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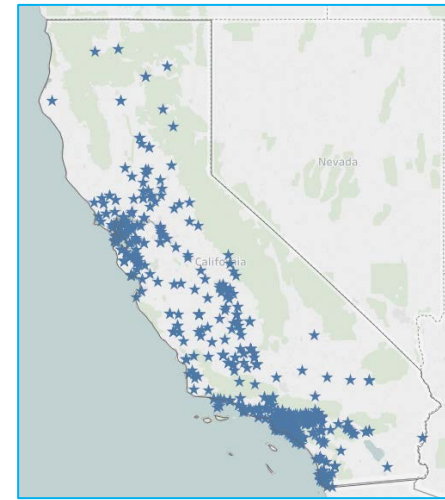
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## California Installed Base of CHP

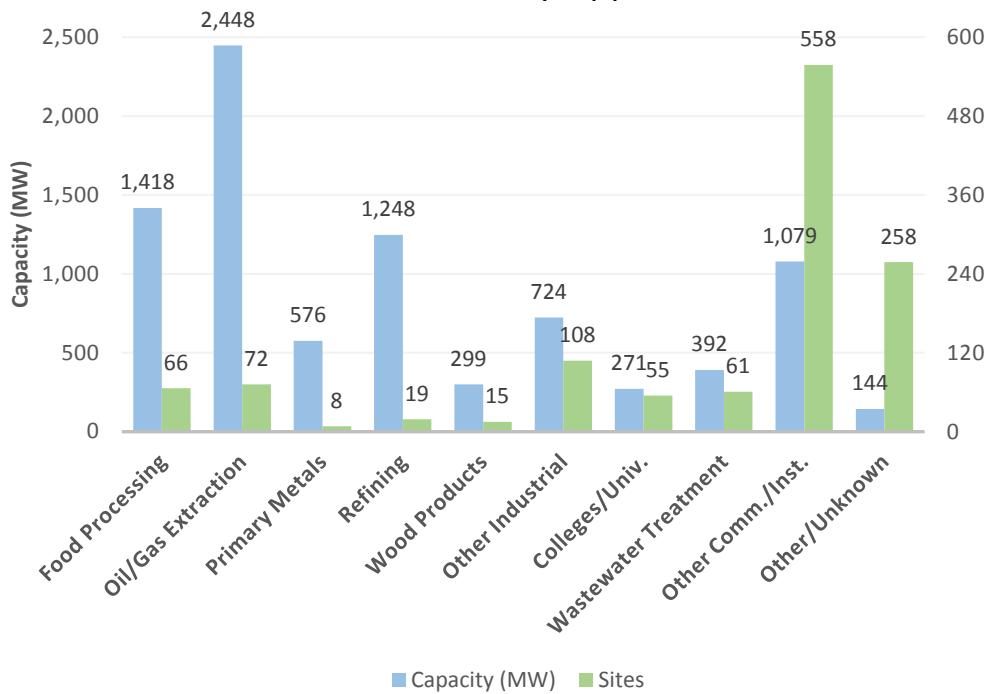
[U.S. DOE Combined Heat and Power Installation Database](#)

Sector	Installations	Capacity (MW)
Industrial	189	4,097
Commercial/Institutional	674	1,732
Other	357	2,761
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>8,590</b>

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

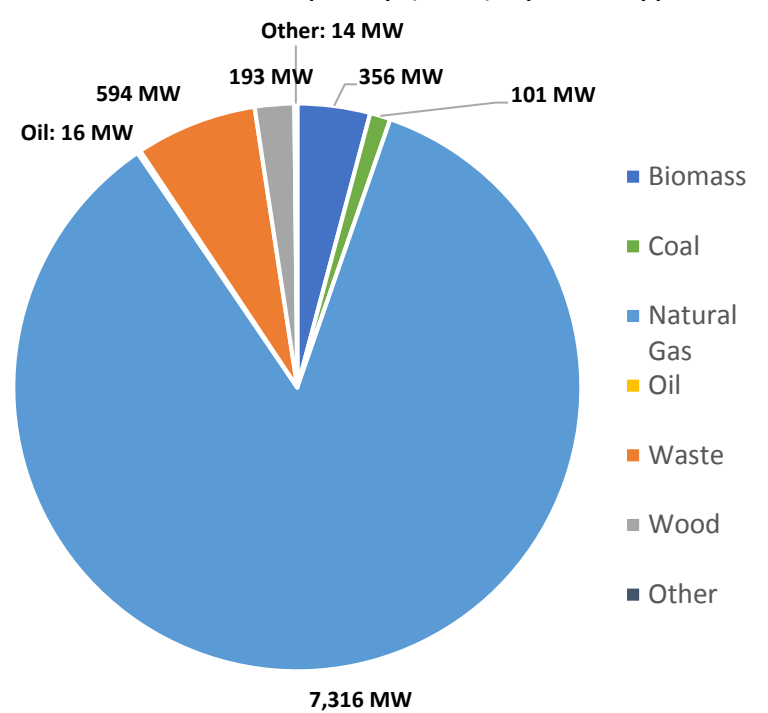


### California CHP by Application



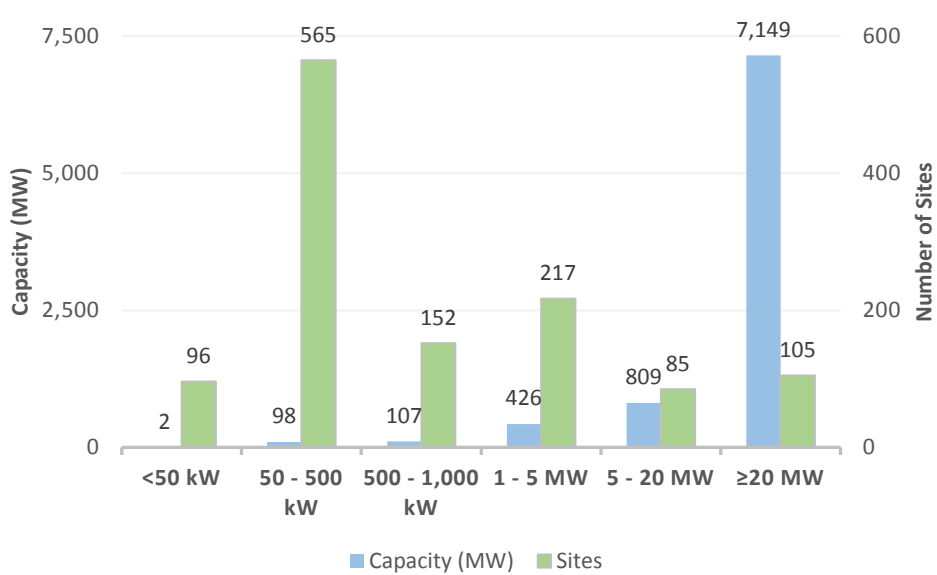
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### California CHP Capacity (MW) by Fuel Type



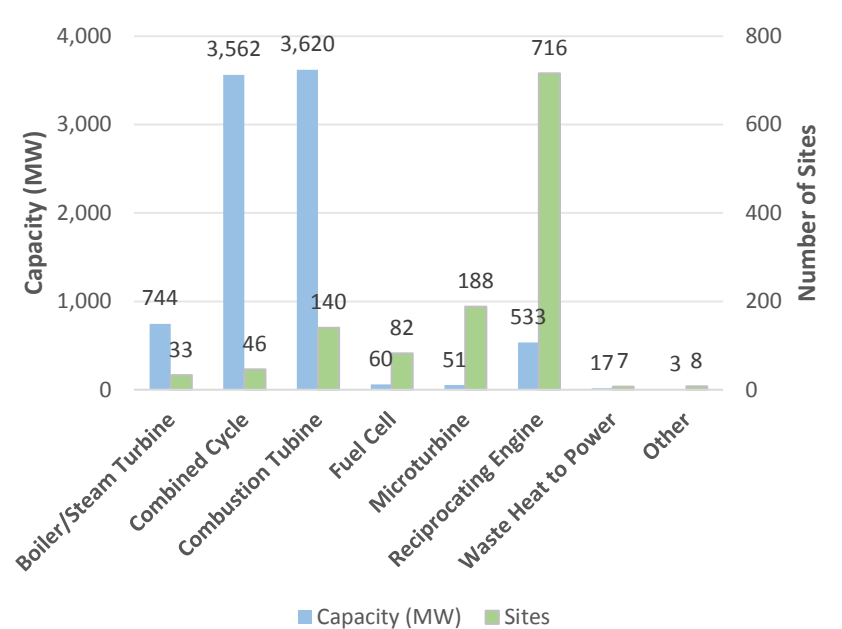
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### California CHP by Size Range



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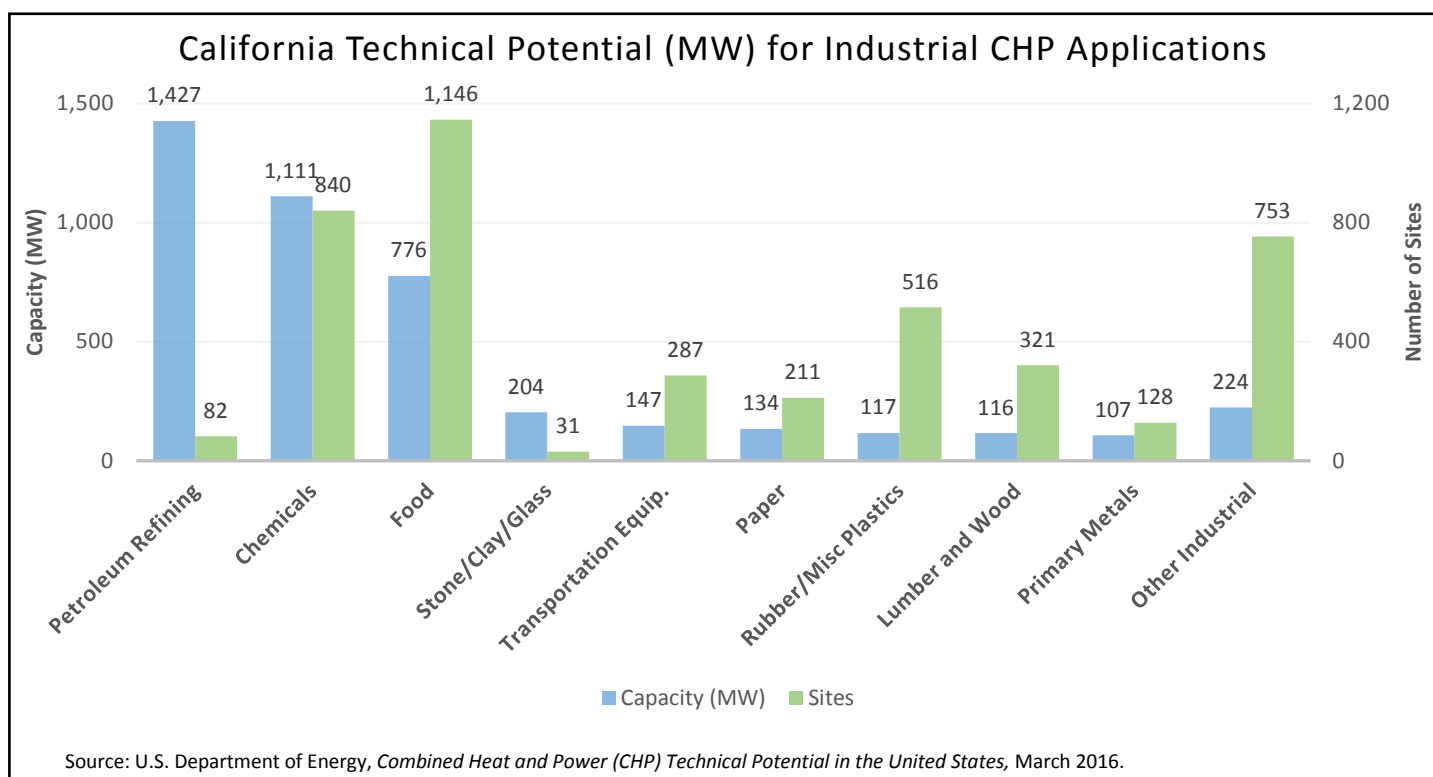
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## California Technical Potential for New CHP Installations

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

Sector	Potential Sites	Potential Capacity (MW)
Industrial	4,315	4,362
Commercial/Institutional	24,646	7,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,961</b>	<b>11,542</b>

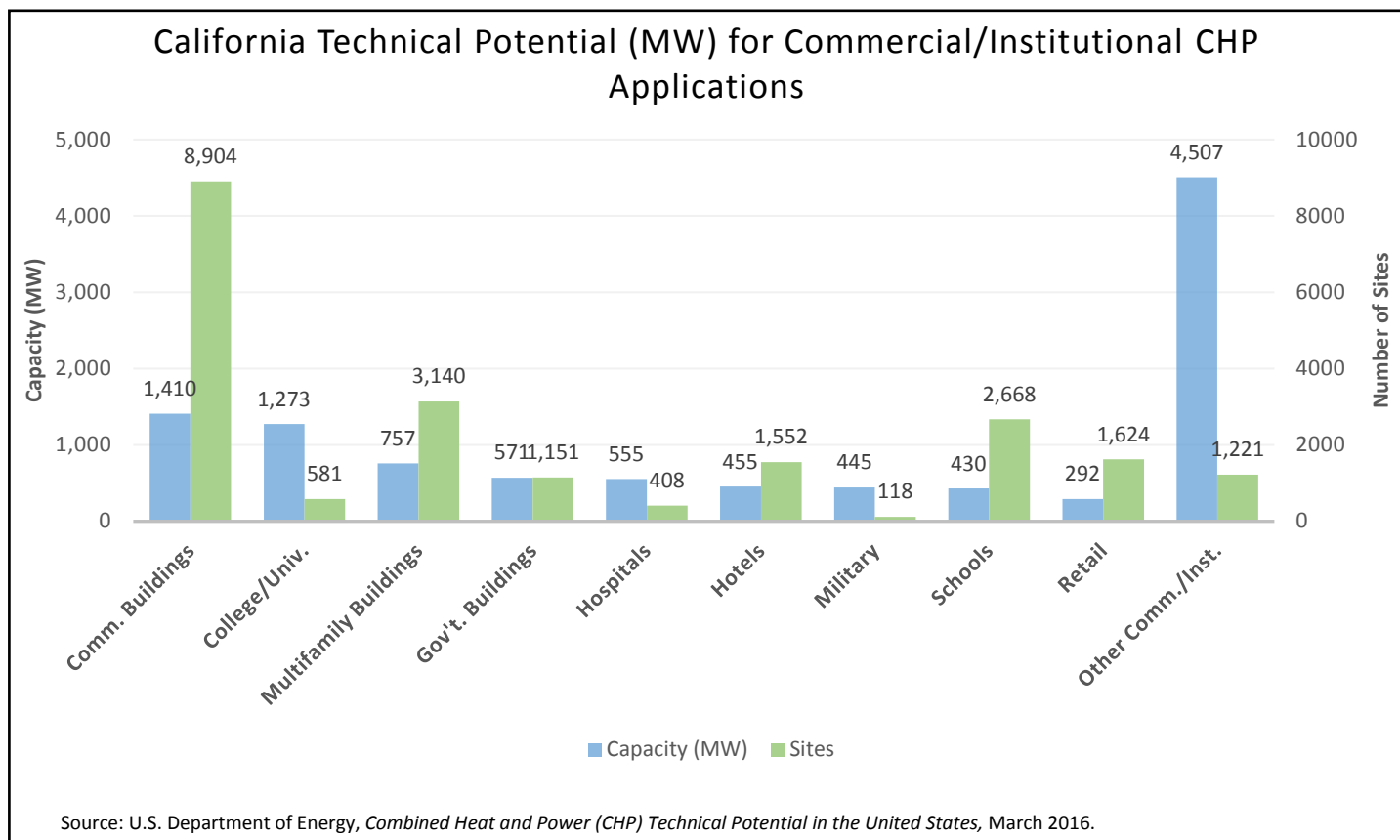


Source: U.S. Department of Energy, *Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Potential in the United States*, March 2016.

### Technical Potential by CHP Size Range for Top Five 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
Petroleum Refining	3	1	10	8	42	102	6	48	21	1,268	82	1,427
Chemicals	492	94	123	91	181	430	39	331	5	165	840	1,111
Food	852	155	131	97	132	263	30	240	1	21	1,146	776
Stone/Clay/Glass	2	0.5	1	1	13	48	14	122	1	33	31	204
Transportation Equip.	242	35	21	14	18	45	6	53	0	0	287	147
Other Industrial	1,602	267	178	127	145	267	4	35	0	0	1,929	697
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>4,315</b>	<b>4,362</b>

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### 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	6,430	322	1,979	792	495	297	0	0	0	0	8,904	1,410
College/Univ.	336	55	33	20	141	423	63	538	8	236	581	1,273
Multifamily Buildings	2,130	160	825	413	185	185	0	0	0	0	3,140	757
Government Buildings	948	131	85	58	97	189	19	148	2	45	1,151	571
Hospitals	114	32	93	67	192	390	9	66	0	0	408	555
Other Comm./Inst.	9,856	1,356	349	222	199	399	58	448	4	418	10,469	2,842
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,814</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>24,653</b>	<b>7,409</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.

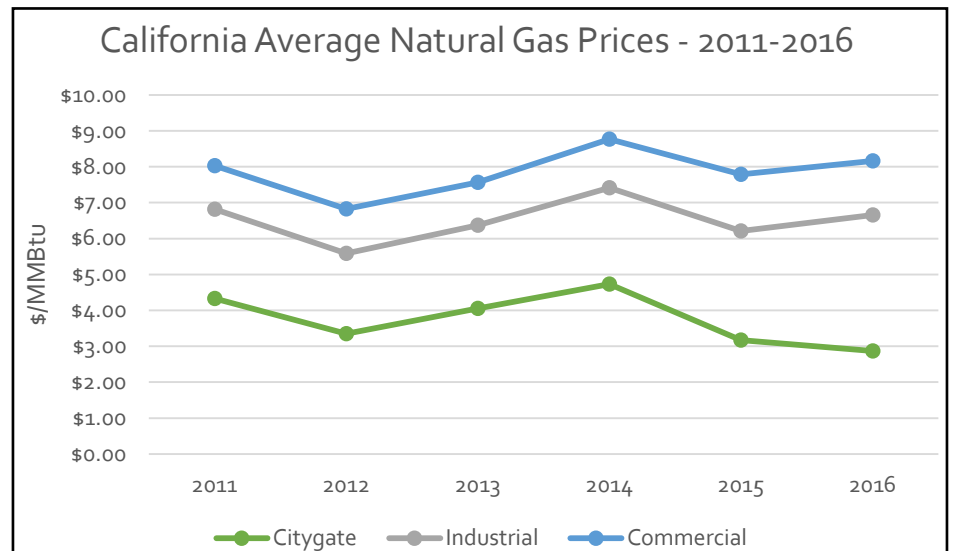
### California Natural Gas Prices

#### California Average Gas Prices - 2016

Sector	CA Price (\$/MMBtu)	U.S. Price (\$/MMBtu)
Citygate*	2.87	3.75
Industrial	6.66	3.39
Commercial	8.16	7.22

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



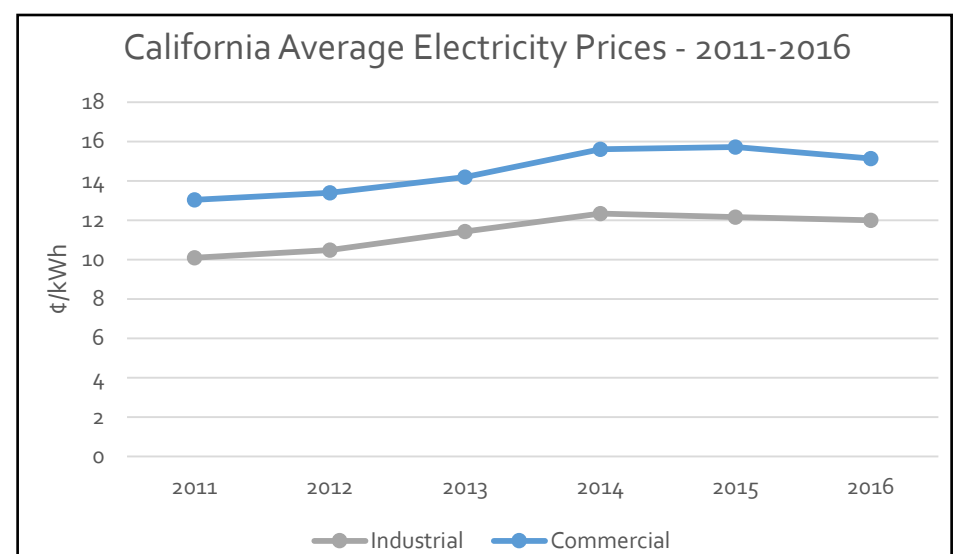
### California Electricity Prices

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Sector	CA Price (¢/kWh)	U.S. Price (¢/kWh)
Industrial	12.07	6.75
Commercial	15.15	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.



#### California Average Delivered Electricity Prices by Utility

Utility	Industrial Price (¢/kWh)	Commercial Price (¢/kWh)	Average Price** (¢/kWh)
San Diego Gas & Electric	17.60	22.05	19.83
Pacific Gas & Electric	14.53	18.66	16.60
LA Dept of Water & Power	14.16	14.92	15.54
PacificCorp	14.00	15.20	14.60
Southern California Edison	11.87	15.28	13.58
Turlock Irrigation District	12.40	13.59	13.00
Modesto Irrigation District	9.99	14.25	12.12
Imperial Irrigation District	15.06	12.70	13.88
Sacramento Municipal Utility District	10.26	13.09	11.67

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.

#### California Electricity Prices – Heat Map



- Sacramento Munic. Utility District / Imperial Irrigation District
- Modesto / Turlock Irrigation Districts
- PacificCorp / Southern CA Edison Co / LA Dept of Water & Power
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- San Diego Gas & Electric

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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 California.

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