

A brief from the Energy Security Studies Program

## Natural Gas Wallet Share: Delaware

### Introduction

**N**ATURAL gas heats homes. It's the fuel behind a hot shower in the morning and a warm kitchen in winter.

### Measuring the Burden

This infographic is based on a computed income burden metric, which measures the share of a household's monthly income that goes toward the gas bill, calculated month by month. Natural gas bills are from EIA data on household usage and unit

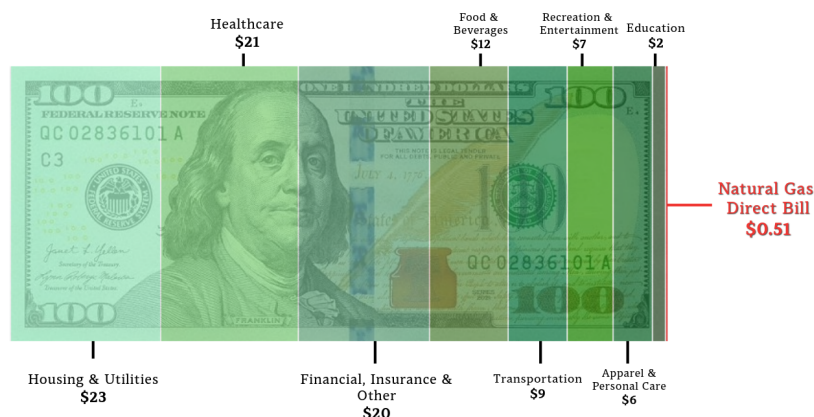
prices.<sup>1</sup> Household income is from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, adjusted for household size.<sup>2</sup> Both are converted to 2024 dollars, so a 1997 bill is a fair comparison against one in 2024.<sup>3</sup>

### The Share of the Bill

Picture a household's monthly spending as a single \$100 bill. In Delaware, housing takes \$23, healthcare \$21, financial services and insurance \$20, food \$12. Natural gas takes 51 cents. Natural gas represents one of the smallest household expenses, yet delivers outsized value for the home.

## The Power of Your Dollar

Natural gas direct bills as a proportion of total household expenditures  
Delaware, 2024



**Figure 1:** Natural gas as a share of total household spending, Delaware, 2024. Values are rounded to the nearest dollar; natural gas is shown to the cent.<sup>4</sup>

## Notes and Sources

- <sup>1</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration. (2025). *Natural gas residential consumption, number of consumers, and price by state*. U.S. Department of Energy. <https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/>
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