



Hydro Ottawa ELECTRICITY BILL COMPARISONS



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This backgrounder provides comparisons of Hydro Ottawa electricity bills with typical customer bills for other Ontario cities, as well as with typical bills across North America.

It also examines how average Canadian electricity rates compare against average electricity rates in other countries around the world.

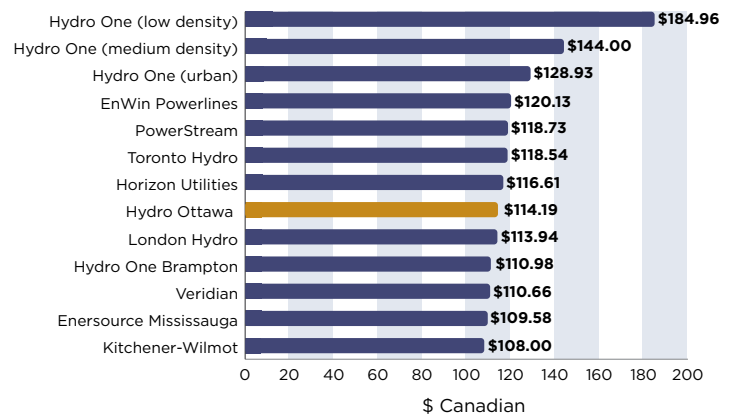
Finally, it discusses the value that Canadians receive for their electricity dollar by:

- > comparing expenditures for electricity against expenditures for other major household expenses; and
- > comparing the escalation in electricity prices over time against other major household expenditures.

ELECTRICITY BILL COMPARISONS WITHIN ONTARIO

Hydro Ottawa's electricity bill for a typical residential customer compares well against the typical electricity bills of other Ontario Local Distribution Companies (LDCs), as can be seen in the bar graph below:

Average Monthly Charges — Typical Residential Customer on Time-of-Use Rate

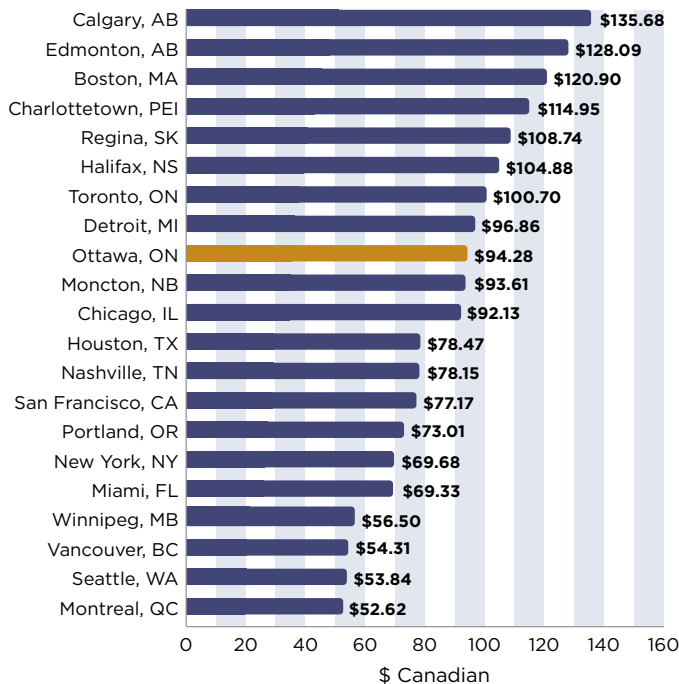


Source: OEB website — Calculate an Estimated Bill, November 2012.
Bills calculated using OEB standard of 800 kWh per month — 64% off-peak, 18% mid-peak and 18% on-peak.

COMPARISONS WITHIN NORTH AMERICA

Hydro Ottawa's electricity bills also compare well against typical bills for electricity customers in other large North American cities.

North American Residential Electricity Costs for Select Cities (750 kWh monthly usage)

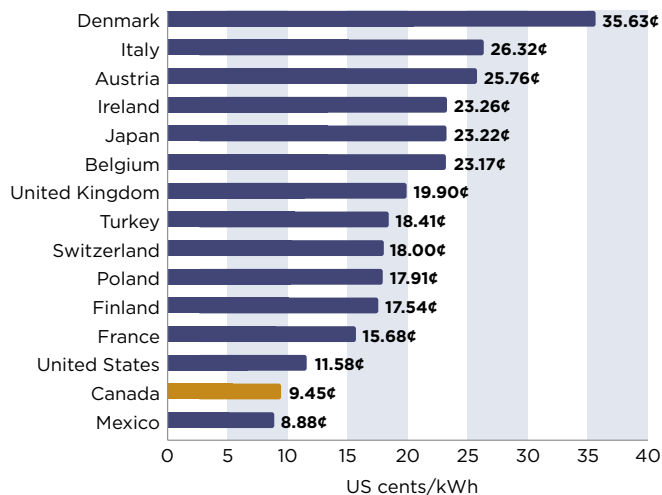


Source: Hydro-Québec, Comparison of Electricity Prices in Major North American Cities, April 2011, p. 31

INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICITY RATES

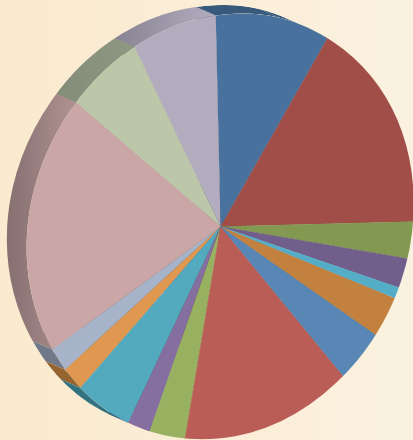
Canada's average electricity rate is considerably lower than the average electricity rate for most countries across the world.

Average Residential Electricity Rate by Country



Source: International Energy Agency, 2010 data

Canada 2009 Average Household Expenditures



- Food **10%**
- Accommodation **17%**
- Water, fuel and electricity **3%**
- Communications **2%**
- Child care **1%**
- Household furnishings and equipment **3%**
- Clothing **4%**
- Transportation **14%**
- Health care **3%**
- Personal care **2%**
- Recreation **5%**
- Education **2%**
- Tobacco and alcohol **2%**
- Personal taxes **20%**
- Personal insurance payments and pension contributions **6%**
- Other **7%**

Source: Statistics Canada, 2009 Spending Patterns in Canada — Expenditures per household

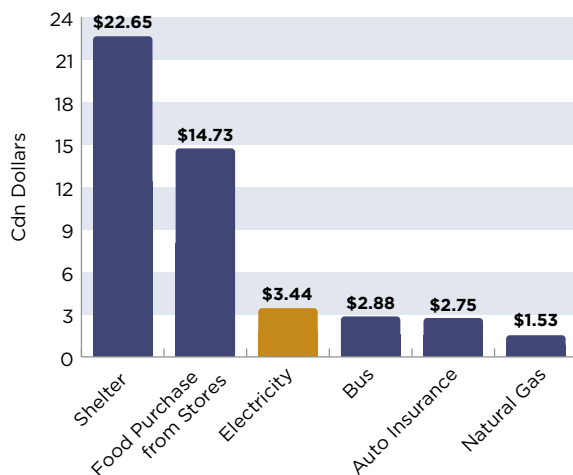
ELECTRICITY COMPARED TO OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES

Electricity powers almost everything that we do in our homes, and yet it represents only a small percentage — or about \$3.44 per day — of the average Canadian’s annual household expenditures. Because of growing energy conservation and efficiency, the average Hydro Ottawa residential customer now uses only about 675 kilowatt-hours of electricity each month.

CHANGES IN THE COST OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES

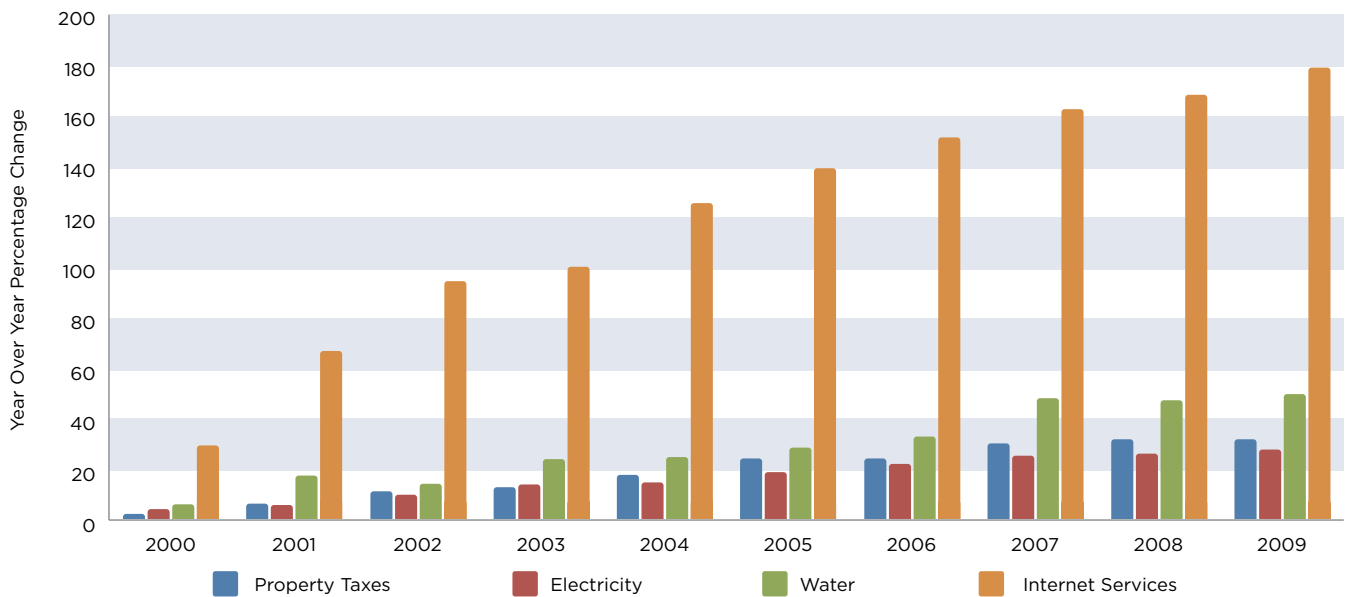
The average cost of electricity for Canadians has also increased at a much slower rate than for other major household services such as property taxes, water, and internet.

Daily Spend Snapshot — Electricity Pricing Comparison 2011 (Based on National Averages)



Source: Canadian Electricity Association

The Percentage Change in Household Expenditures 2000–2009



Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Household Spending, 2009 (Canadian Electricity Association website)

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