

Table 9.10 Cost of Fossil-Fuel Receipts at Electric Generating Plants
(Nominal Dollars^a per Million Btu, Including Taxes)

	Coal	Petroleum				Natural Gas ^e	All Fossil Fuels ^f
		Residual Fuel Oil ^b	Distillate Fuel Oil ^c	Petroleum Coke	Total ^d		
1973 Average	0.41	0.79	NA	NA	0.80	0.34	0.48
1975 Average81	2.01	NA	NA	2.02	.75	1.04
1980 Average	1.35	4.27	NA	NA	4.35	2.20	1.93
1985 Average	1.65	4.24	NA	NA	4.32	3.44	2.09
1990 Average	1.45	3.32	5.38	.80	3.35	2.32	1.69
1995 Average	1.32	2.59	3.99	.65	2.57	1.98	1.45
1996 Average	1.29	3.03	4.87	.78	3.03	2.64	1.52
1997 Average	1.27	2.79	4.49	.91	2.73	2.76	1.52
1998 Average	1.25	2.08	3.30	.71	2.02	2.38	1.44
1999 Average	1.22	2.44	4.03	.65	2.36	2.57	1.44
2000 Average	1.20	4.29	6.65	.58	4.18	4.30	1.74
2001 Average	1.23	3.73	6.30	.78	3.69	4.49	1.73
2002 Average^g	1.25	3.73	5.34	.78	3.34	3.56	1.86
2003 Average	1.28	4.66	6.82	.72	4.33	5.39	2.28
2004 Average	1.36	4.73	8.02	.83	4.29	5.96	2.48
2005 Average	1.54	7.06	11.72	1.11	6.44	8.21	3.25
2006 Average	1.69	7.85	13.28	1.33	6.23	6.94	3.02
2007 January	1.74	7.25	11.87	1.54	5.78	6.81	2.94
February	1.75	7.25	11.95	1.64	6.63	7.87	3.23
March	1.76	7.08	12.85	1.50	6.21	7.44	3.00
April	1.77	7.91	14.04	1.53	6.64	7.54	3.18
May	1.77	8.41	14.65	1.51	7.16	7.73	3.30
June	1.77	8.90	14.79	1.57	7.75	7.60	3.44
July	1.76	8.87	15.24	1.43	6.83	6.87	3.41
August	1.77	9.21	15.25	1.54	8.05	6.62	3.50
September	1.77	8.98	15.68	1.55	7.37	6.12	3.11
October	1.77	9.88	16.61	1.37	7.39	6.78	3.13
November	1.78	11.60	18.86	1.47	8.48	7.11	3.07
December	1.82	11.64	18.65	1.45	8.14	7.68	3.28
Average	1.77	8.64	14.85	1.51	7.17	7.11	3.23
2008 January	1.90	12.80	18.12	1.53	9.86	8.00	3.70
February	1.90	12.77	18.73	1.65	10.31	8.61	3.67
March	1.93	13.19	19.72	1.58	9.08	9.18	3.82
April	1.98	13.52	21.06	1.65	10.67	9.90	4.12
May	2.05	14.85	24.36	1.82	12.03	10.69	4.34
June	2.09	16.84	24.70	1.85	14.01	12.17	5.46
July	2.11	18.89	26.13	1.81	14.00	11.87	5.56
August	2.18	18.64	23.87	2.56	14.06	9.12	4.56
September	2.19	15.90	21.90	2.22	12.32	7.81	3.94
October	2.20	14.54	18.42	2.19	10.17	6.78	3.52
November	2.17	10.05	14.69	2.07	7.55	6.47	3.28
December	2.16	7.76	11.52	2.12	6.82	6.74	3.40
Average	2.07	14.24	20.08	1.92	10.96	9.11	4.14
2009 January	2.24	7.31	11.37	2.05	6.77	6.34	3.40
February	2.28	7.37	12.08	1.80	6.54	5.32	3.12
March	2.29	6.98	10.82	1.65	5.90	4.69	2.98
April	2.23	7.83	11.64	1.18	6.19	4.40	2.85
May	2.25	8.28	11.93	1.73	6.38	4.46	2.95
June	2.23	9.46	13.61	1.57	7.69	4.42	3.03
July	2.24	10.22	13.66	1.62	7.63	4.28	3.04
7-Month Average	2.25	8.03	12.08	1.67	6.73	4.79	3.06
2008 7-Month Average	2.00	15.02	21.95	1.70	11.62	10.26	4.42
2007 7-Month Average	1.76	7.99	13.51	1.53	6.75	7.38	3.22

^a See "Nominal Dollars" in Glossary.

^b For 1973-2001, electric utility data are for heavy oil (fuel oil nos. 5 and 6, and small amounts of fuel oil no. 4).

^c For 1973-2001, electric utility data are for light oil (fuel oil nos. 1 and 2).

^d Distillate fuel oil, residual fuel oil, petroleum coke, jet fuel, kerosene, other petroleum, and waste oil. For 1973-1982, data do not include refined motor oil, bunker oil, and liquefied petroleum gases. For 1973-1989, data do not include petroleum coke.

^e Natural gas, plus a small amount of supplemental gaseous fuels. For 1973-2000, data also include a small amount of blast furnace gas and other gases derived from fossil fuels.

^f Weighted average of costs shown under "Coal," "Petroleum," and "Natural Gas."

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^g Through 2001, data are for electric utilities only. Beginning in 2002, data also include independent power producers, and electric generating plants in the commercial and industrial sectors. See Note 8, "Costs of Fossil-Fuel Receipts at Electric Generating Plants," at end of section for plant coverage.

NA=Not available.

Notes: • Receipts are purchases of fuel. • Yearly costs are averages of monthly values, weighted by quantities in Btu. • Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/prices.html> for all available data beginning in 1973.

Sources: See end of section.