

Weekly Gasoline Report

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The Gasoline Report is a roundup of consumer gasoline prices from across Ontario and Canada. The graph shows price trends for three Ontario cities for the previous 12 month period. The report and graph are updated weekly.

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This week's Gasoline Report is for the week ending March 21, 2005

Record high world crude oil and North American wholesale gasoline prices caused the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to increase for the fourth straight week, by 1.6 cents to 86.9 cents a litre, a ten-month high.

Prices rose by 3.6 cents in Thunder Bay (to a nine-month high), 2.2 cents in Ottawa (to a ten-month high), 2.2 cents in London (to a record high of 87.3 cents), 2.1 cents in Toronto East (to a record high of 87.2 cents), and 1.7 cents in Toronto West (to a record high of 86.0 cents). Prices fell by 3.7 cents in Sudbury (from a five-month high), 1.9 cents in North Bay (from a five-month high), and less than a cent in Sault Ste. Marie (from a nine-month high) and Windsor (from a five-month high). Windsor remained the lowest-priced market for the eighth week in a row. The average price gap between southern and northern Ontario narrowed from 5.2 cents to 3.1 cents, a two-month low. The Ontario average retail diesel price, after increasing three straight weeks, declined by 0.3 cents from a four-month high to 84.2 cents.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the fourth straight week, by 1.9 cents to 89.9 cents, a ten-month high. Prices rose by 4.1 cents in St. John's (to a nine-month high), 3.8 cents in Toronto (to a ten-month high), 3.0 cents in Halifax (to a ten-month high), 2.9 cents in Vancouver (to a six-month high), and less than a cent in Montreal (to a six-month high) and Calgary (to a nine-month high). Prices fell by less than a cent in Quebec City and Charlottetown. The Canadian average diesel price remained unchanged at a record high of 88.7 cents.

The table and graphic below show this week's gasoline price trends.

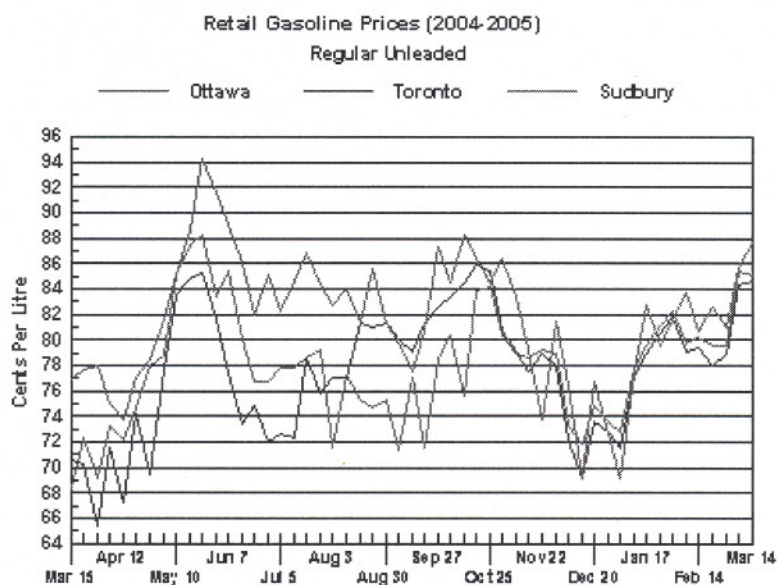
Market	March 14	March 21	+/-
Ottawa	85.1	87.3	2.2
Toronto West	84.3	86.0	1.7
Toronto East	85.1	87.2	2.1
Windsor	83.3	83.2	-0.1
London	85.1	87.3	2.2
Sudbury	87.6	83.9	-3.7
S. Ste. Marie	89.8	89.3	-0.5
Thunder Bay	92.2	95.8	3.6
North Bay	89.8	87.9	-1.9
Timmins	89.6	89.6	0.0
Ontario Average	85.3	86.9	1.6

Market	March 15	March 22	+/-
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St John's NF	94.8	98.9	4.1
Charlottetown	86.6	86.5	-0.1
Halifax	92.9	95.9	3.0
Saint John NB	95.8	95.8	0.0
Quebec City	93.8	93.5	-0.3
Montreal	94.5	94.7	0.2
Toronto	84.3	88.1	3.8
Winnipeg	85.5	85.5	0.0
Regina	91.9	91.9	0.0
Edmonton	81.4	81.4	0.0
Calgary	82.2	82.3	0.1
Vancouver	91.2	94.1	2.9
Canada Average	88.0	89.9	1.9

Source: Ontario Ministry of Energy; MJ Ervin & Associates



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