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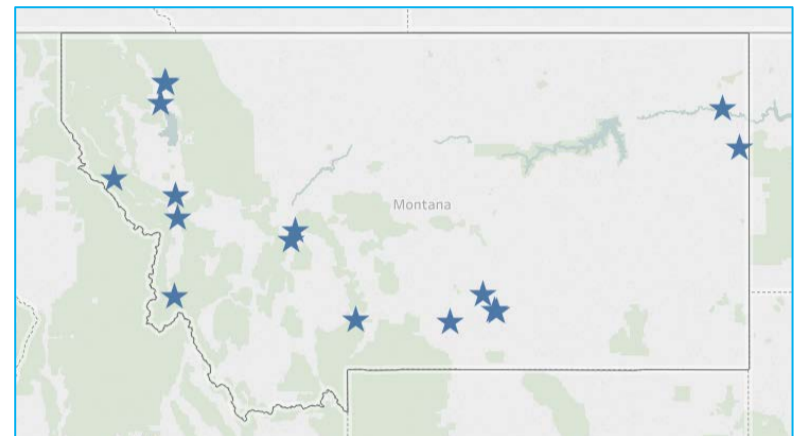
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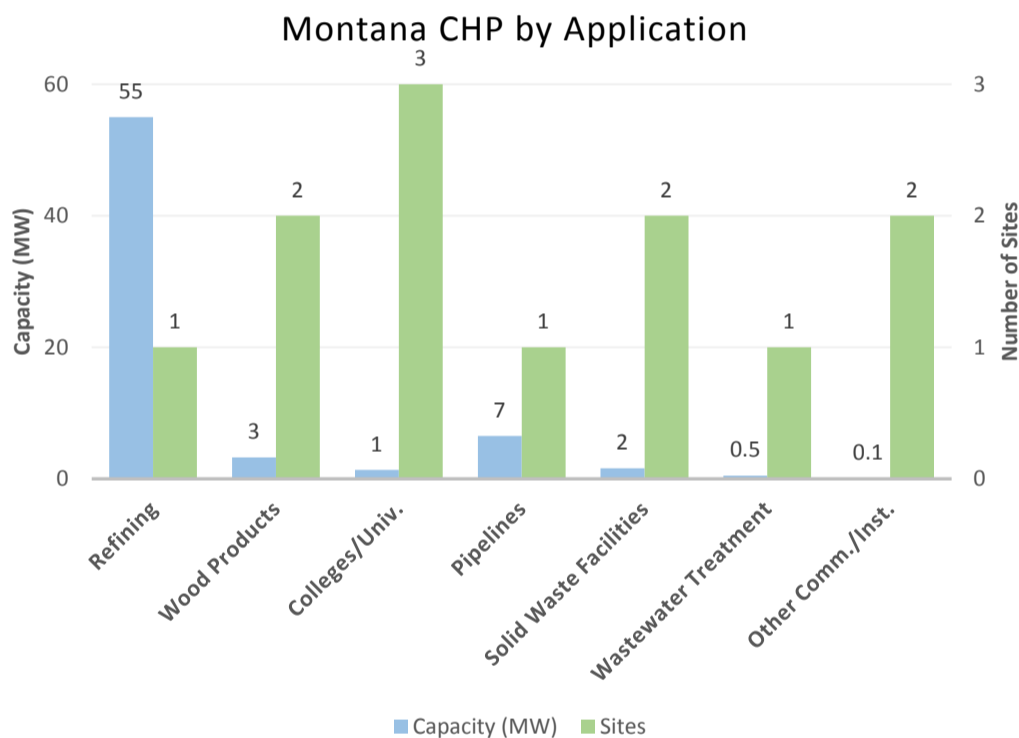
Montana Installed Base of CHP

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

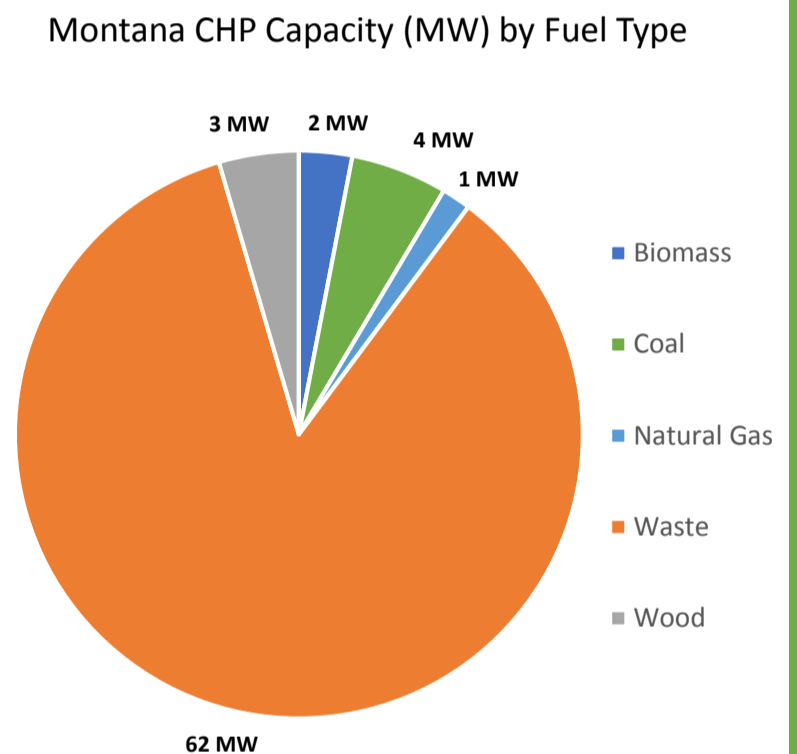
Sector	Installations	Capacity (MW)
Industrial	5	63
Commercial/Institutional	9	10
Other	2	0.1
Total	16	73



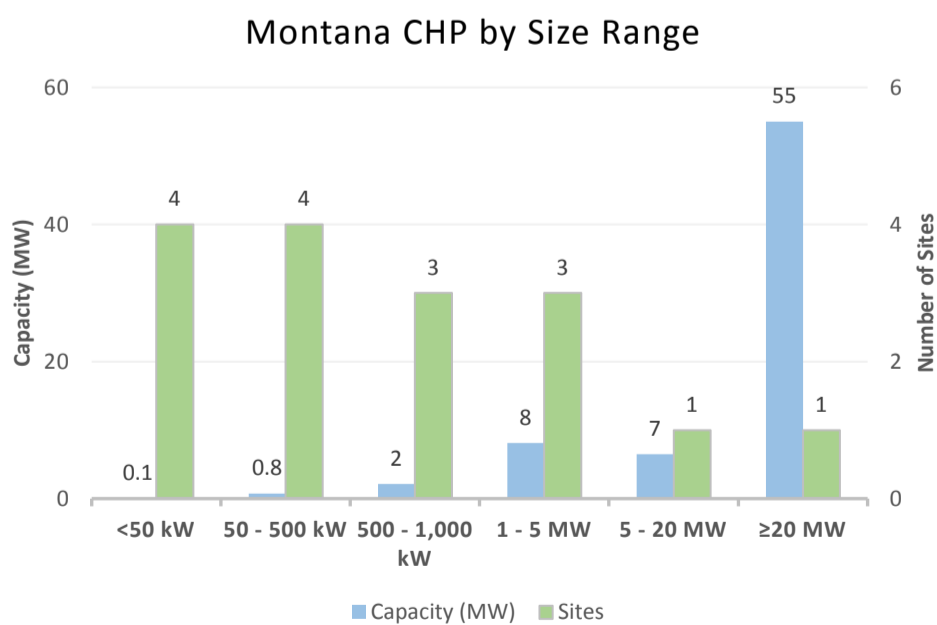
The Northwest CHP Technical Assistance Partnership has compiled information on certain illustrative CHP projects in Montana. You can access these by visiting the Department of Energy's [CHP Project Profiles Database](#).



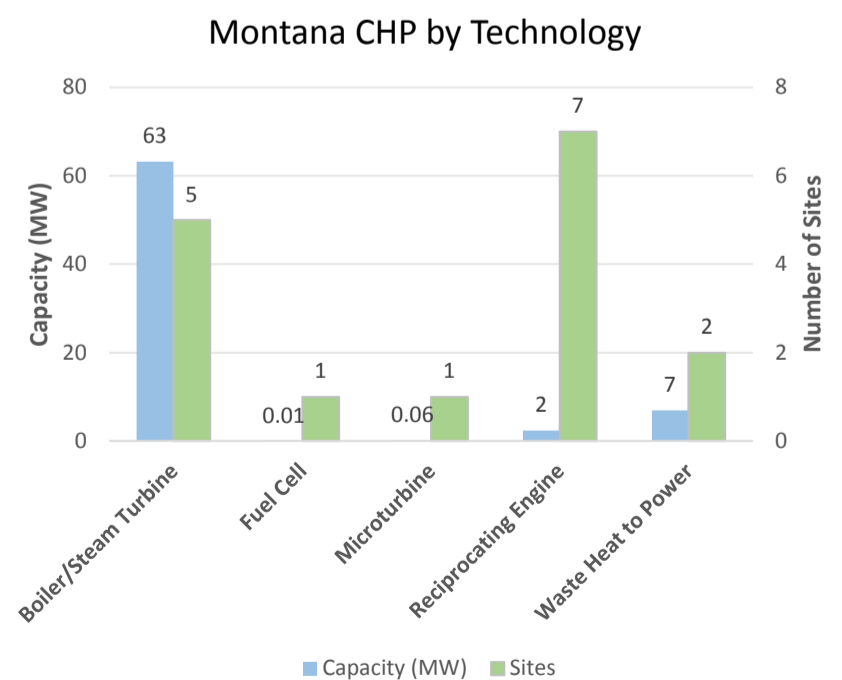
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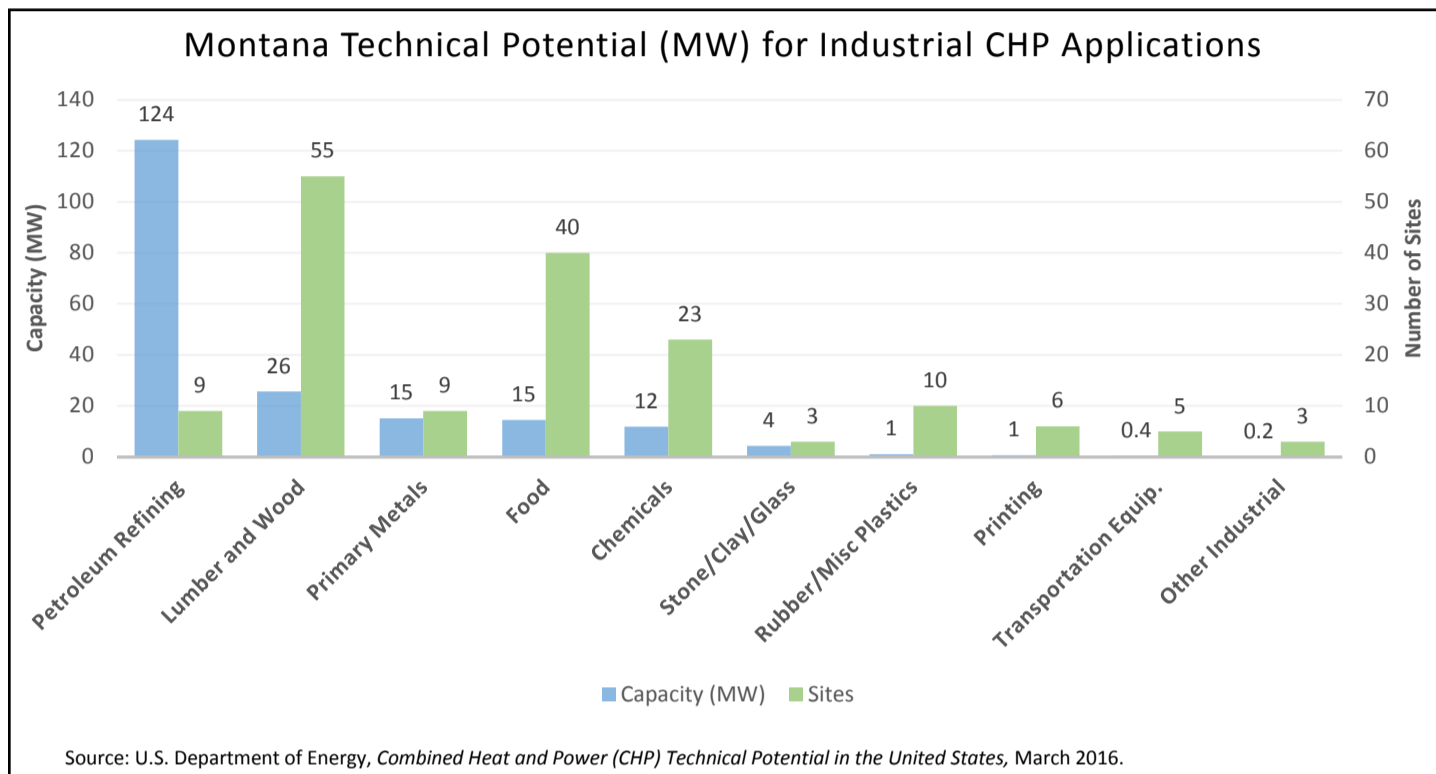
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Montana Technical Potential for New CHP Installations

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

Sector	Potential Sites	Potential Capacity (MW)
Industrial	163	198
Commercial/Institutional	779	179
Total	942	377

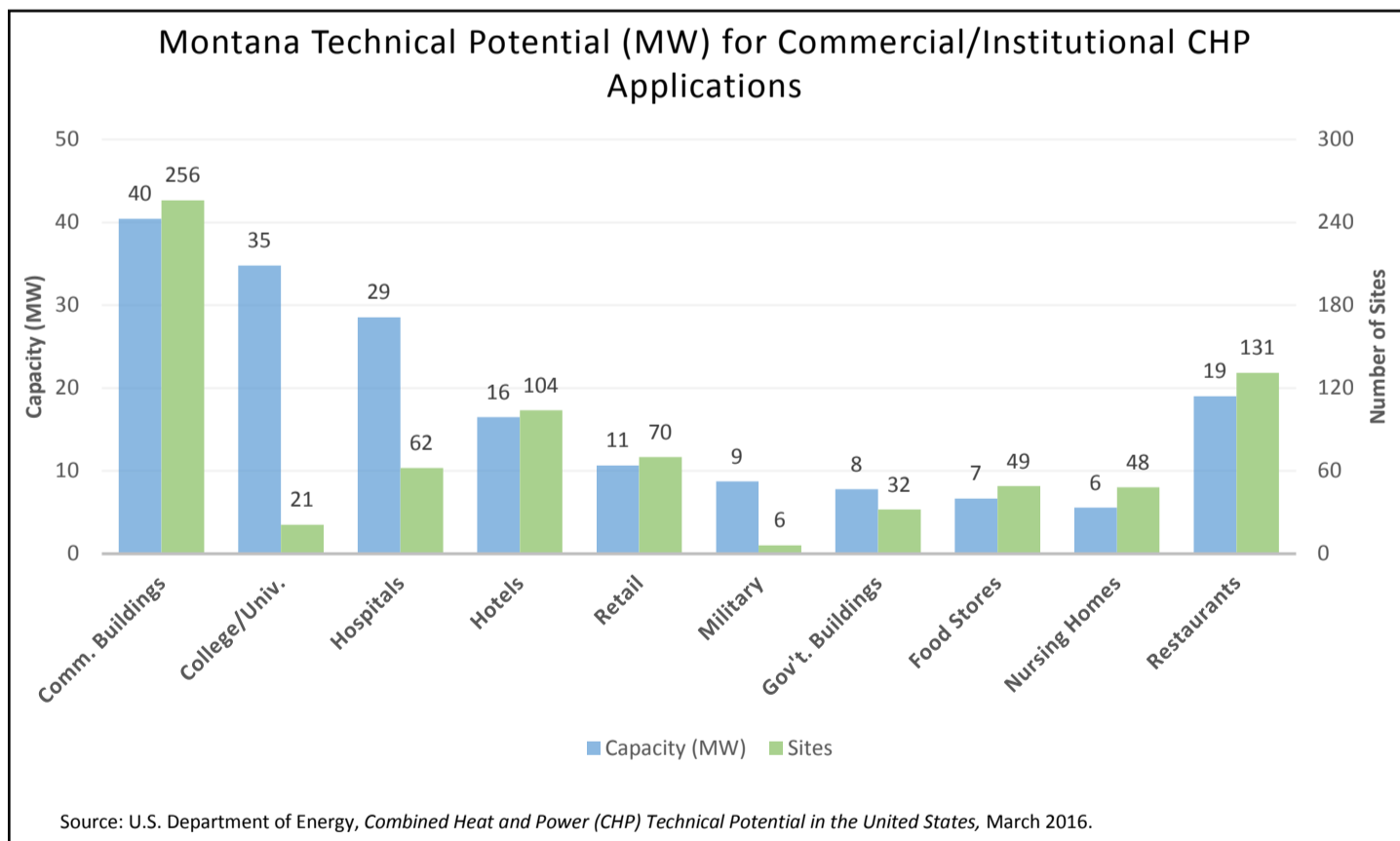


Source: U.S. Department of Energy, *Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Potential in the United States*, March 2016.

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	0	0	1	1	3	6	2	25	3	92	9	124
Lumber and Wood	44	8	1	1	9	12	1	5	0	0	55	26
Primary Metals	5	1	1	1	2	5	1	8	0	0	9	15
Food	33	6	3	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	40	15
Chemicals	17	2	4	3	1	2	1	5	0	0	23	12
Other Industrial	25	3	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	27	7
Total	124	20	10	7	21	35	5	44	3	92	163	198

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

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	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Sites	MW	Total Sites	Total MW
Commercial Buildings	185	9	57	23	14	8	0	0	0	0	256	40
College/Univ.	12	2	0	0	7	14	2	19	0	0	21	35
Hospitals	43	9	14	10	5	10	0	0	0	0	62	29
Hotels	102	10	0	0	1	1	1	5	0	0	104	16
Retail	68	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	11
Other Comm./Inst.	249	29	13	9	3	4	1	7	0	0	266	48
Total	659	69	86	43	30	36	4	31	0	0	779	179

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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.

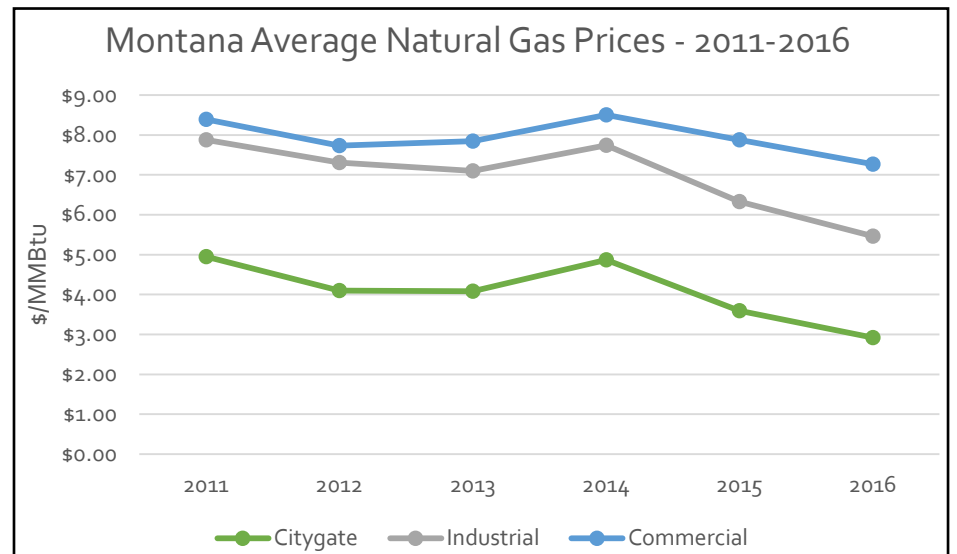
Montana Natural Gas Prices

Montana Average Gas Prices - 2016

Sector	MT Price (\$/MMBtu)	U.S. Price (\$/MMBtu)
Citygate*	2.92	3.75
Industrial	5.46	3.39
Commercial	7.27	7.22

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



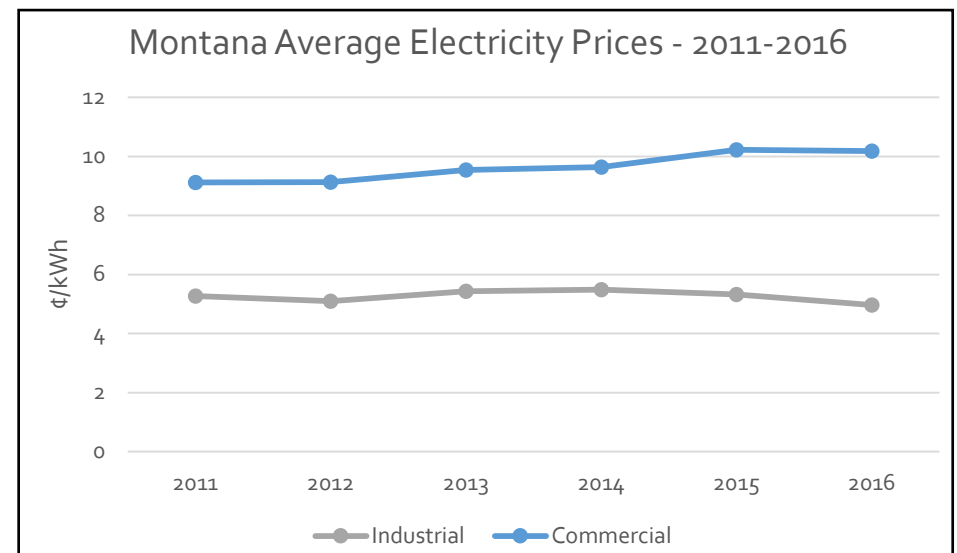
Montana Electricity Prices

Montana Average Electricity Prices - 2016

Sector	MT Price (¢/kWh)	U.S. Price (¢/kWh)
Industrial	4.97	6.75
Commercial	10.18	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.



Montana Average Delivered Electricity Prices by Utility

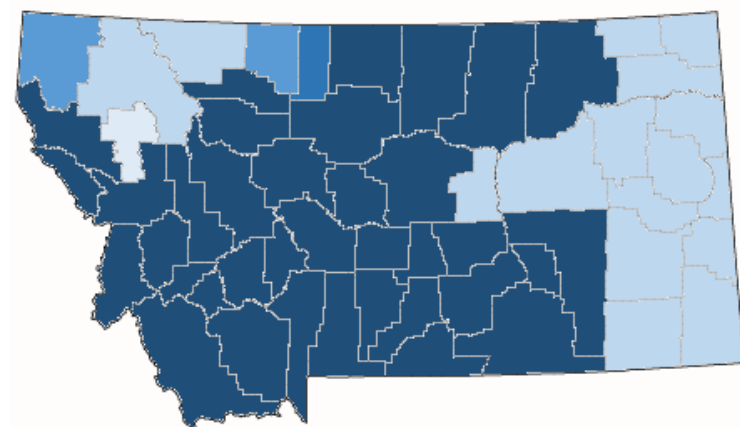
Utility	Industrial Price (¢/kWh)	Commercial Price (¢/kWh)	Average Price** (¢/kWh)
NorthWestern Energy	9.17	11.51	10.34
Marias River Electric Coop	-	8.23	8.23
Glacier Electric Coop	7.33	8.25	7.79
Northern Lights	3.66	10.82	7.24
Montana-Dakota Utilities	5.67	7.23	6.45
Flathead Electric Coop	5.24	6.84	6.04
Mission Valley Power	4.74	5.69	5.21

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.

Montana Electricity Prices – Heat Map



- Mission Valley Power
- Montana-Dakota Utilities / Flathead Electric Coop
- Glacier Electric Coop / Northern Lights
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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 Montana.

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