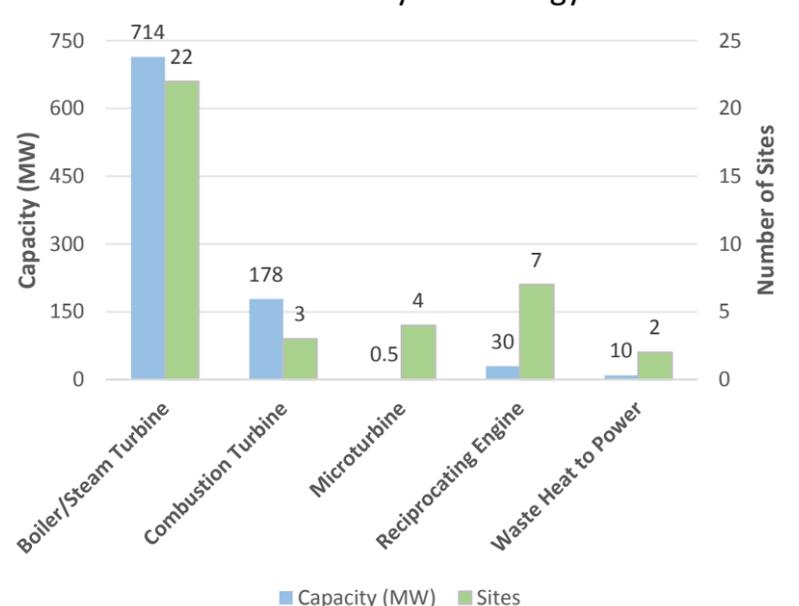
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Maine CHP by Size Range



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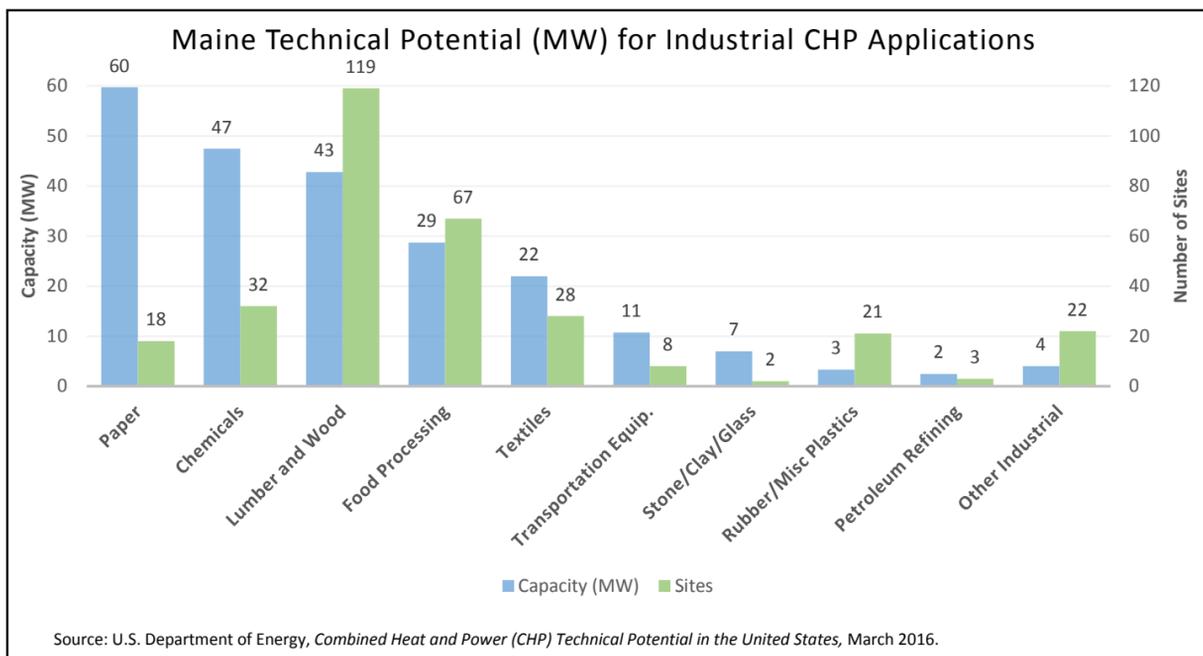
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## Maine Technical Potential for New CHP Installations

[U.S. DOE Analysis: Combined Heat and Power \(CHP\) Technical Potential in the United States](#)

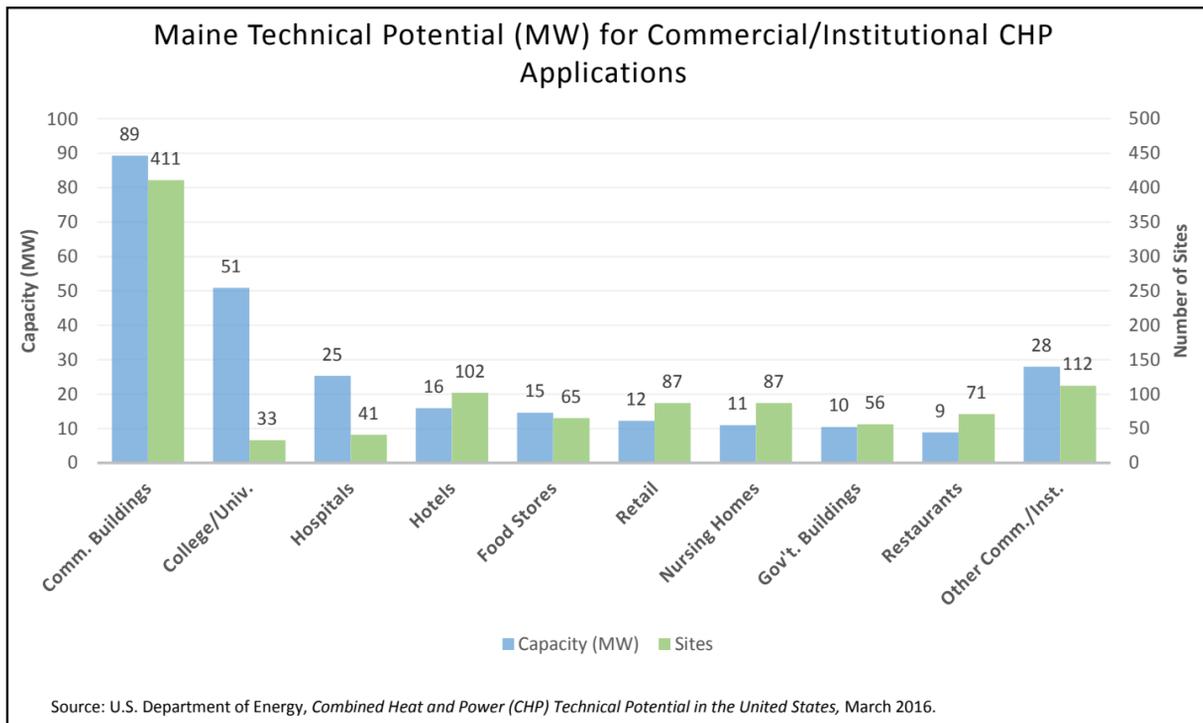
Sector	Potential Sites	Potential Capacity (MW)
Industrial	1,012	780
Commercial/Institutional	5,646	2,655
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>3,434</b>



### Technical Potential by CHP Size Range for Top Five Industrial Sectors

Application	50-500 kW		0.5 - 1 MW		1 - 5 MW		5 - 20 MW		>20 MW		Total	
	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Total Sites	Total MW
Paper	5	1	2	1	9	21	1	7	1	30	18	60
Chemicals	18	3	4	3	7	12	3	30	0	0	32	47
Lumber and Wood	101	17	10	7	8	19	0	0	0	0	119	43
Food Processing	50	8	10	8	7	12	0	0	0	0	67	29
Textiles	18	4	4	3	6	15	0	0	0	0	28	22
Other Industrial	48	7	4	3	3	10	1	7	0	0	56	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>228</b>

Source: U.S. Department of Energy, *Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Potential in the United States*, March 2016.



### Technical Potential by CHP Size Range for Top Five Commercial/Institutional Sectors

Application	50-500 kW		0.5 - 1 MW		1 - 5 MW		5 - 20 MW		>20 MW		Total	
	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Total Sites	Total MW
Commercial Buildings	242	12	121	48	48	29	0	0	0	0	411	89
College/Univ.	18	3	4	3	8	19	3	25	0	0	33	51
Hospitals	24	6	9	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	41	25
Hotels	96	12	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	102	16
Food Stores	64	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	15
Other Comm./Inst.	388	43	17	11	6	10	1	5	0	0	413	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>266</b>

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The most important indicators for CHP economics are electricity and gas prices. For most potential CHP installations, natural gas and electricity rates for host facilities will fall within the range of average commercial and industrial prices. Lower energy prices may be possible for large CHP applications.

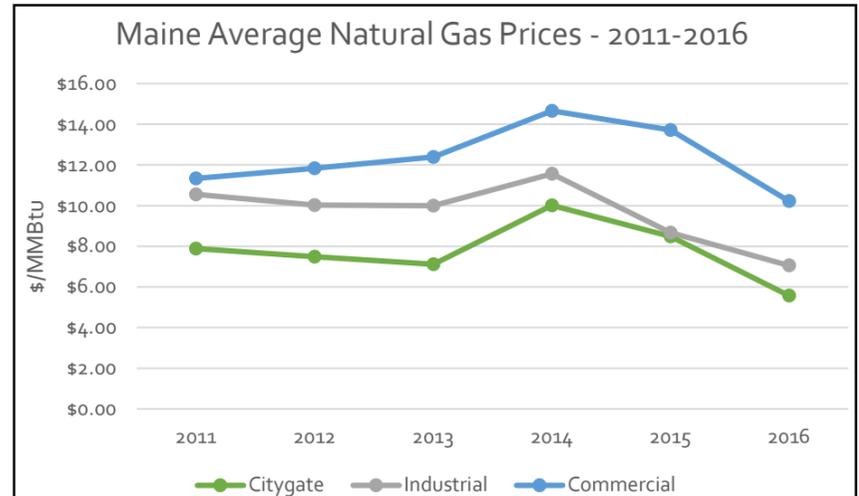
### Maine Natural Gas Prices

#### Maine Average Gas Prices - 2016

Sector	ME Price (\$/MMBtu)	U.S. Price (\$/MMBtu)
Citygate*	5.57	3.75
Industrial	7.05	3.39
Commercial	10.22	7.22

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, "Natural Gas Prices", [https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng\\_pri\\_sum\\_dcu\\_SME\\_a.htm](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_pri_sum_dcu_SME_a.htm)

The EIA industrial natural gas price is a full tariff rate, and most large consumers are purchasing gas commodities from marketers at a lower rate.



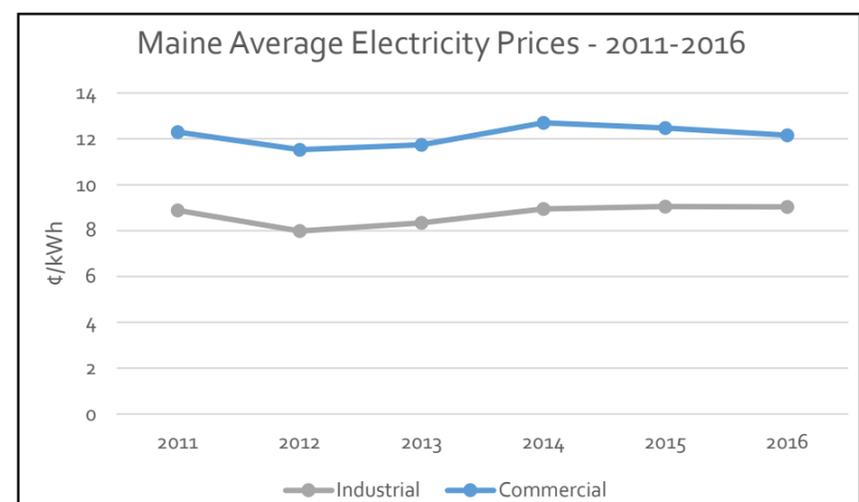
### Maine Electricity Prices

#### Maine Average Electricity Prices - 2016

Sector	ME Price (¢/kWh)	U.S. Price (¢/kWh)
Industrial	5.73	6.75
Commercial	9.85	10.37

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, "Electricity Data Browser", <https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data.cfm>

Electricity rates can vary greatly by utility and facility size range. The rates below from EIA represent general averages; individual facility rates may vary.



#### Maine Average Delivered Electricity Prices by Utility

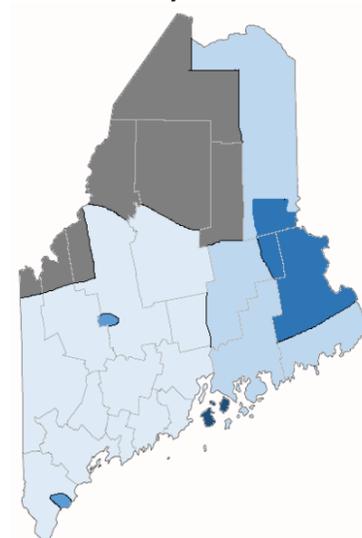
Utility	Industrial Price (¢/kWh)	Commercial Price (¢/kWh)	Average Price** (¢/kWh)
Fox Islands Electric Coop	-	23.08	23.08
Eastern Maine Electric	13.69	15.22	14.45
Town of Madison	11.39	14.19	12.79
Kennebunk Light & Power	12.46	12.22	12.34
Emera Maine	10.52	13.05	11.79
Houlton Water Company	10.60	11.43	11.02
Central Maine Power Co	9.16	11.77	10.46

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, "Annual retail price of electricity by utility", <https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data.cfm>

\*Citygate is a point or measuring station at which a distributing gas utility receives gas from a NG pipeline company or transmission system.

\*\*Average of commercial and industrial electricity prices as reported by EIA.

#### Maine Electricity Prices – Heat Map



- Central Maine Power Co
- Emera Maine / Houlton Water Company
- Town of Madison / Kennebunk Light & Power
- Eastern Maine Electric
- Fox Islands Electric Coop
- No utility information

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### CHP for Resiliency Accelerator

The U.S. DOE is collaborating with a group of cities, states, and utilities who are actively pursuing CHP as a consideration in resiliency planning for critical infrastructure in their jurisdictions. This has included defining resiliency, identifying critical infrastructure, and assessing CHP opportunities. This process is being documented in a Resiliency Planning Tool. For more information: [CHP for Resiliency Accelerator Website](#).

- Currently, there are no CHP for Resiliency Accelerator partners in Maine

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