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An analysis of Southern energy expenditures and prices, 1984–2006

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In the South, where heavy usage of electricity and gasoline causes consumers to spend a larger share of their budget on energy-related goods and services than does any other region of the United States, energy prices have increased sharply in recent years; on the whole, however, energy expenses actually made up a smaller share of Southern budgets in 2006 than they did in 1984.

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