

Commercial / Industrial Fuels Comparison of Energy Costs - Quarterly

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Notes:

1. All prices are inclusive of VAT
2. Commercial coal prices no longer available
3. Prices used are an average of wholesale scheduled prices, exclusive of any rebates that may apply. Rebate may reduce fuel cost in the region of 20-25% depending on various market conditions. Please contact your petroleum supplier for current prices.
4. Prices available on request from suppliers for L.P.G. quantities over three tonnes.
5. Wood fuel prices may vary from the average, given the fragmented supplier network at present.
6. Minimum delivery conditions may apply. Discounts may apply for larger quantities.
7. Gas prices are VAT Incl prices from the EU Price Regulation Survey, & represent prices for 01/07/2024 to 31/12/2024 (Prices updated every 6 mths)
For methodology and more details please see the following report : <https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/key-publications/>
8. Electricity prices are VAT Incl prices from the EU Price Regulation Survey, & represent prices for 01/07/2024 to 31/12/2024 (Prices updated every 6 mths)
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See Special Note below on the Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy.
9. To avail of lower night rate electricity a second meter is required.

The rate quoted is estimated for unit consumption costs only.

Actual costs may be higher due to higher standing charges for night rate electricity.

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Fuel	Form	Unit of Supply	Average Price per Unit (€) ¹	Gross Calorific Value (kWh/unit)	Delivered Energy Cost cent/kWh	Percentage change since 1 October, 2024	Percentage change since 1 January, 2024
Coal ²	Industrial Fines	Tonne	n/a	7759.2	n/a	-	-
Oil ³	Gas Oil 10ppm	Litre	1.192	10.55	11.30	-1.6%	-5.8%
	Light Fuel Oil	Litre	n/a	11.21	n/a	-	-
	Medium Fuel Oil	Litre	n/a	11.32	n/a	-	-
	Heavy Fuel Oil	Litre	n/a	11.45	n/a	-	-
L.P.G.	Commercial Cylinders	kg	2.349	13.96	16.82	+2.9%	+1.6%
	Bulk L.P.G. (0-3 tonnes) ⁴	Litre	1.056	7.09	14.90	+4.0%	+6.8%
	Bulk L.P.G. (3.1-40 tonnes)	Litre	0.916	7.09	12.91	+3.9%	+8.5%
Wood ⁵	Fuel Chips (35% moisture)	kg wet	0.204	3.2	6.38	+1.4%	+1.4%
	Pellets bulk delivery ⁶	kg	0.395	4.8	8.24	+1.0%	-8.3%
	Pellets bagged	kg	0.426	4.8	8.88	-10.5%	-13.5%

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Natural Gas ⁷	Band I1: <278 MWh per annum	kWh	0.1114	1.0	11.14	-	-7.2%
	Band I2: >=278 <2,778 MWh per annum	kWh	0.0921	1.0	9.21	-	+7.8%
	Band I3: >=2,778 <27,778 MWh per annum	kWh	0.0730	1.0	7.30	-	+6.6%
	Band I4: >=27,778 <277,778 MWh per annum	kWh	0.0525	1.0	5.25	-	-1.6%
	Band I5: >=277,778 <1,100,000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.0297	1.0	2.97	-	-5.9%
Electricity ⁸	Band IA: <20MWh per annum	kWh	0.3968	1.0	39.68	-	+12.3%
	Band IB: >=20 < 500 MWh per annum	kWh	0.3395	1.0	33.95	-	+2.9%
	Band IC: >=500 < 2000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.2772	1.0	27.72	-	-0.2%
	Band ID: >=2000 < 20,000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.2385	1.0	23.85	-	+2.2%
	Band IE: >=20,000 < 70,000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.2251	1.0	22.51	-	+2.6%
	Band IF: >=70,000 < 150,000 MWh per annum	kWh	0.2020	1.0	20.20	-	-3.9%
	Night rate ⁹	kWh	0.1445	1.0	14.45		

Special Notes:

Note: New source for Electricity and Gas Prices from October 2010 : Due to full deregulation of the market, prices are now sourced from the prices gathered for the EU Gas & Electricity Price Regulation. Prices are updated 6 monthly. See notes 5 & 6 and www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/key-publications/ for the latest report.
Electricity - from 01/10/2024 the Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy has changed as follows: €12.91 per customer per month for small commercial customers (max import capacity < 30kVA) and €0.00 per kVA for medium and large customers (max import capacity >= 30kVA). See www.cru.ie for more details
Carbon Tax was introduced for Oil, L.P.G and Natural Gas on 1st May 2010. The Carbon Tax was extended to Coal and Peat on 1 May 2013. See www.revenue.ie for more details.

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Comparison of Useful Energy Costs for Space Heating

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Notes:

10. Use manufacturers recommended fuel for each appliance.

11. Delivered energy costs quoted are for the conditions stated overleaf.

12. Efficiencies quoted are bands of typical seasonal heating efficiencies

13. If a night rate electricity meter is installed and if the heat

pumps are run during the night, a unit cost of approximately

half that specified can be assumed in the calculations for heat

pump running costs.

14. Seasonal Performance Factor is defined as the ratio of heat

output from the heat pump and the electricity supplied to the

heat pump over the heating season. SPF's quoted assume heat

pumps are used in conjunction with low temperature systems such as

underfloor heating.

15. The Home Heating Appliance Register of Performance

(HARP) database contains exact performance specifications

of the proposed/installed appliances. www.seai.ie/harp

While HARP is not used in non-domestic Building Energy Rating (BER) it still

gives a useful indicator of appliance efficiency/SPF for the purpose of

commercial fuel cost comparisons.

Fuel ¹⁰	Form	Delivered Cost ¹¹ (c/kWh)	Seasonal Efficiency Ratings ¹²									Typical Seasonal Efficiencies ¹⁵
			100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	
Coal	Industrial Fines	n/a										Solid Fuel Boiler 65% - 75% Gas or Oil Fired Boiler or Air Heater 65% - 75% Condensing Boiler 85-97% Electric Storage Heater 90% Direct Gas Fired Heater 90% Direct Electric Heater 100%
Oil	Gas Oil	11.30		12.56	14.13	16.15	18.84	22.60				
	Light Fuel Oil	n/a										
	Medium Fuel Oil	n/a										
	Heavy Fuel Oil	n/a										
L.P.G.	Commercial Cylinders	16.82		18.69	21.03	24.03	28.04	33.65				
	Bulk L.P.G. (0-3 tonnes)	14.90		16.56	18.63	21.29	24.83	29.80				
	Bulk L.P.G. (3.1-40 tonnes)	12.91		14.35	16.14	18.45	21.52	25.83				
Wood	Fuel Chips	6.38		7.09	7.98	9.12	10.64	12.77	15.96			
	Pellets bulk delivery	8.24		9.15	10.30	11.77	13.73	16.47	20.59			
	Pellets bagged	8.88		9.87	11.10	12.69	14.80	17.76	22.20	29.60	44.40	
Natural Gas	Band I1: <278 MWh per annum	11.14		12.38	13.93	15.91	18.57	22.28				
	Band I2: >=278 <2,778 MWh per annum	9.21		10.24	11.52	13.16	15.35	18.42				
	Band I3: >=2,778 <27,778 MWh per annum	7.30		8.11	9.12	10.42	12.16	14.59				
	Band I4: >=27,778 <277,778 MWh per annum	5.25		5.84	6.56	7.50	8.75	10.50				
	Band I5: >=277,778 <1,100,000 MWh per annum	2.97		3.30	3.71	4.24	4.95	5.94				
Electricity	Band IA: <20MWh per annum	39.68	39.68	44.09								
	Band IB: >=20 < 500 MWh per annum	33.95	33.95	37.72								
	Band IC: >=500 < 2000 MWh per annum	27.72	27.72	30.80								
	Band ID: >=2000 < 20,000 MWh per annum	23.85	23.85	26.50								
	Band IE: >=20,000 < 70,000 MWh per annum	22.51	22.51	25.01								
	Band IF: >=70,000 < 150,000 MWh per annum	20.20	20.20	22.45								
	Night rate	14.45	14.45	16.05								

	Electricity used for Heat pumps ¹³	Delivered Energy Cost ¹¹ (c/kWh)	Factor (SPF) ¹⁴ for heat pumps								Typical SPF's for Heat Pump Types ¹⁵
			2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	
Electricity	Band IA: <20MWh per annum	39.68	15.87	13.23	11.34	9.92	8.82	7.94	7.21	6.61	Ground source (horizontal) 2.7 - 4.5 Ground source (vertical) 2.7 - 4.5 Air/Air 2.5 - 4.2 Air/Water 2.5 - 4.0 Water/Water 3.0 - 5.6 Exhaust Air 2.5 - 4.2
	Band IB: >=20 < 500 MWh per annum	33.95	13.58	11.32	9.70	8.49	7.54	6.79	6.17	5.66	
	Band IC: >=500 < 2000 MWh per annum	27.72	11.09	9.24	7.92	6.93	6.16	5.54	5.04	4.62	
	Band ID: >=2000 < 20,000 MWh per annum	23.85	9.54	7.95	6.81	5.96	5.30	4.77	4.34	3.98	
	Band IE: >=20,000 < 70,000 MWh per annum	22.51	9.00	7.50	6.43	5.63	5.00	4.50	4.09	3.75	
	Band IF: >=70,000 < 150,000 MWh per annum	20.20									
	Night rate	14.45	5.78	4.82	4.13	3.61	3.21	2.89	2.63	2.41	