

## Domestic Fuels

### Comparison of Energy Costs - Quarterly

**Notes:**

1. All prices are inclusive of VAT (9% for Electricity and Gas, 13.5% for all other)
2. Production ceased in May 2023.
3. Bulk purchase prices no longer available.
4. Prices include those from a selection of suppliers that publish their prices online.
5. Oil prices assuming 1000L delivered.
6. Prices represent scheduled prices, exclusive of any discounts that may be available.
7. Prices include those from a selection of suppliers that publish their prices online. Prices vary depending on delivery location.
8. Price per unit does not include standing charge.
9. Wood fuel prices may vary from the average, given the fragmented supplier network at present.
10. Firewood prices include those from a selection of suppliers that publish their prices online.
11. Minimum delivery conditions may apply. Discounts may apply for larger quantities.
12. Gas prices are VAT Incl prices from the EU Price Regulation Survey & represent prices for 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023(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/>
13. Electricity prices are VAT Incl prices from the EU Price Regulation Survey, & represent prices for 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023 (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/>
14. From 01/10/23 the Public Service Obligation (PSO) levy is €0.00. See CRU.ie for more details.
15. 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.

16. Electricity for Semester 2 2023 Includes 1 x €150 Rebates per household as per the Government Electricity Costs Emergency Benefit Scheme.

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| Fuel                 | Form  | Unit of Supply    | Average Price per Unit (€) <sup>1</sup> | Gross Calorific Value (kWh/unit) | Delivered Energy Cost cent/kWh | Percentage change since 1 January, 2024 | Percentage Change since 1 April, 2023 |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Peat <sup>2</sup>    | Briquettes, Baled   | Bale              | n/a                                     | 67.0                             | n/a                            | -                                       | -                                     |
| Coal <sup>3</sup>    | Ovoids (Low Smoke), bag <sup>4</sup>  | 40 kg Bag         | 34.30                                   | 354.0                            | 9.69                           | +0.6%                                   | -7.5%                                 |
| Oil <sup>5</sup>     | Gas Oil (schedule) <sup>6</sup><br>Gas Oil (typical discounted price) <sup>7</sup><br>Kerosene (schedule) <sup>6</sup><br>Kerosene (typical discounted price) <sup>7</sup>  | Litre             | 1.27                                    | 10.55                            | 12.05                          | +7.0%                                   | +10.8%                                |
|                      |   | Litre             | 1.08                                    | 10.55                            | 10.28                          | +3.6%                                   | +6.9%                                 |
|                      |   | Litre             | 1.23                                    | 10.18                            | 12.05                          | +1.7%                                   | +7.9%                                 |
|                      |   | Litre             | 1.03                                    | 10.18                            | 10.14                          | -1.3%                                   | +6.4%                                 |
| L.P.G.               | Bulk L.P.G. <sup>8</sup><br>Bottled Butane<br>Bottled Propane<br>Bottled Propane  | Litre             | 1.11                                    | 7.09                             | 15.68                          | +1.2%                                   | +1.3%                                 |
|                      |   | 11.35 kg Cylinder | 30.29                                   | 155.7                            | 19.46                          | -0.0%                                   | -12.8%                                |
|                      |   | 34 kg Cylinder    | 94.49                                   | 471.0                            | 20.06                          | -                                       | -17.4%                                |
|                      |   | 47 kg Cylinder    | 128.56                                  | 651.0                            | 19.75                          | -                                       | -18.4%                                |
| Wood <sup>9,10</sup> | Pellets Bulk Delivery <sup>11</sup><br>Pellets Bagged<br>Briquettes   | kg                | 0.49                                    | 4.8                              | 10.21                          | -6.6%                                   | -10.0%                                |
|                      |   | kg                | 0.54                                    | 4.8                              | 11.33                          | -7.0%                                   | -10.5%                                |
|                      |   | kg                | 0.90                                    | 4.8                              | 18.70                          | -2.7%                                   | -12.2%                                |
|                      | Hardwood, Small Bag, 20% moisture, Collected<br>Softwood, Small Bag, 25% moisture, Collected<br>Hardwood, Full Pallet, 20% moisture, Delivered<br>Softwood, Full Pallet, 25% moisture, Delivered<br>Softwood, Bulk (loose), 25% moisture, Delivered | kg                | 0.65                                    | 4.16                             | 15.72                          | +8.0%                                   | +5.5%                                 |
|                      |   | kg                | 0.64                                    | 3.86                             | 16.65                          | -                                       | +9.0%                                 |
|                      |   | kg                | 0.58                                    | 4.16                             | 14.01                          | -0.7%                                   | +16.6%                                |
|                      |   | kg                | 0.43                                    | 3.86                             | 11.08                          | -                                       | +2.8%                                 |
|                      |   | kg                | 0.34                                    | 3.86                             | 8.82                           | +33.6%                                  | +10.9%                                |

### Comparison of Energy Costs - Biannually (see notes 12 & 13 and special note for electricity rebate)

|                                   |   |     |       |     |       |   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----|-------|-----|-------|---|---------|
| Natural Gas <sup>12</sup>         | Band D1: <=5,556 kWh per annum          | kWh | 0.185 | 1.0 | 18.54 | - | +16.8%  |
|                                   | Band D2: >=5,556 <=55,556 kWh per annum | kWh | 0.164 | 1.0 | 16.38 | - | +11.8%  |
|                                   | Band D3: >=55,556 kWh per annum         | kWh | 0.115 | 1.0 | 11.53 | - | +0.2%   |
| Electricity <sup>13, 14, 16</sup> | Band DA: <1,000 kWh per annum           | kWh | 0.39  | 1.0 | 38.57 | - | +189.9% |
|                                   | Band DB: >=1,000 <2,500 kWh per annum   | kWh | 0.37  | 1.0 | 36.53 | - | +90.3%  |
|                                   | Band DC: >=2,500 <5,000 kWh per annum   | kWh | 0.38  | 1.0 | 37.94 | - | +38.7%  |
|                                   | Band DD: >=5,000 <15,000 kWh per annum  | kWh | 0.38  | 1.0 | 37.57 | - | +25.6%  |
|                                   | Band DE: >=15,000 kWh per annum         | kWh | 0.35  | 1.0 | 35.46 | - | +19.9%  |
|                                   | Night rate <sup>15</sup>                | kWh | 0.18  | 1.0 | 18.26 | - | -       |

**Special Notes:**

**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](http://www.revenue.ie) for more details.

**Electricity** prices represent prices for 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023 and include the 1 x €150 Rebate per household which was credited in December 2023 as per the Government Electricity Costs Emergency Benefit Scheme. Quarterly and annual % changes are calculated using current available data i.e. S2 2023 and S1 2023, respectively.

**Coal** : Following the introduction of the "Solid Fuel Regulations for Ireland" on 31 October 2022 (Statutory Instrument SI-529, 2022) certain coal products will no longer be included. Historic data on these legacy coal products will remain available on the SEAI website, via the historic timeseries data-file.

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### Comparison of Useful Energy Costs for Space Heating

**Notes:**

16. Use manufacturers recommended fuel for each appliance.
17. Delivered energy costs quoted are for the conditions stated overleaf.
18. Efficiencies quoted are bands of typical seasonal heating efficiencies.
19. Higher efficiency indicated (50-80%) applies to these fuels when used in stoves / closed room heaters
20. Higher efficiency indicated (60-70%) applies to these fuels.
21. These specific fuel rates incur standing charges which must be included in all total cost calculations.
22. DFE: Decorative fuel effect appliance in an open fire setting.
23. Appliances specifically designed as heating (rather than ambient or decorative) i.e. typically with manufactured firebox and convection chamber, with front fret and ashpit cover that provide a controllable air supply.
24. Adequate ventilation is required for fuelless gas heaters.
25. The majority of residential dwellings that operate a heat-pump for space and water-heating are in the DD-band.  
The Energy Cost and Seasonal Performance values for other bands are included for reference only.
26. 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. SPFs quoted assume heat pumps are used in conjunction with low temperature systems such as underfloor heating.
27. The Home-heating Appliance Register of Performance (HARP) database contains exact performance specifications of the proposed/installed heating appliance. [www.seai.ie/harp](http://www.seai.ie/harp)

| Fuel <sup>16</sup> | Form   | Delivered Energy Cost <sup>17</sup><br>(c/kWh)                          | Seasonal Efficiency Ratings <sup>18</sup>                              |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         | Typical Seasonal Efficiencies <sup>26</sup> |  |     |  |
|--------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|-------------------------|---|--|-----|--|
|                    |  |   | 100%   | 90%  | 80%  | 70%  | 60%  | 50%  | 40%                                       | 30%                     |   |  | 20% |  |
| <b>Peat</b>        | Briquettes, Baled  | n/a   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |   |  |     | <b>Open Fire, Solid fuel or Gas DFE <sup>22</sup></b><br>All 20-30%<br><b>Open Fire - Designed to Maximise Heating <sup>23</sup></b><br>Coal up to 32%<br>Ovoids (Low Smoke) up to 37%<br><b>Open Fire with High Output Back Boiler</b><br>All 40-50%<br><br><b>Stove / Closed Room Heater (without Back Boiler)</b><br>Peat 45-55%<br>Coal 50-80%<br>Gas 60-75%<br><b>Stove / Closed Room Heater (with Back Boiler)</b><br>All 65-85%<br><br><b>Oil Fired Boiler</b><br>Gas Oil 55-75%<br>Kerosene 60-75%<br><br><b>Gas Fired Boiler</b><br>All 55-75%<br><br><b>Wood Product or Biomass Boiler</b><br>All 55-87%<br><br><b>Flueless Gas <sup>24</sup></b><br>All 90%<br><br><b>Condensing Boiler</b><br><br>85-97%<br><br><b>Electric Storage Heater</b><br>All 90%<br><br><b>Electric (Electric Fire, Panel Heater)</b><br>All 100% |
| <b>Coal</b>        | Ovoids (Low Smoke), bag <sup>19</sup>  | 9.69  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |                         |   |  |     |  |
| <b>Oil</b>         | Gas Oil (schedule)<br>Gas Oil (typical discounted price)<br>Kerosene (schedule) <sup>20</sup><br>Kerosene (typical discounted price) <sup>20</sup>   | 12.05<br>10.28<br>12.05<br>10.14  | 13.39<br>11.42<br>13.39<br>11.27                                       | 15.06<br>12.84<br>15.06<br>12.68                                       | 17.21<br>14.68<br>17.21<br>14.49                                       | 20.08<br>17.13<br>20.08<br>16.90                                       | 24.10<br>20.55<br>24.09<br>20.28                                       |  |   |                         |   |  |     |  |
| <b>L.P.G.</b>      | Bulk L.P.G. <sup>21</sup><br>Bottled Butane<br>Bottled Propane 34kg<br>Bottled Propane 47kg  | 15.68<br>19.46<br>20.06<br>19.75  | 17.42<br>21.62<br>22.29<br>21.94                                       | 19.60<br>24.32<br>25.08<br>24.69                                       | 22.40<br>27.79<br>28.66<br>28.21                                       | 26.14<br>32.43<br>33.44<br>32.91                                       | 31.36<br>38.91<br>40.12<br>39.50                                       |  |   |                         |   |  |     |  |
| <b>Wood</b>        | Pellets Bulk Delivery<br>Pellets Bagged<br>Briquettes<br><br>Hardwood, Small Bag, 20% moisture, Collected<br>Softwood, Small Bag, 25% moisture, Collected<br>Hardwood, Full Pallet, 20% moisture, Delivered<br>Softwood, Full Pallet, 25% moisture, Delivered<br>Softwood, Bulk (loose), 25% moisture, Delivered | 10.21<br>11.33<br>18.70<br><br>15.72<br>16.65<br>14.01<br>11.08<br>8.82 | 11.34<br>12.59<br>20.78<br><br>n/a<br>20.82<br>17.51<br>13.85<br>11.02 | 12.76<br>14.16<br>23.37<br><br>n/a<br>23.79<br>20.01<br>15.83<br>12.60 | 14.58<br>16.18<br>26.71<br><br>n/a<br>27.76<br>28.02<br>18.47<br>14.70 | 17.01<br>18.88<br>31.16<br><br>n/a<br>33.31<br>23.35<br>22.16<br>17.64 | 20.42<br>22.66<br>37.40<br><br>n/a<br>41.64<br>28.02<br>27.70<br>22.05 | 25.52<br>28.32<br>46.74<br><br>n/a<br>55.51<br>35.03<br>36.93<br>29.40 | 62.33<br>83.27<br>70.05<br>55.40<br>44.09 | 93.49                   |   |  |     |  |
| <b>Natural Gas</b> | Band D1: <5,556 kWh per annum<br>Band D2: >=5,556 <55,556 kWh per annum<br>Band D3: >=55,556 kWh per annum   | 18.54<br>16.38<br>11.53   | 20.60<br>18.20<br>12.81  | 23.18<br>20.48<br>14.41  | 26.49<br>23.40<br>16.47  | 30.90<br>27.30<br>19.22  | 37.08<br>32.76<br>23.06  | 46.35<br>40.95<br>28.83  | 61.80<br>54.60<br>38.43                   | 92.70<br>81.91<br>57.65 |   |  |     |  |
| <b>Electricity</b> | Band DA: <1,000 kWh per annum<br>Band DB: >=1,000 <2,500 kWh per annum<br>Band DC: >=2,500 <5,000 kWh per annum<br>Band DD: >=5,000 <15,000 kWh per annum<br>Band DE: >=15,000 kWh per annum<br><br>Night rate   | 38.57<br>36.53<br>37.94<br>37.57<br>35.46<br><br>18.26                  | 38.57<br>36.53<br>37.94<br>37.57<br>35.46<br><br>18.26                 | 42.85<br>40.59<br>42.15<br>41.74<br>39.40<br><br>20.29                 |  |  |  |  |   |                         |   |  |     |  |

|                    | Electricity used for Heat pumps <sup>25</sup>  | Delivered Energy Cost <sup>17</sup><br>(c/kWh)         | Seasonal Performance Factor (SPF) <sup>26</sup> for heat pumps |   |   |  |  |  |  | Typical SPFs for Heat Pump Types <sup>27</sup>   |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                    |  |  | 2.5  | 3   | 3.5   | 4  | 4.5  | 5  | 5.5  |  |  |
| <b>Electricity</b> | Band DA: <1,000 kWh per annum<br>Band DB: >=1,000 <2,500 kWh per annum<br>Band DC: >=2,500 <5000 kWh per annum<br><b>Band DD: &gt;=5,000 &lt;15,000 kWh per annum</b><br><b>The majority of residential dwellings operating a heat-pump are in the DD-band.</b><br>Band DE: >=15,000 kWh per annum<br>Night rate | 38.57<br>36.53<br>37.94<br>37.57<br>35.46<br><br>18.26 | 15.43<br>14.61<br>15.17<br>15.03<br>14.18<br><br>7.30          | 12.86<br>12.18<br>12.65<br>12.52<br>11.82<br><br>6.09 | 11.02<br>10.44<br>10.84<br>10.73<br>10.13<br><br>5.22 | 9.64<br>9.13<br>9.48<br>9.39<br>8.87<br><br>4.56 | 8.57<br>8.12<br>8.43<br>8.35<br>7.88<br><br>4.06 | 7.71<br>7.31<br>7.59<br>7.51<br>7.09<br><br>3.65 | 7.01<br>6.64<br>6.90<br>6.83<br>6.45<br><br>3.32 | 6.43<br>6.09<br>6.32<br>6.26<br>5.91<br><br>3.04 | <b>Ground source (horizontal)</b> 2.7 - 4.5<br><b>Ground source (vertical)</b> 2.7 - 4.5<br><b>Air/Air</b> 2.5 - 4.2<br><b>Air/Water</b> 2.5 - 4.0<br><b>Water/Water</b> 3.0 - 5.6<br><b>Exhaust Air</b> 2.5 - 4.2 |