

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 28, 2005

The Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased for the fifth straight week, by 0.4 cents to a record high of 87.3 cents a litre, reflecting higher wholesale prices and the end of price wars in some markets.

Prices rose by 5.0 cents in Timmins (to a record high of 94.6 cents), 2.3 cents in North Bay (to a six-month high), 2.1 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a ten-month high), 1.5 cents in Ottawa (to a record high of 88.8 cents), 1.4 cents in Sudbury, and less than a cent in Toronto West (to a record high of 86.6 cents) and Windsor (to a five-month high). Prices fell by less than a cent in London (from a record high), Toronto East (from a record high), and Thunder Bay (from a nine-month high). Windsor, at 83.7 cents, remained the lowest-priced market for the ninth week in a row. The average price gap between southern and northern Ontario widened from a two-month low of 3.1 cents to 4.3 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased by 0.1 cents to 84.3 cents. In the first three months of 2005, the Ontario gasoline price averaged 81.2 cents, up 11.0 cents from the same period in 2004, and the Ontario diesel price averaged 80.9 cents, up 12.1 cents; the north/south gasoline differential averaged 4.7 cents, down from 6.9 cents a year earlier.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price, after increasing four straight weeks, declined by 0.3 cents from a ten-month high to 89.6 cents. Prices fell by 1.0 cents in Toronto (from a ten-month high) and less than a cent in Saint John, Calgary (from a nine-month high), and Montreal (from a six-month high). Prices rose by 1.4 cents in Vancouver (to a ten-month high). The Canadian average diesel price declined by 0.7 cents from a record high to 88.1 cents. In the first three months of the year, the Canadian gasoline price averaged 83.3 cents, up 7.2 cents from a year earlier, and the Canadian diesel price averaged 85.0 cents, up 14.5 cents.

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

Market	March 21	March 28	+/-
Ottawa	87.3	88.8	1.5
Toronto West	86.0	86.6	0.6
Toronto East	87.2	86.6	-0.6
Windsor	83.2	83.7	0.5
London	87.3	86.6	-0.7
Sudbury	83.9	85.3	1.4
S. Ste. Marie	89.3	91.4	2.1
Thunder Bay	95.8	95.3	-0.5
North Bay	87.9	90.2	2.3
Timmins	89.6	94.6	5.0
Ontario Average	86.9	87.3	0.4

Market	March 22	March 29	+/-
St John's NF	98.9	98.9	0.0
Charlottetown	86.5	86.5	0.0



Halifax	95.9	95.9	0.0
Saint John NB	95.8	95.0	-0.8
Quebec City	93.5	93.5	0.0
Montreal	94.7	94.5	-0.2
Toronto	88.1	87.1	-1.0
Winnipeg	85.5	85.5	0.0
Regina	91.9	91.9	0.0
Edmonton	81.4	81.4	0.0
Calgary	82.3	81.7	-0.6
Vancouver	94.1	95.5	1.4
Canada Average	89.9	89.6	-0.3

Source: Ontario Ministry of Energy; MJ Ervin & Associates



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