Trends in consumer expenditures and prices for public utilities (2020)

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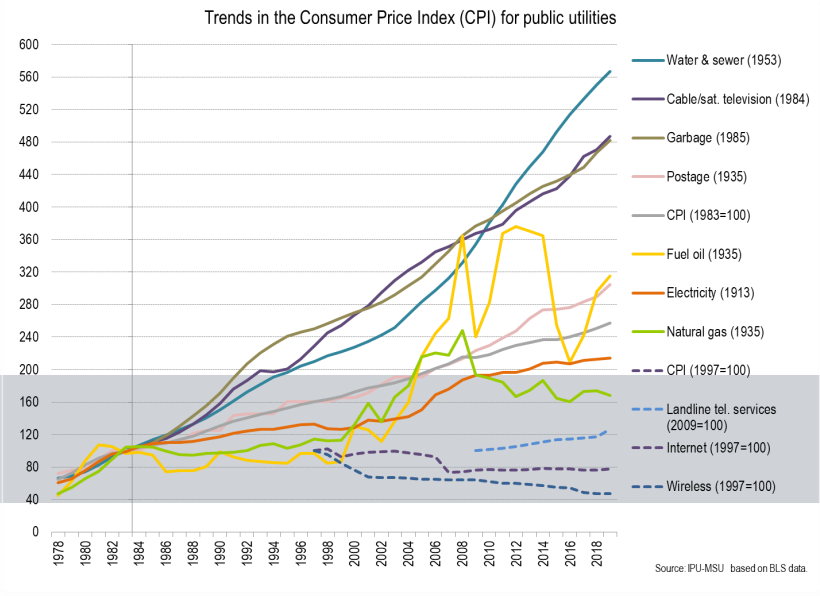

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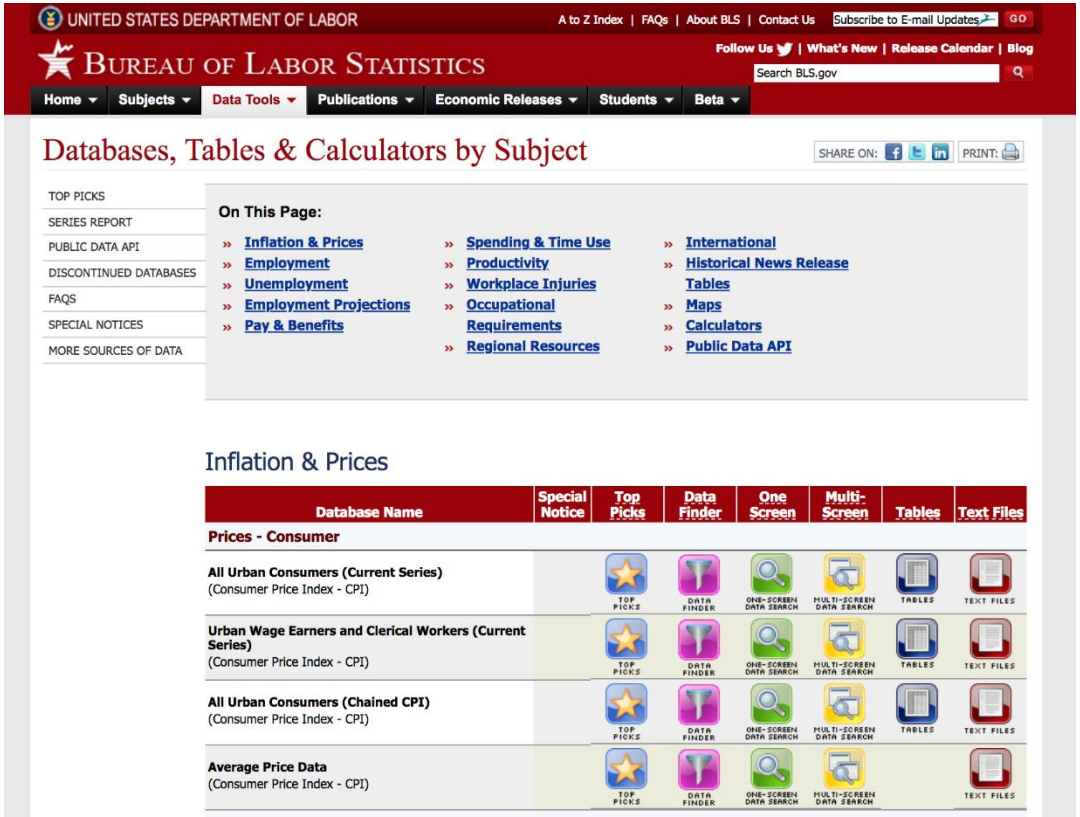
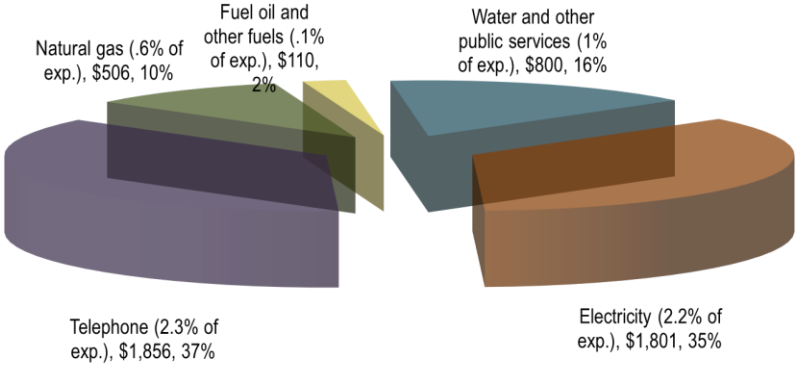
Introduction

- This research summary is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor (https://www.bls.gov/data)
- Data are provided on both household expenditures and the consumer price index (CPI) with a focus on public utility services



Household expenditures on utilities in the U.S.

Consumer expenditures on utilities for a four-person household in 2018
($5,001 and 6.2% of total household expenditures)



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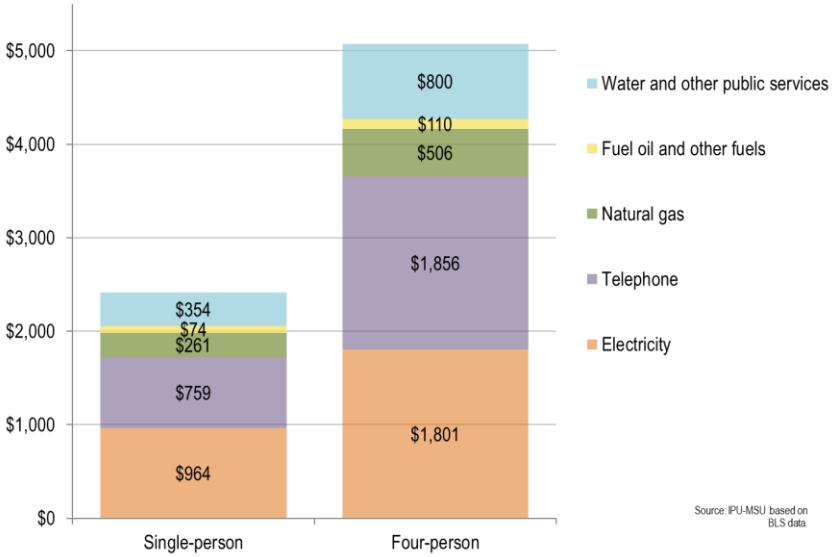
Consumer expenditures on utilities by household size (2018)



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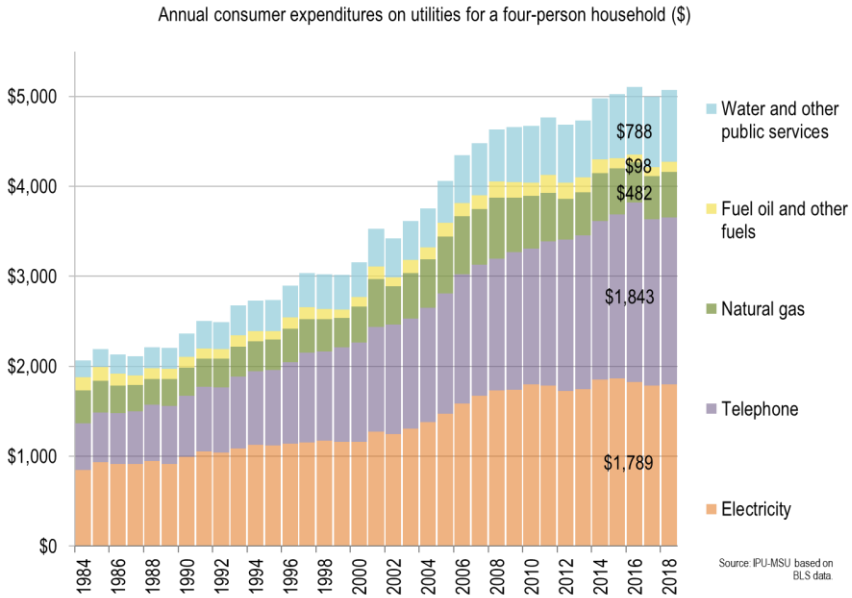
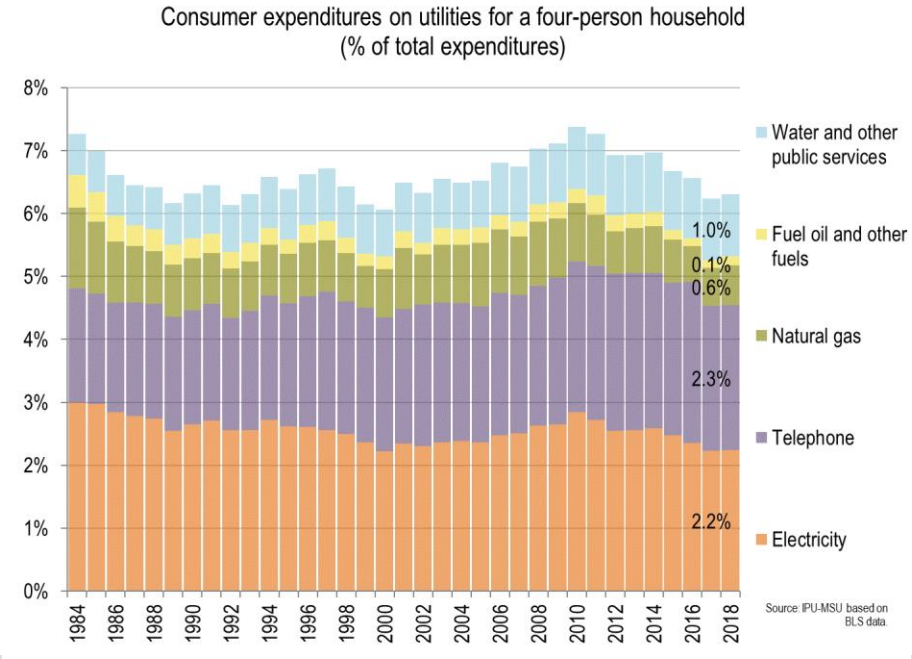
Household expenditures on utilities over time





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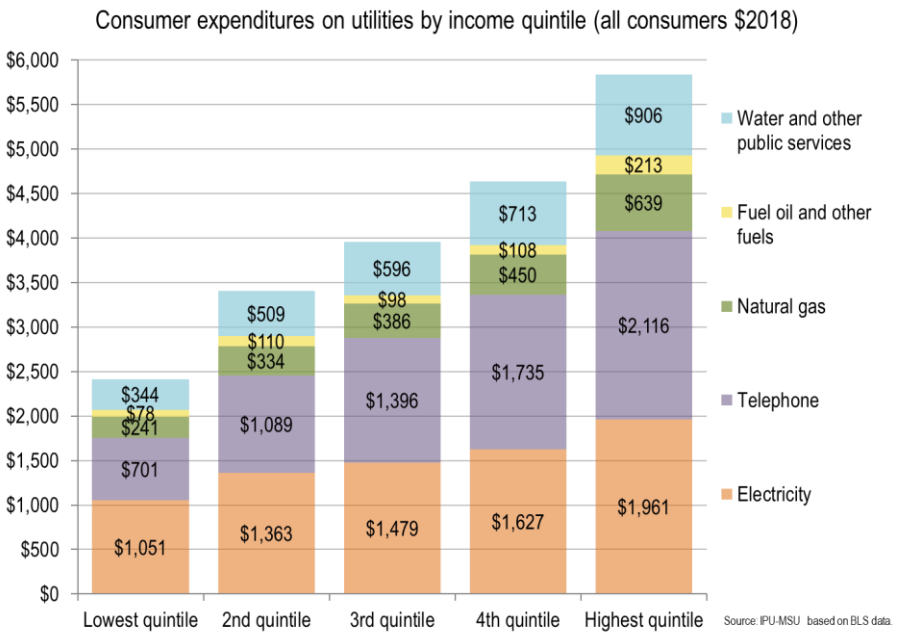
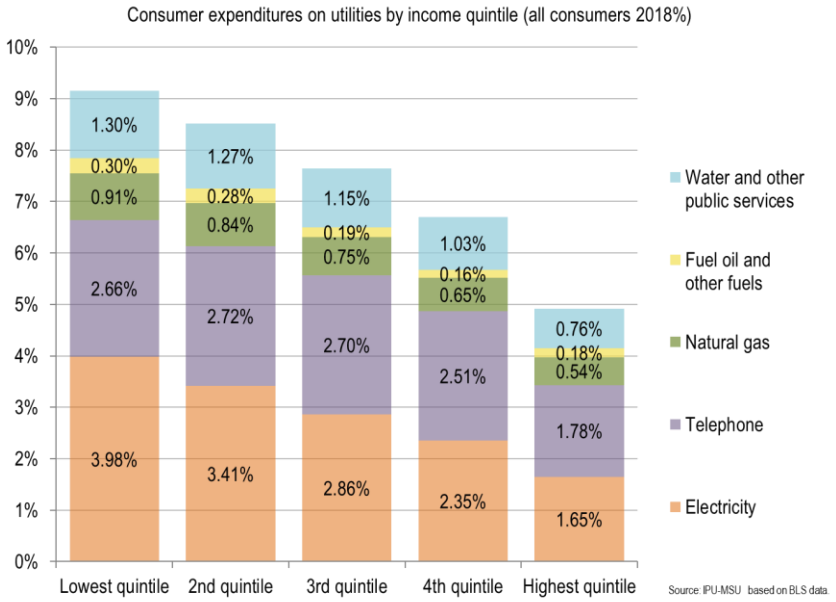
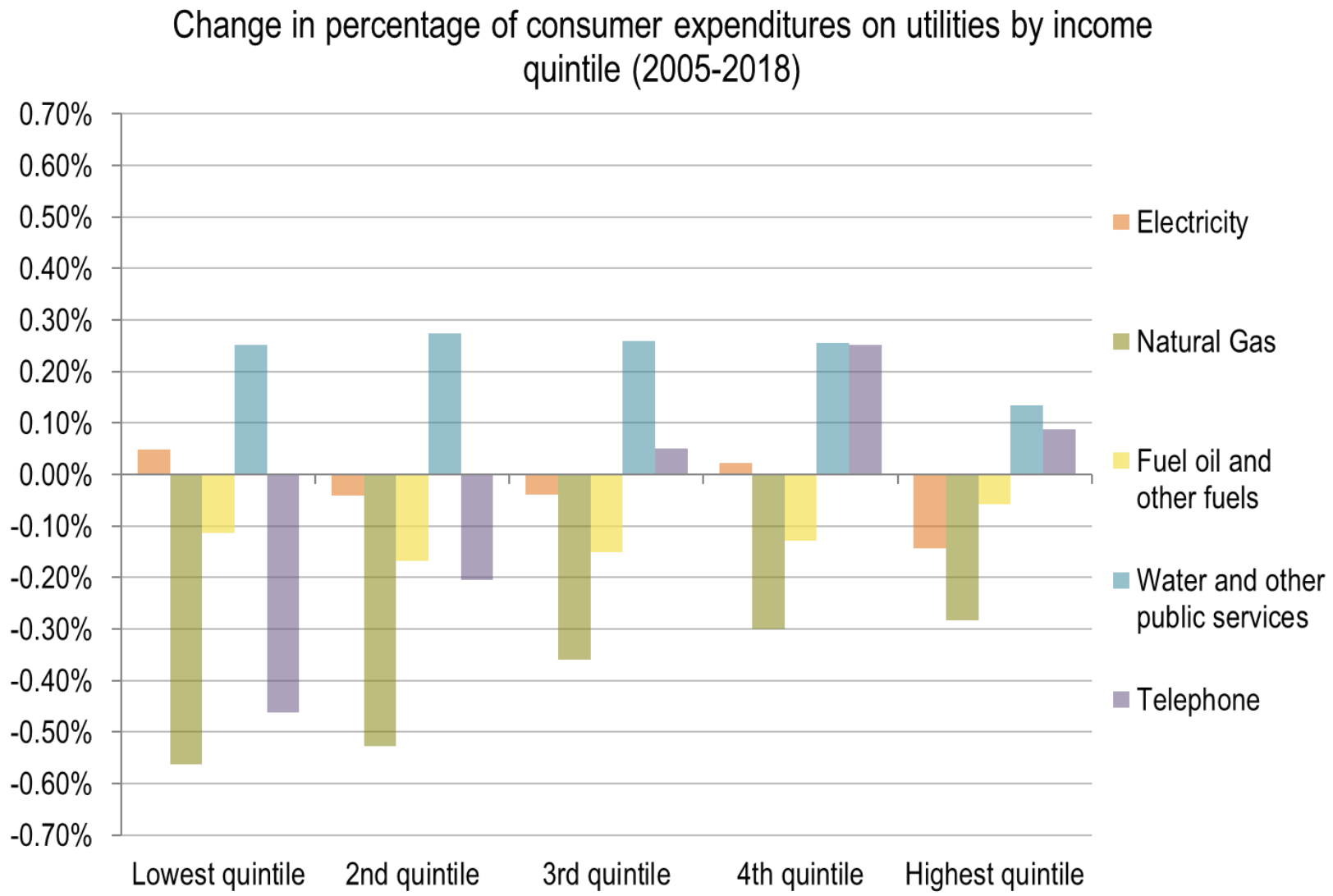




Change in percentage of expenditures on utilities



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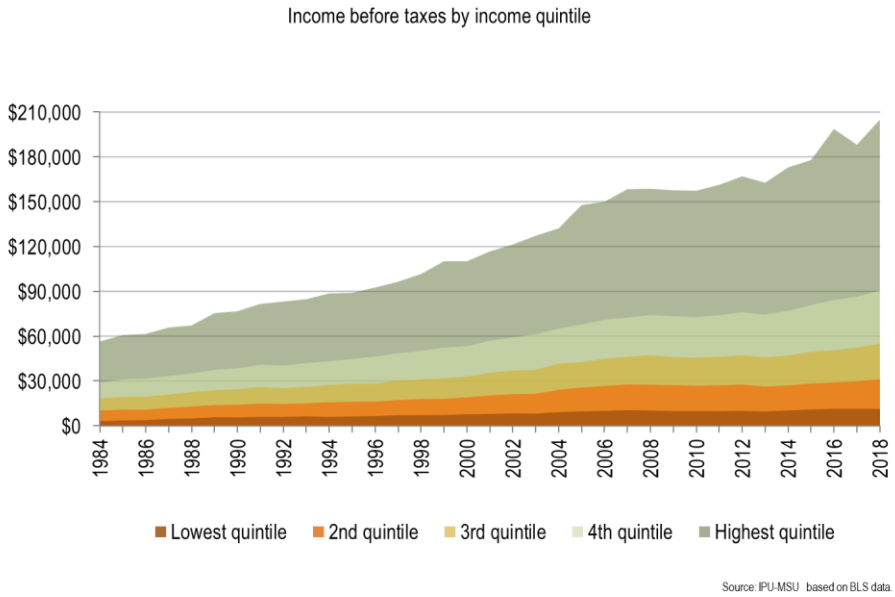
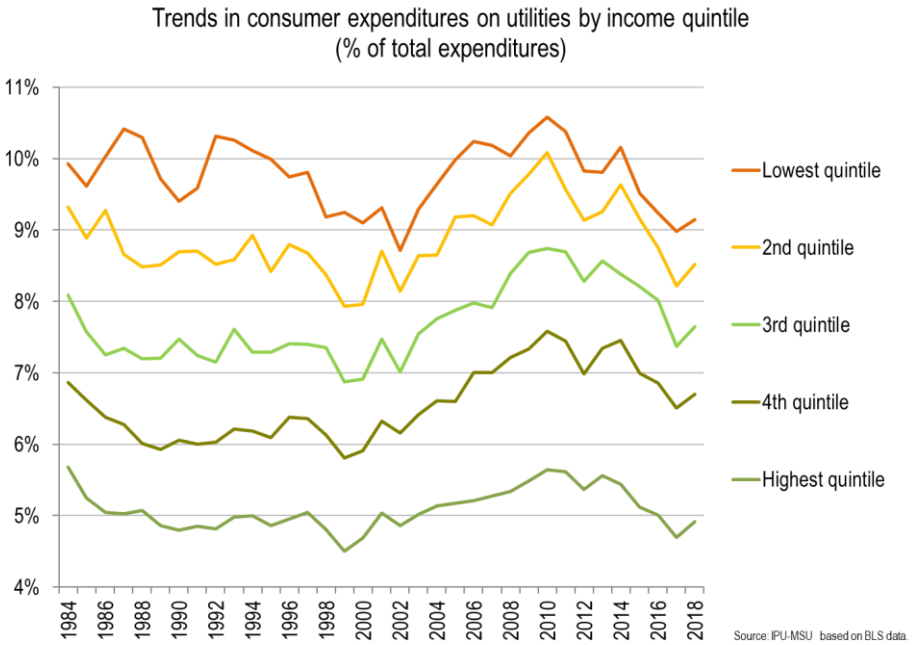
Trends in expenditures by income





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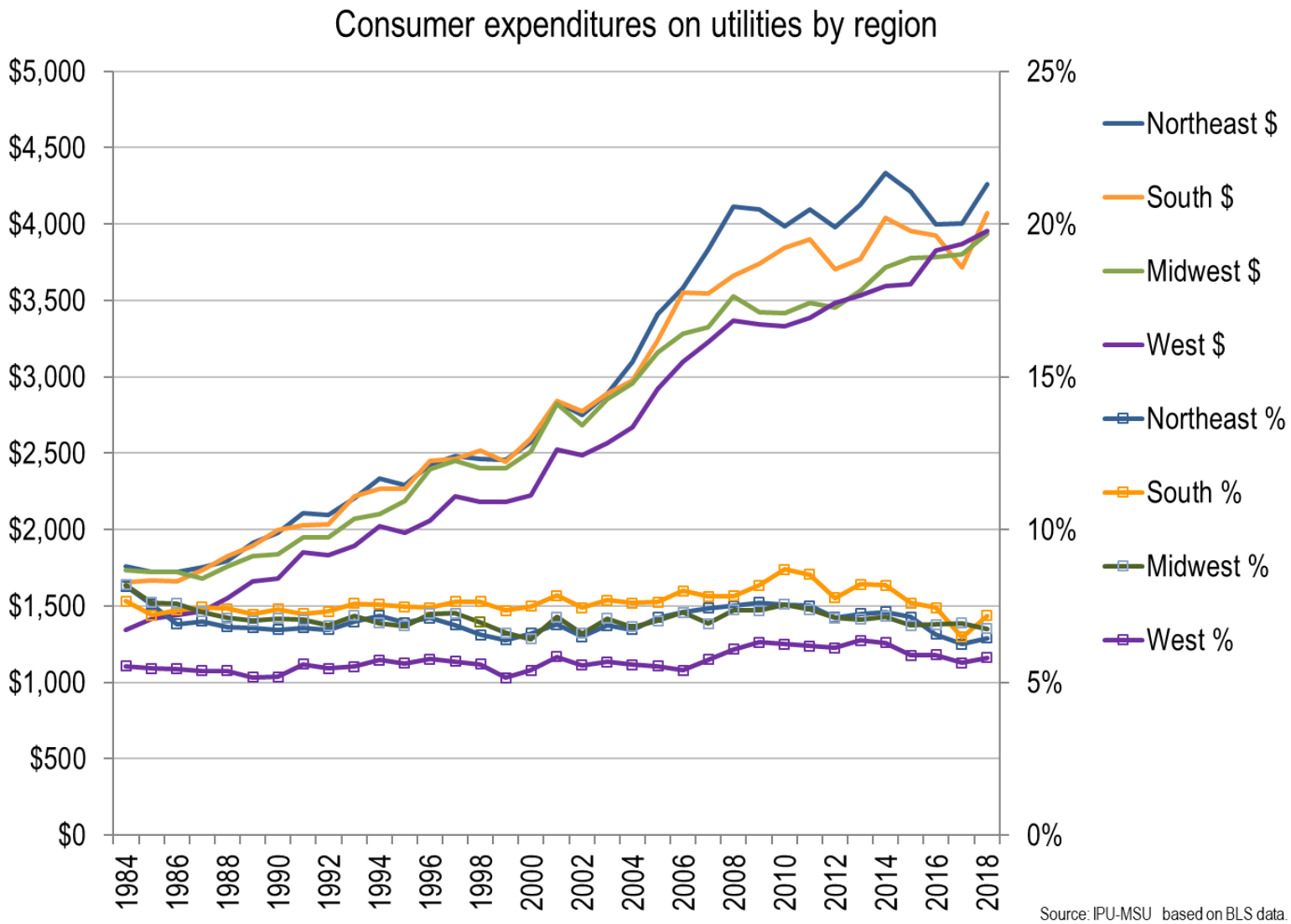

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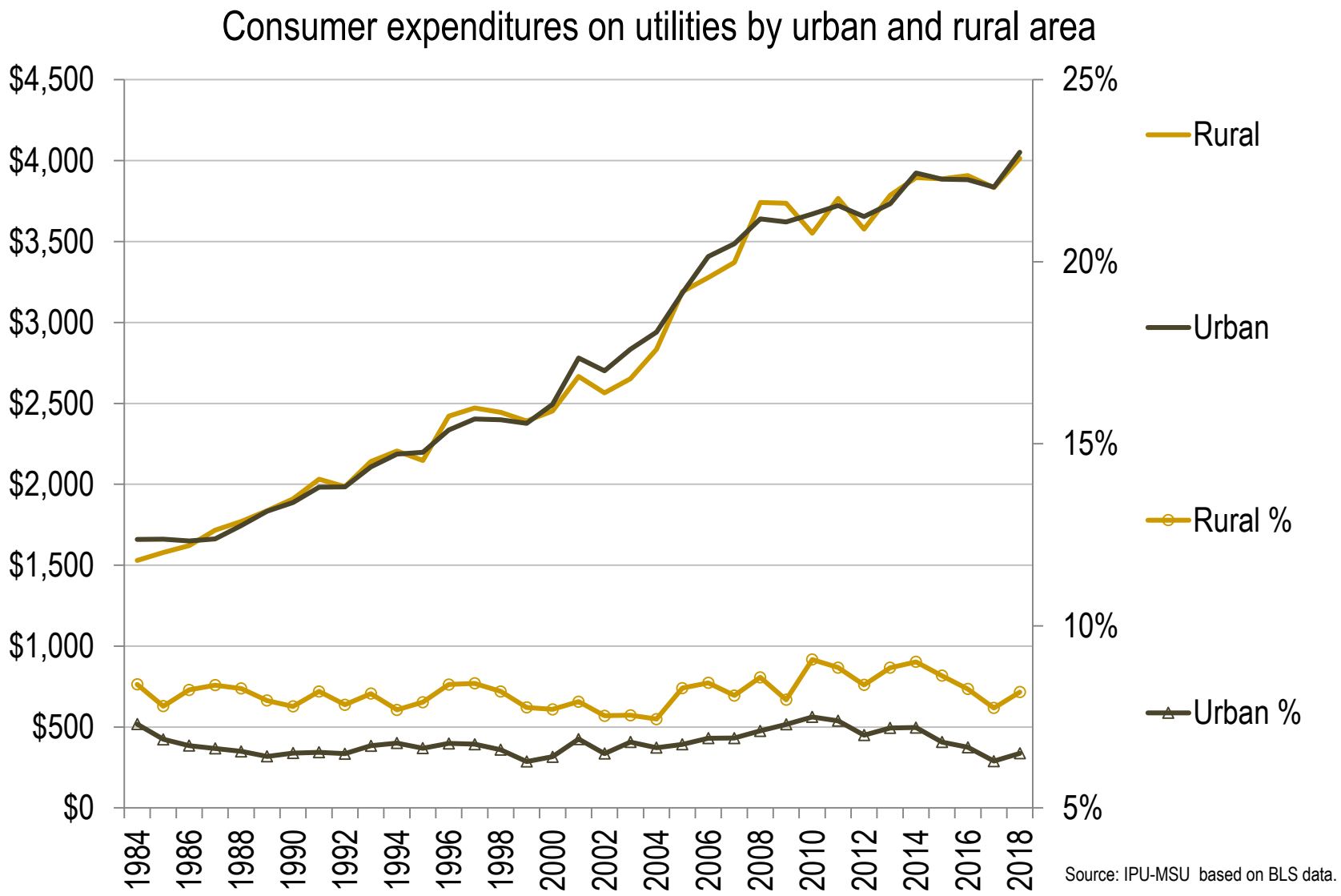

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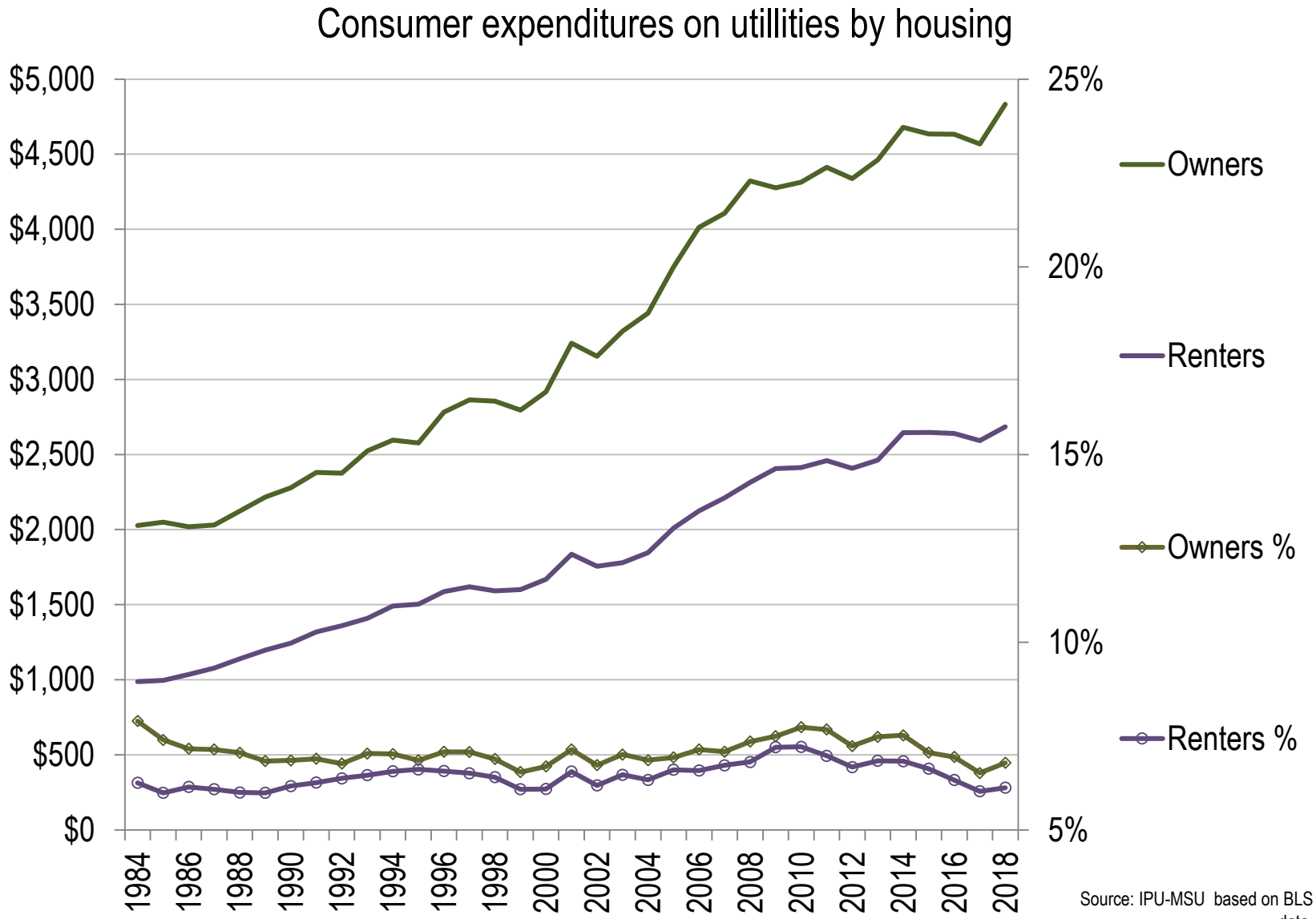

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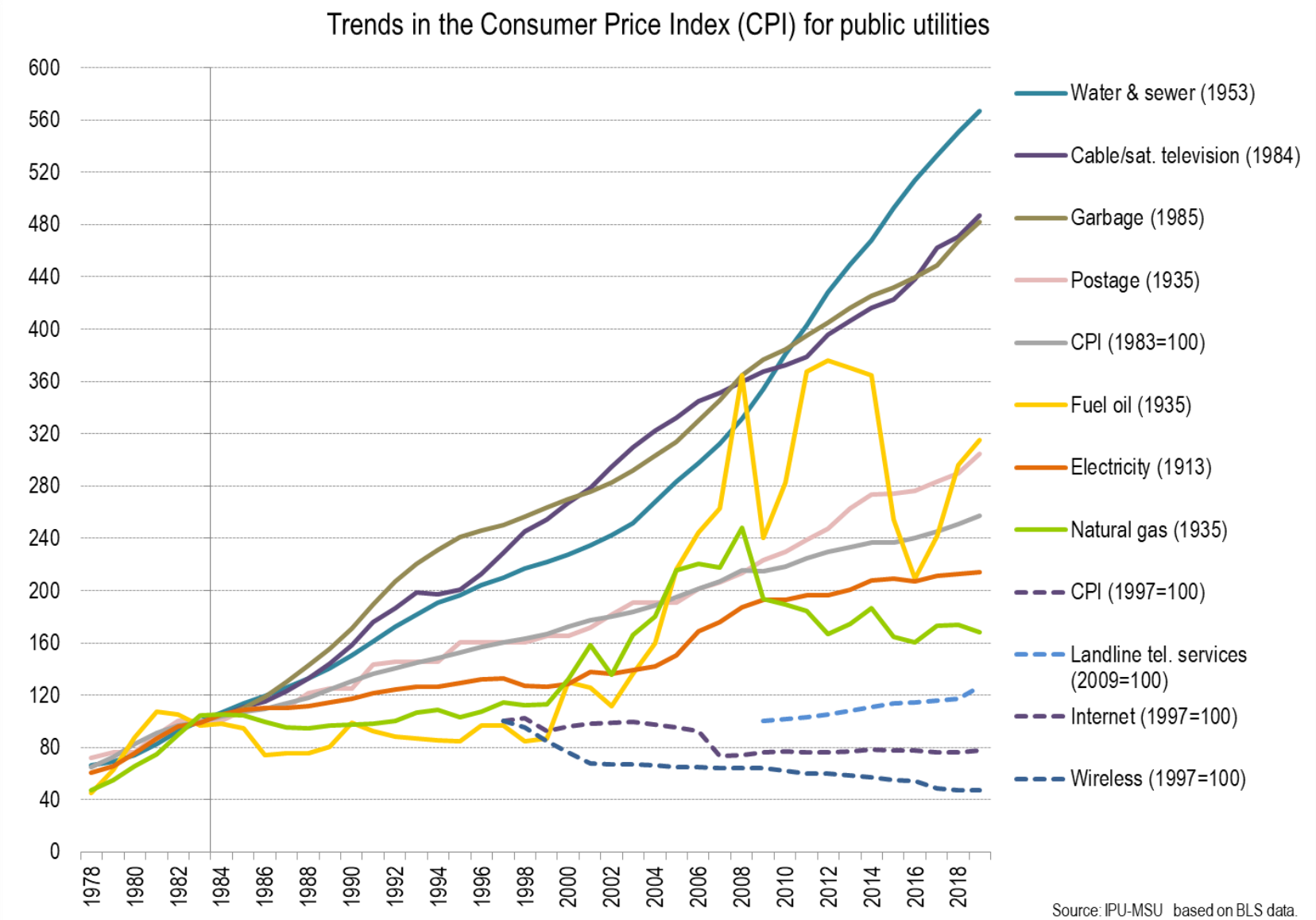

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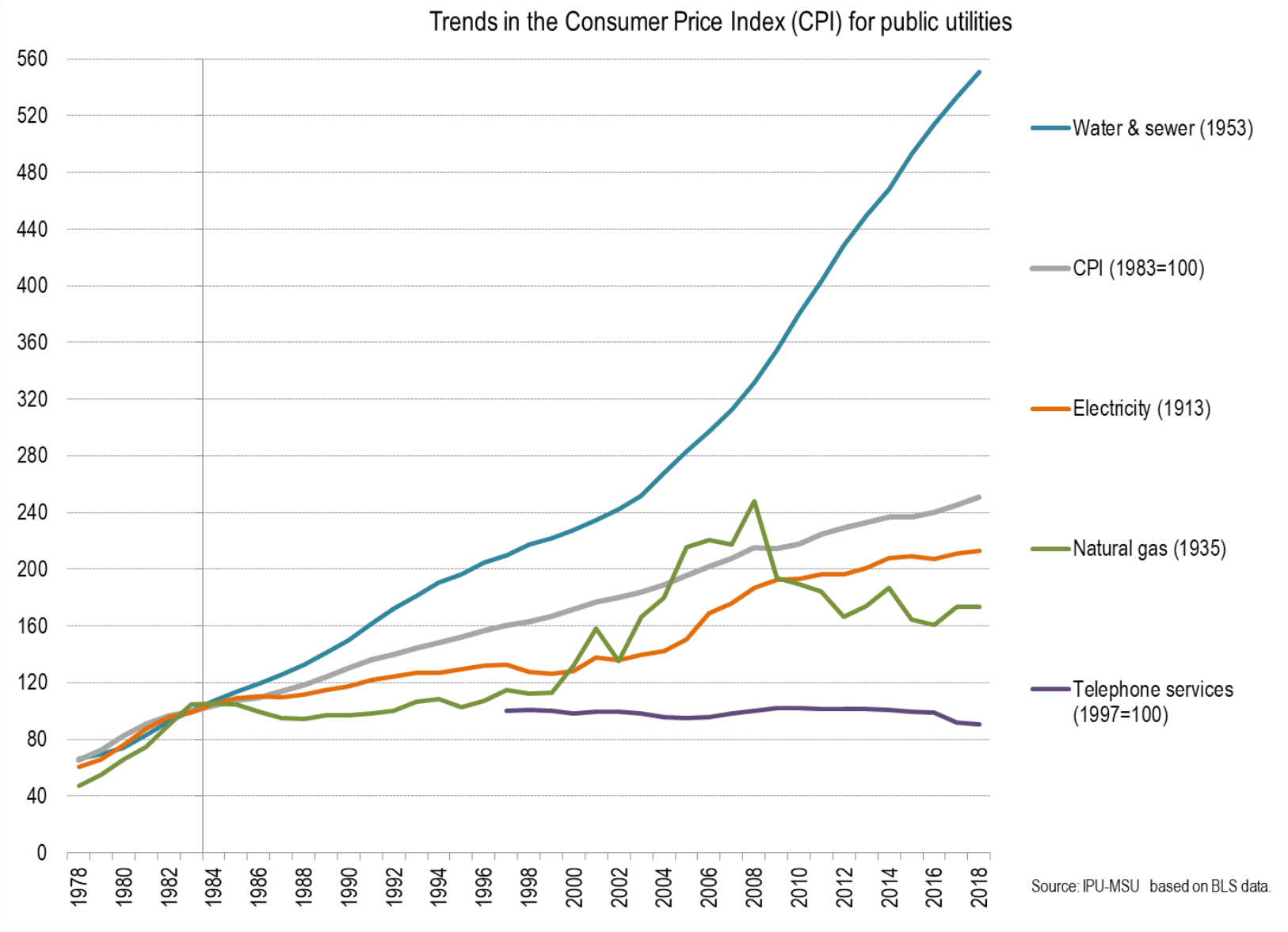

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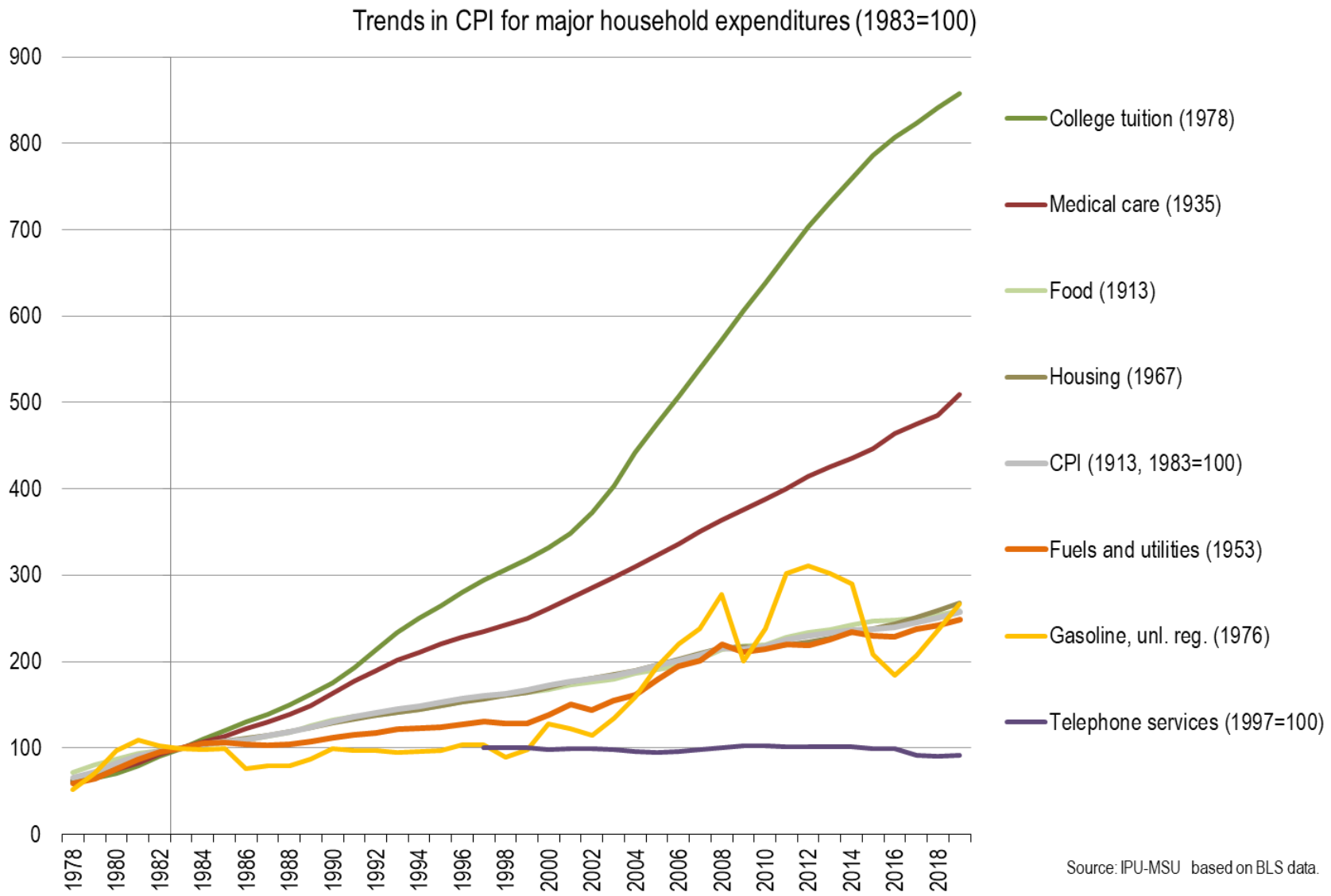

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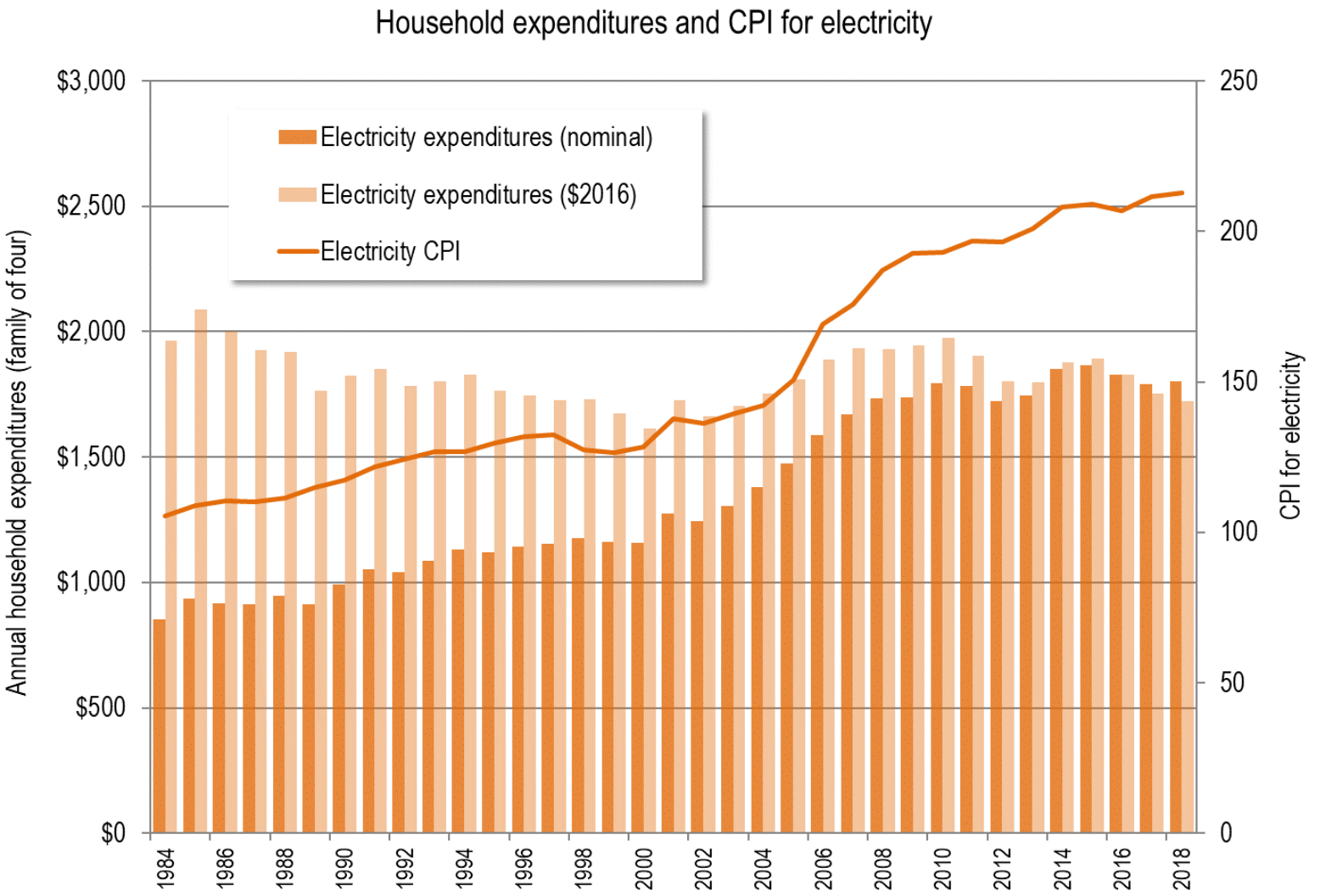

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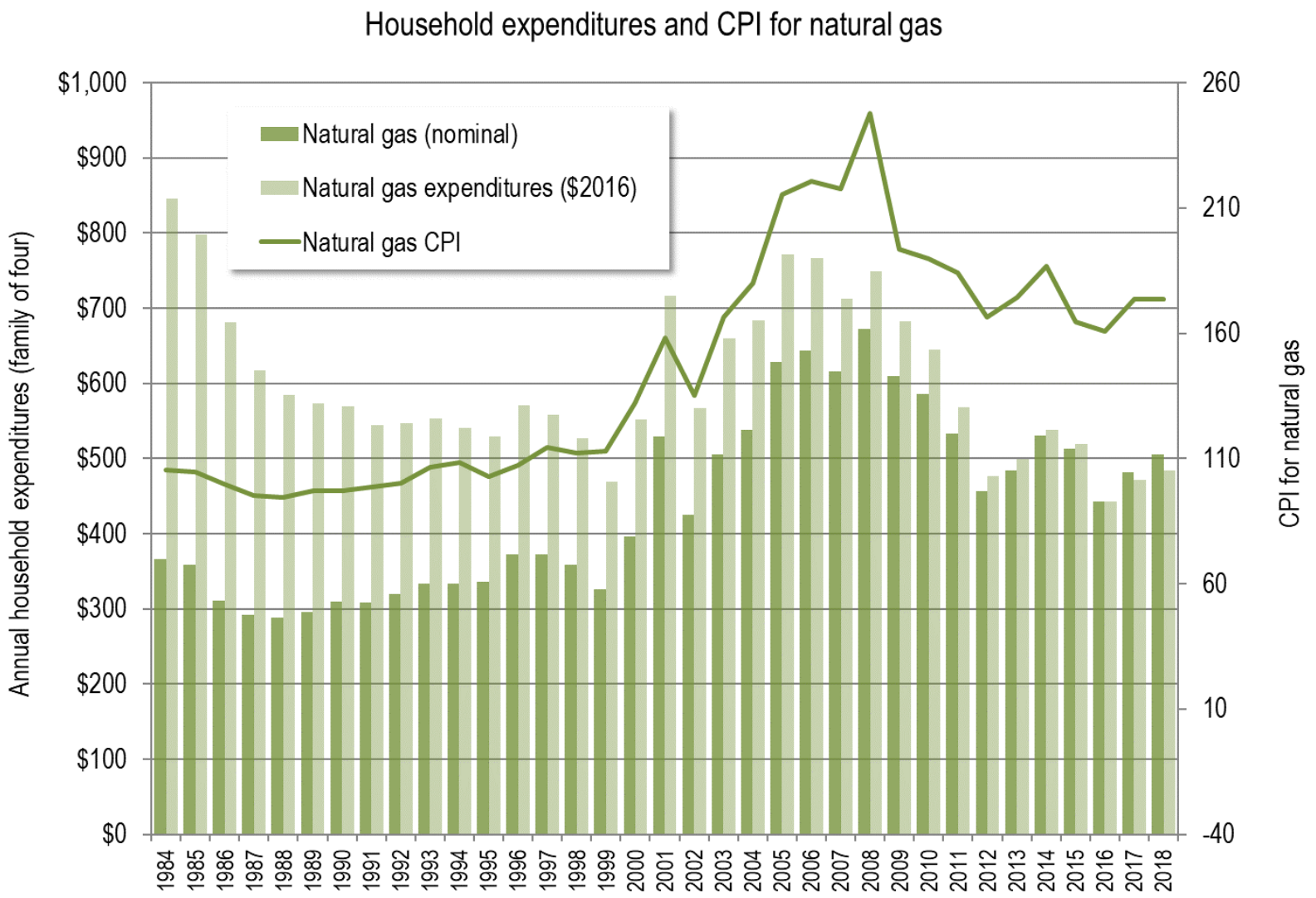

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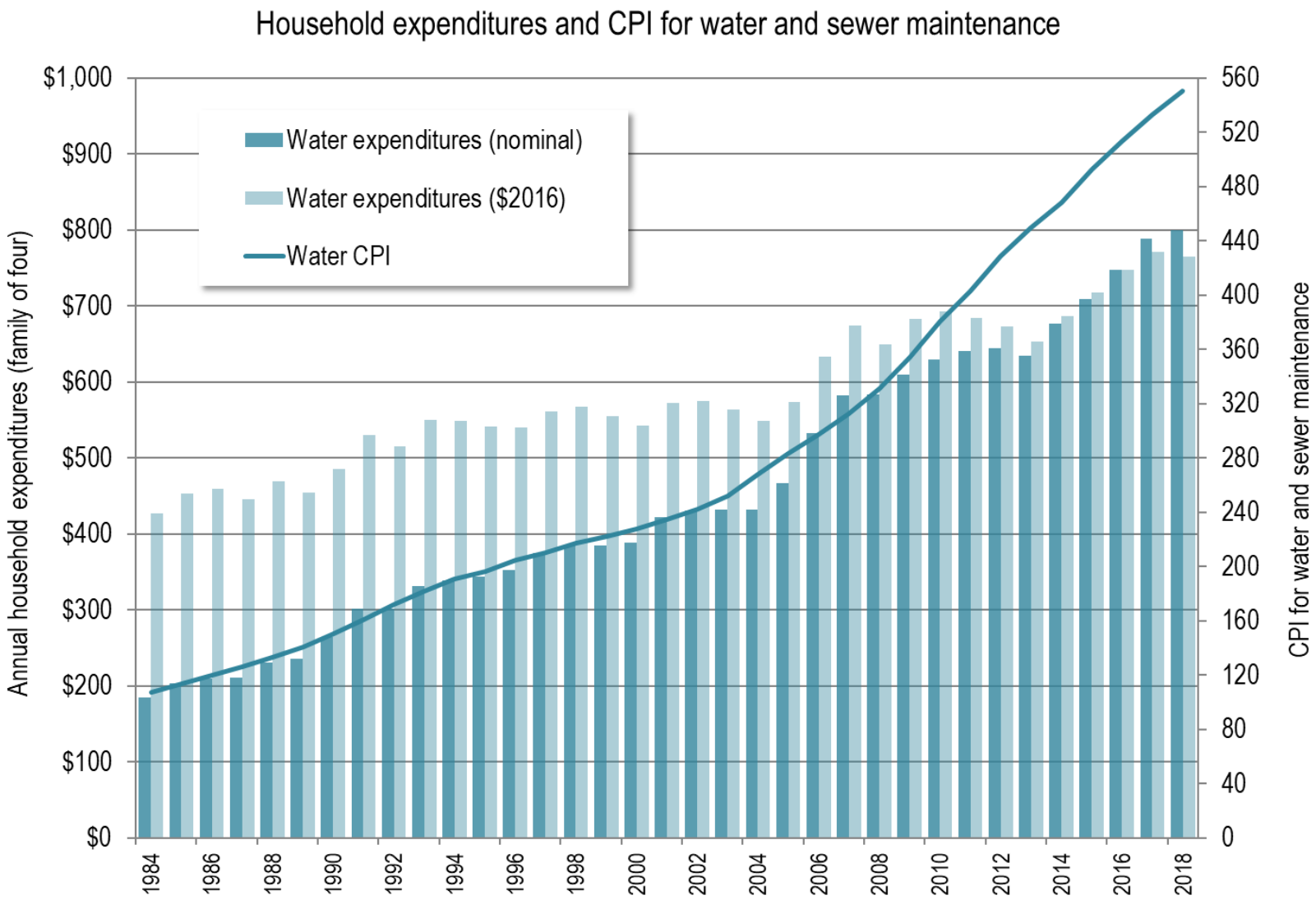

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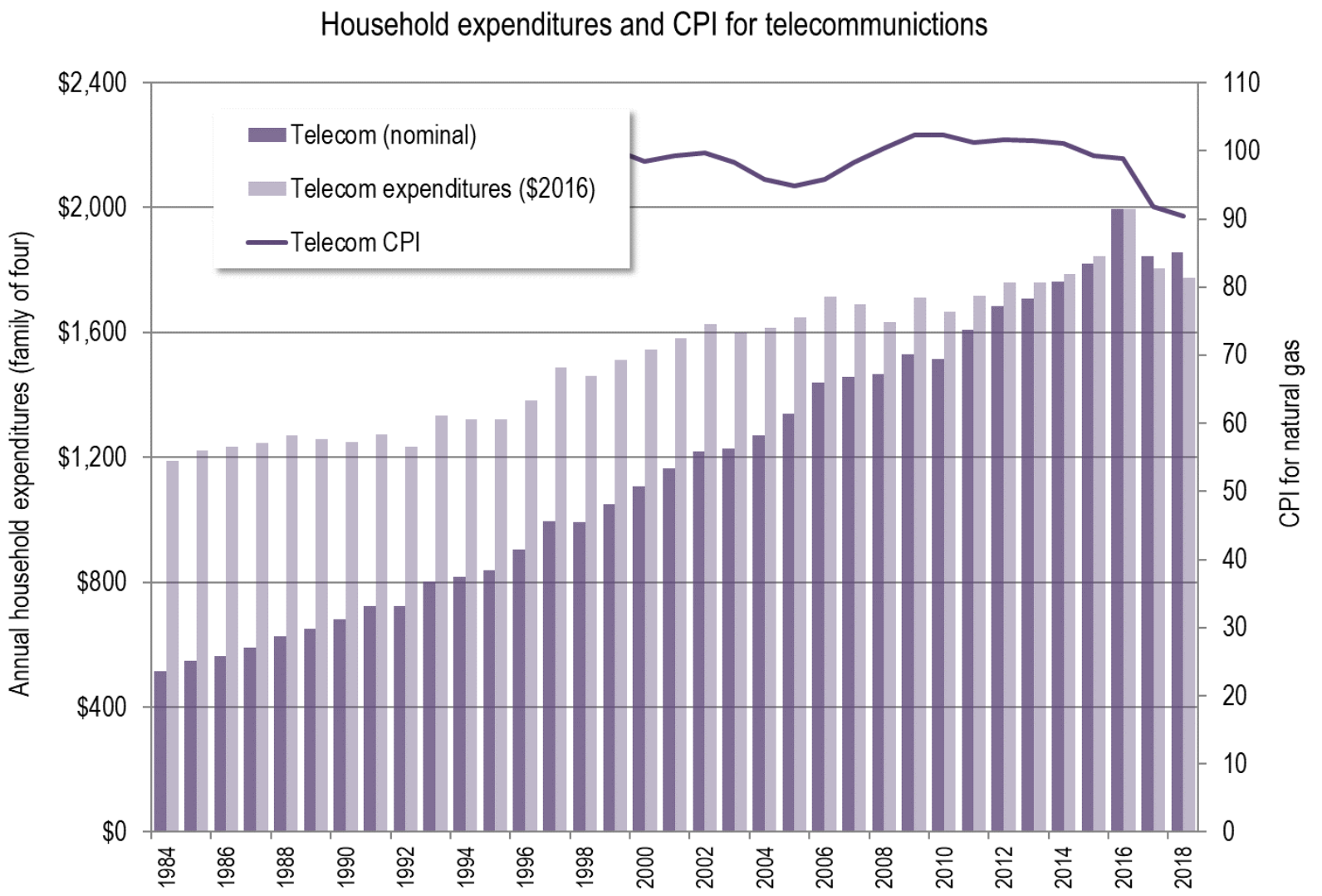

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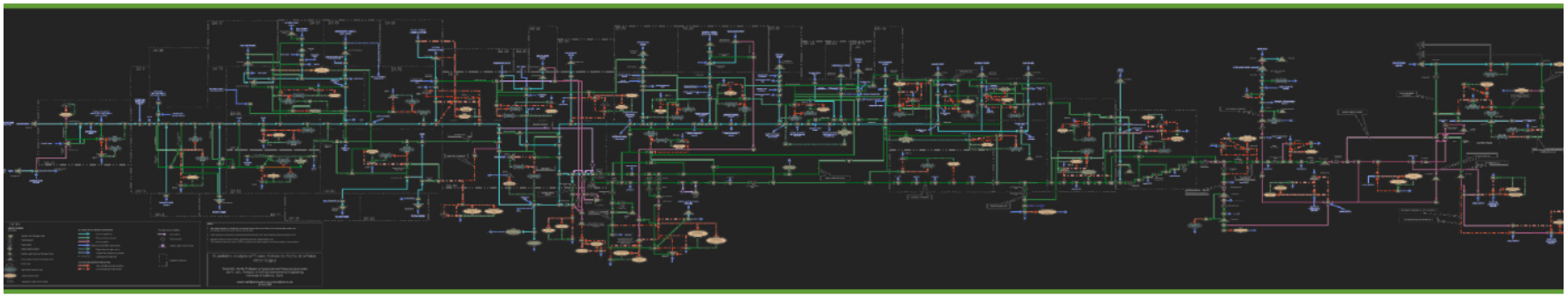

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