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CHP Technical Potential

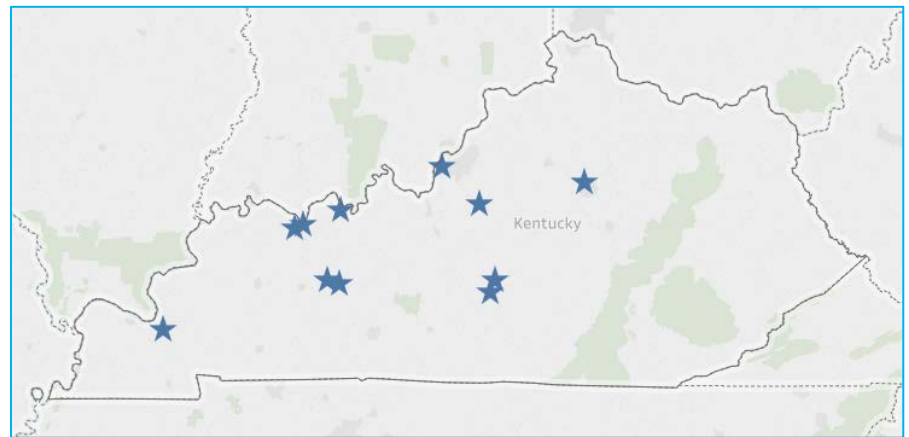
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Kentucky Installed Base of CHP

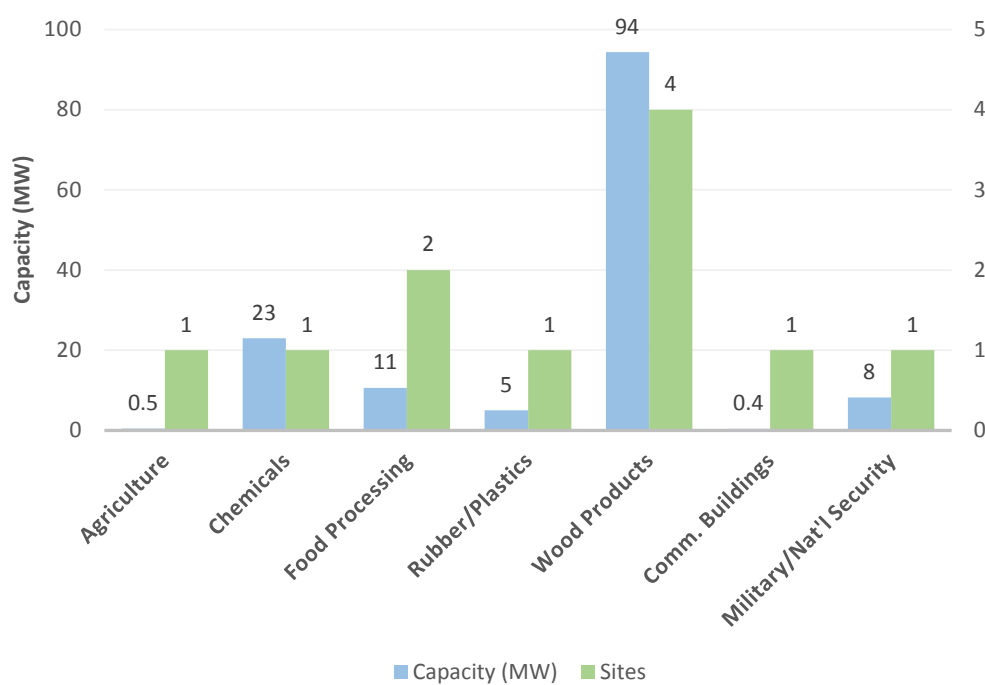
[U.S. DOE Combined Heat and Power Installation Database](#)

Sector	Installations	Capacity (MW)
Industrial	8	133
Commercial/Institutional	2	9
Other	1	0.5
Total	11	142



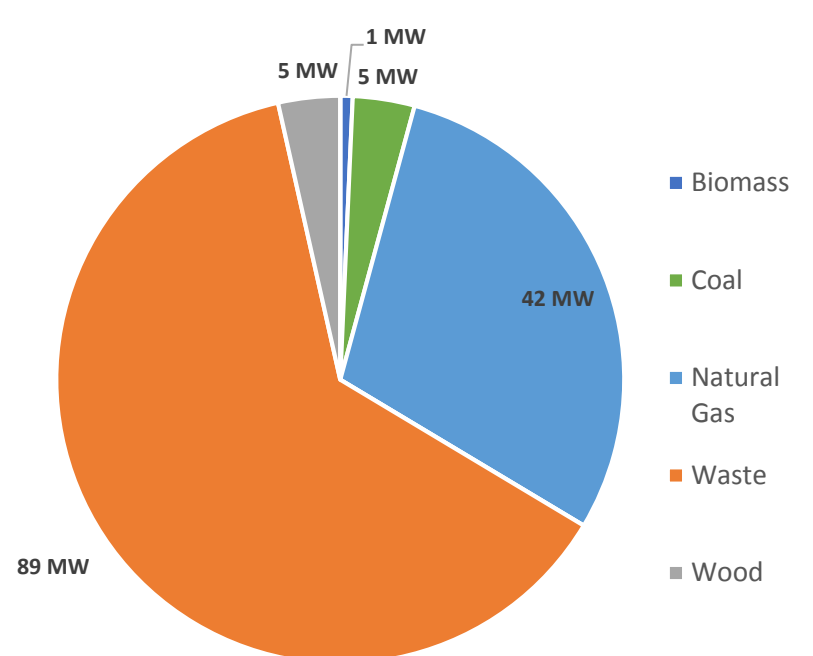
The Southeast CHP Technical Assistance Partnership has compiled information on certain illustrative CHP projects in Kentucky. You can access these by visiting the Department of Energy's [CHP Project Profiles Database](#).

Kentucky CHP by Application



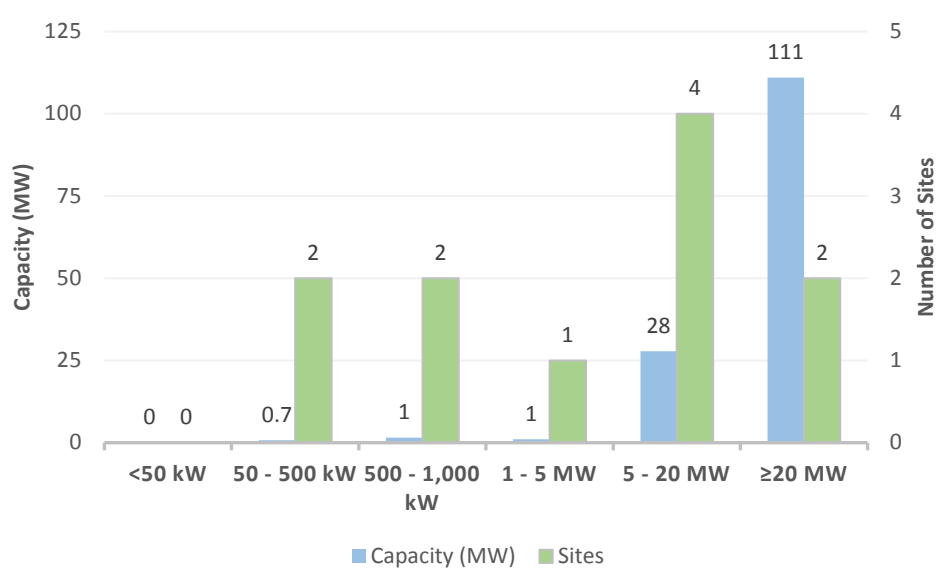
Source: DOE CHP Installation Database (U.S. installations as of Dec. 31, 2016)

Kentucky CHP Capacity (MW) by Fuel Type



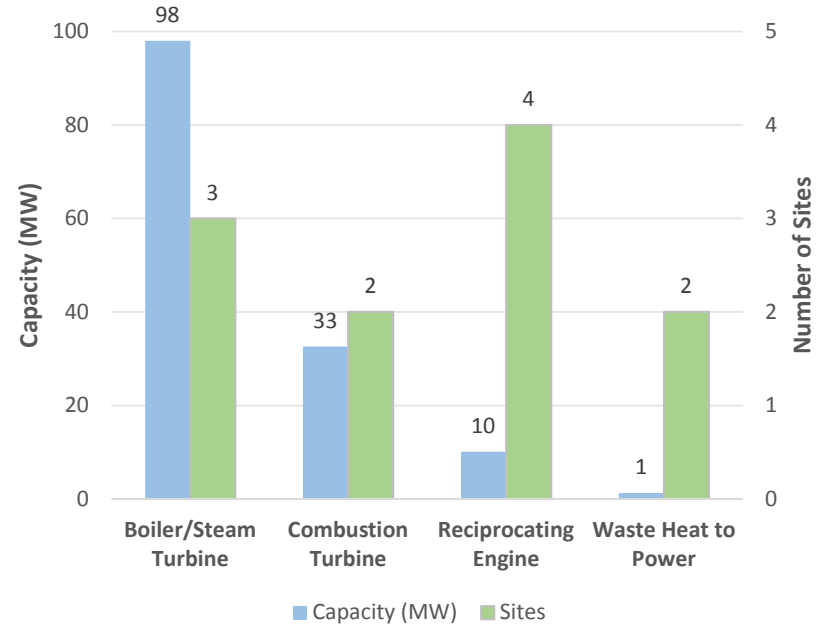
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Kentucky CHP by Size Range



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Kentucky CHP by Technology



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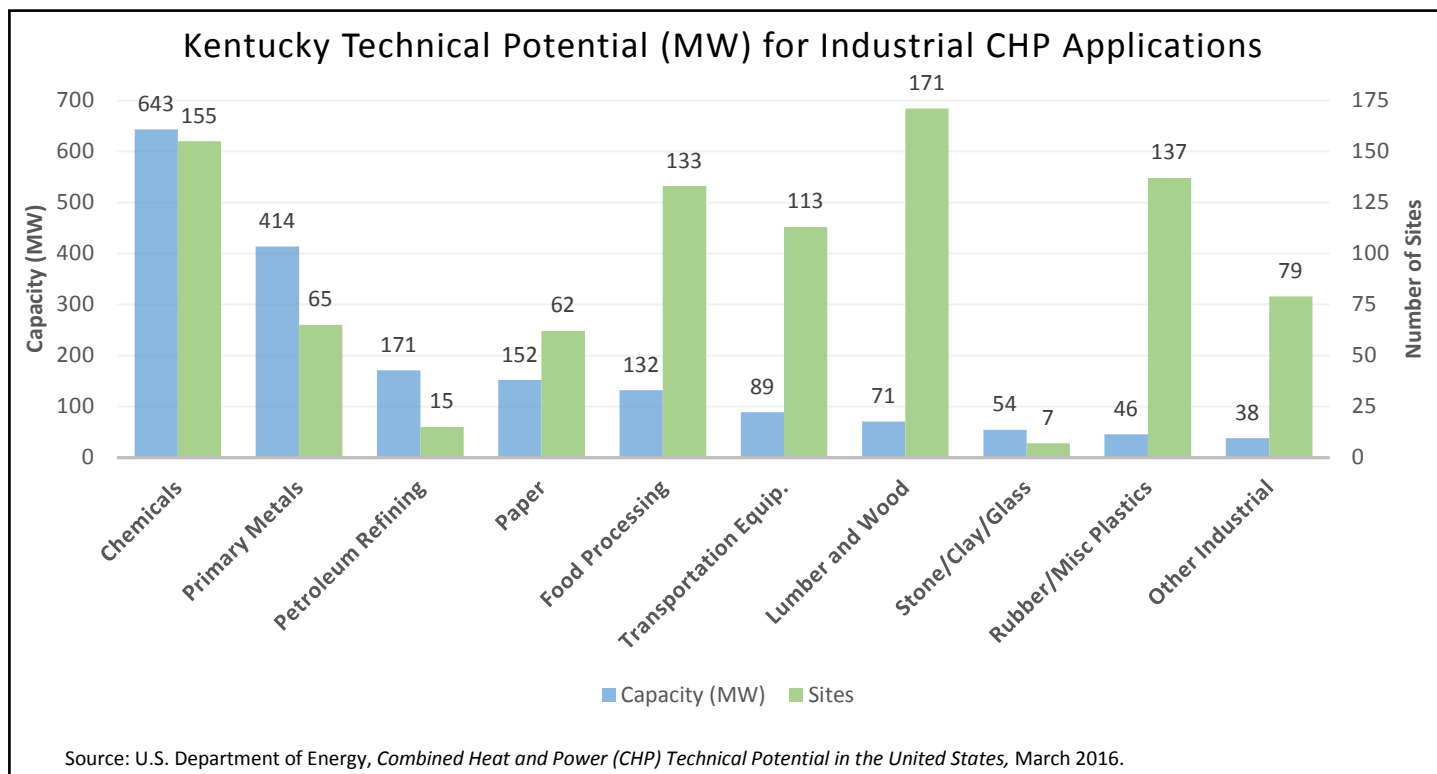
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Kentucky Technical Potential for New CHP Installations

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

Sector	Potential Sites	Potential Capacity (MW)
Industrial	937	1,809
Commercial/Institutional	3,093	911
Total	4,030	2,721

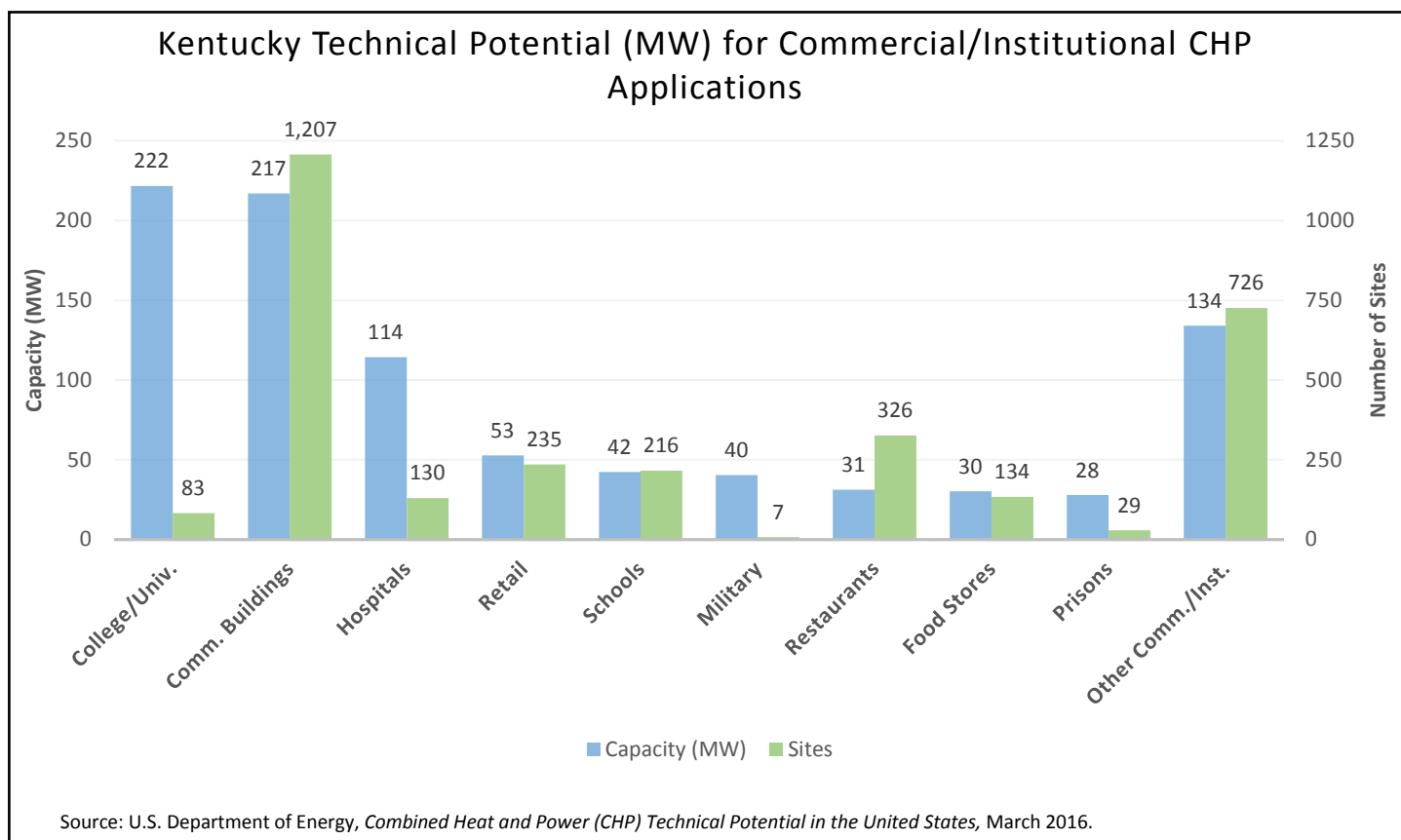


Source: U.S. Department of Energy, *Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Potential in the United States*, March 2016.

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
Chemicals	62	12	22	16	37	89	27	265	7	261	155	643
Primary Metals	27	7	9	6	8	18	14	157	7	225	65	414
Petroleum Refining	2	0.5	5	4	6	11	0	0	2	157	15	171
Paper	37	11	4	2	14	27	6	59	1	53	62	152
Food Processing	73	15	19	14	35	64	6	40	0	0	133	132
Other Industrial	373	70	72	52	54	100	8	76	0	0	507	297
Total	574	115	131	94	154	307	61	597	17	696	937	1,809

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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
College/Univ.	45	10	3	2	27	67	5	61	3	82	83	222
Commercial Buildings	805	40	322	129	80	48	0	0	0	0	1,207	217
Hospitals	62	16	29	21	39	78	0	0	0	0	130	114
Retail	208	33	24	15	3	6	0	0	0	0	235	53
Military	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	40	0	0	7	40
Other Comm./Inst.	1,146	133	42	26	28	44	6	60	0	0	1,222	263
Total	2,479	273	423	194	177	242	11	121	3	82	3,093	911

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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.

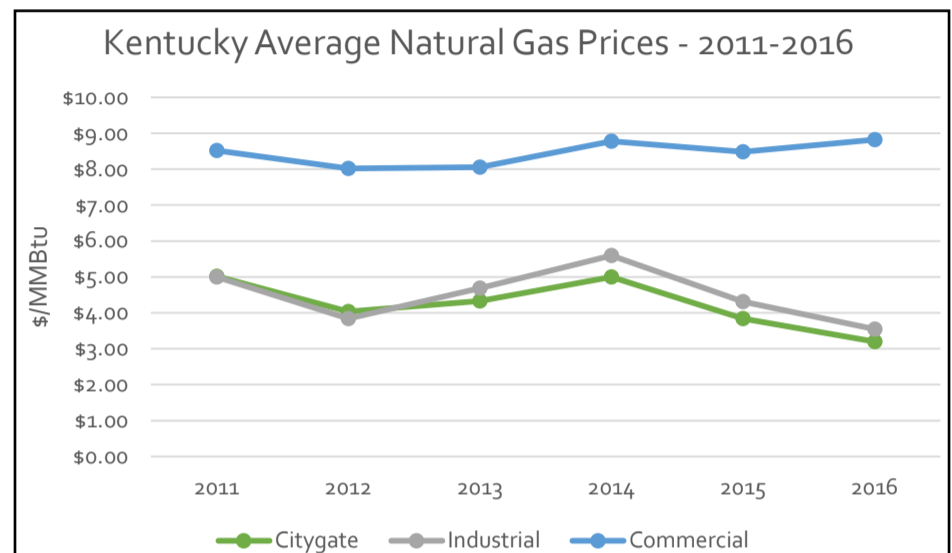
Kentucky Natural Gas Prices

Kentucky Average Gas Prices - 2016

Sector	KY Price (\$/MMBtu)	U.S. Price (\$/MMBtu)
Citygate*	3.20	3.75
Industrial	3.55	3.39
Commercial	8.82	7.22

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, "Natural Gas Prices", https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_pri_sum_dcu_SKY_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.



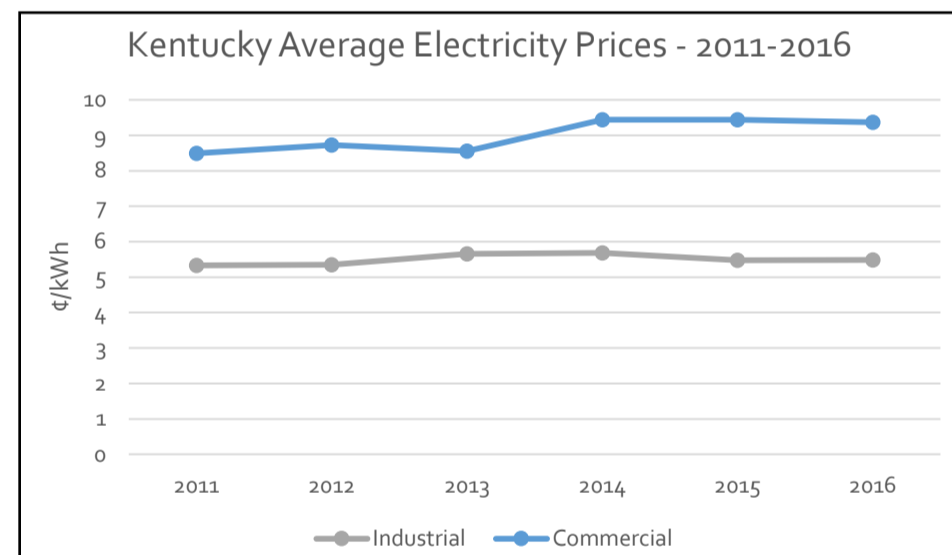
Kentucky Electricity Prices

Kentucky Average Electricity Prices - 2016

Sector	KY Price (¢/kWh)	U.S. Price (¢/kWh)
Industrial	5.49	6.75
Commercial	9.37	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.



Kentucky Average Delivered Electricity Prices by Utility

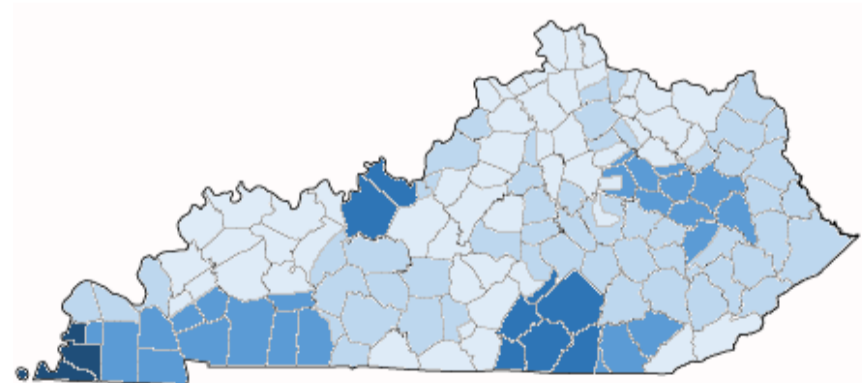
Utility	Industrial Price (¢/kWh)	Commercial Price (¢/kWh)	Average Price** (¢/kWh)
Hickman-Fulton Counties	8.37	16.79	12.58
Meade County Rural ECC	-	10.49	10.49
South Kentucky Rural ECC	8.11	12.26	10.19
State municipal average	7.65	10.33	9.28
State coop average	6.90	10.46	8.76
Kentucky Power Co	6.16	10.74	8.45
Louisville Gas & Electric	6.82	9.40	8.11
Kentucky Utilities Co	6.08	9.17	7.63
Duke Energy	6.53	7.57	7.05

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.

Kentucky Electricity Prices – Heat Map



\$6.00 - \$8.00
 \$8.00 - \$9.00
 \$9.00 - \$10.00
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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 Kentucky.

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