

As of 2020, 17 states in the U.S. enjoy the benefits of deregulation:

1. California
2. Connecticut
3. Delaware
4. Illinois
5. Massachusetts
6. Maryland
7. Maine
8. Michigan
9. Montana
10. New Hampshire
11. New Jersey
12. New York
13. Ohio
14. Pennsylvania
15. Rhode Island
16. Texas
17. Washington D.C.

Some states have only deregulated its electricity market, while others decided to deregulate natural gas. And in some states, residents can choose both energy suppliers!

However, there isn't one state in the U.S. that has a 100% deregulated energy market. Each state still has some regulation around its energy. The only state that comes close to complete energy deregulation is Chariot's very own: **Texas**.

E1: What is Energy Deregulation and How Does It Help Me?

Deregulation makes energy companies compete for your business. Energy choice translates to lower electric bills overall, better quality customer service, and innovations in energy generation, such as solar and wind farms!

In contrast, customers who live in regulated energy markets have only one provider that dictates the price of electricity and natural gas, including how it's generated, which is most likely from fossil fuels. Deregulated energy markets allow customers to choose for themselves, empowering them to make smarter energy decisions!

To learn more about energy deregulation and how it affects you as a residential customer, we've compiled the deregulation status of all 50 U.S. states (plus D.C.) below. Note: this doesn't account for all of the state, as there are some parts that may still be regulated. You should contact the utility company for your area to learn more.

E1: Energy Deregulation Status for All U.S. States

STATE	ELECTRICITY	NATURAL GAS
Alabama	No	No
Alaska	No	No
Arizona	No	No
Arkansas	No	No
California	Partial choice; very limited	Yes
Colorado	No	No
Connecticut	Yes	Partial choice; very limited
Delaware	Yes	No
Florida	No	No
Georgia	No	No
Hawaii	No	No
Idaho	No	No
Illinois	Yes	Yes
Indiana	No	No
Iowa	No	No
Kansas	No	No
Kentucky	No	No
Louisiana	No	No
Maine	Yes	No; only for commercial and industrial customers
Maryland	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes; somewhat limited
Michigan	Yes; very limited	Yes
Minnesota	No	No
Mississippi	No	No
Missouri	No	No
Montana	No	Yes
Nebraska	No	No
Nevada	No	No
New Hampshire	Yes	No; only for commercial and industrial customers
New Jersey	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	No	No
New York	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	No	No
North Dakota	No	No
Ohio	Yes	Yes

STATE	ELECTRICITY	NATURAL GAS
Oklahoma	No	No
Oregon	No; only for commercial and industrial customers	No
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	No	No
South Dakota	No	No
Tennessee	No	No
Texas	Yes	No; only for commercial and industrial customers
Utah	No	No
Vermont	No	No
Virginia	No	No
Washington	No	No
Washington D.C.	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	No	No
Wisconsin	No	No
Wyoming	No	No