

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 May 2, 2005

Lower gasoline prices in southern Ontario, reflecting lower wholesale prices and local price war activity, offset higher prices in the north, causing the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to decline by 3.8 cents to 86.5 cents a litre.

Prices fell by 4.9 cents in Toronto (from a record high), 4.3 cents in Windsor (to a two-month low) and London (from a record high), 3.3 cents in Ottawa, and 0.4 cents in Thunder Bay (to a two-month low). Prices rose by 6.7 cents in Sudbury (to an eleven-month high), 5.3 cents in North Bay, and 2.0 cents in Timmins (to a record high of 96.6 cents). Windsor was the lowest-priced market for the third straight week. The average price gap between southern and northern Ontario widened sharply from 1.5 cents to 8.5 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price declined by 0.5 cents to 85.2 cents.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price declined by 4.2 cents from a record high to 89.9 cents. Prices fell by 6.6 cents in Toronto, 6.3 cents in Montreal (from an eleven-month high), 2.9 cents in Quebec City (from an eleven-month high), 2.0 cents in Halifax and Regina, 1.4 cents in Edmonton, 1.0 cents in Saint John (from a record high), and less than a cent in Calgary and Vancouver (the latter from a record high). Prices rose by 3.5 cents in Charlottetown (to a record high of 97.3 cents, reflecting increases approved by the provincial regulator). The Canadian average diesel price declined for the third straight week, by 0.1 cents to 88.7 cents.

Ontario gasoline sales (retail and non-retail) rose for the 13th straight year in 2004, by 1.8% to 15.68-billion litres, their eighth consecutive record high, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis of Statistics Canada data.

Sales of regular unleaded grew for the 14th straight year, by 3.1%, and accounted for 88.6% of total sales, their highest share since 1986 (when both regular unleaded and regular leaded were available). Premium sales declined for the second straight year, by 6.4%, and accounted for 9.1% of the market, the lowest since 1985. Mid-grade sales fell for the seventh straight year, by 12.6%, and their share dropped to 2.3%, the lowest since the grade was introduced in 1990 as a replacement for regular leaded. Ontario retail gasoline sales rose for the ninth straight year, by 2.0% to 14.4-billion litres, their eighth consecutive record high. Ontario diesel sales increased for the third straight year, by 6.2% to a record 6.89-billion litres.

Canadian gasoline sales increased for the 13th straight year in 2004, by 2.1% to 41.09-billion litres, their fourth consecutive record high. Sales of regular unleaded grew for the 22nd straight year, by 3.0%, and accounted for 89.5% of total sales, their highest share since 1985. Premium sales declined for the second straight year, by 3.6%, and accounted for 8.4% of the market, the lowest since 1984. Mid-grade sales fell for the 11th straight year, by 8.8%, and had a 2.1% market share, a record low. Canadian retail gasoline sales rose for the ninth straight year, by 2.0% to a record 36.57-billion litres. Canadian diesel sales grew for the second straight year, by 6.2% to a record 25.18-billion litres (Statistics Canada, Ministry of Energy).

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

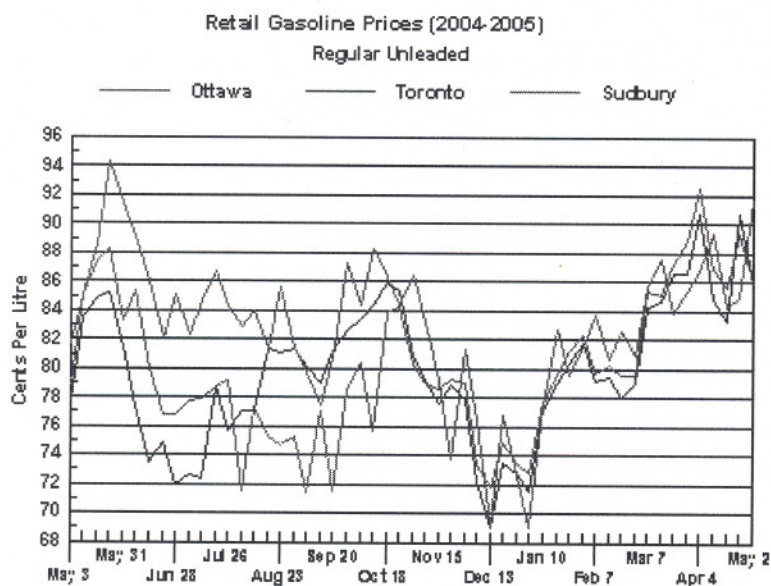
Market	April 25	May 2	+/-
Ottawa	89.4	86.1	-3.3
Toronto West	90.2	85.3	-4.9

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Toronto East	91.4	86.5	-4.9
Windsor	84.6	80.3	-4.3
London	90.2	85.9	-4.3
Sudbury	85.0	91.7	6.7
S. Ste. Marie	95.5	95.5	0.0
Thunder Bay	95.2	94.8	-0.4
North Bay	87.7	93.0	5.3
Timmins	94.6	96.6	2.0
Ontario Average	90.3	86.5	-3.8

Market	April 26	May 3	+/-
St John's NF	99.9	99.9	0.0
Charlottetown	93.8	97.3	3.5
Halifax	99.9	97.9	-2.0
Saint John NB	98.7	97.7	-1.0
Quebec City	98.3	95.4	-2.9
Montreal	99.3	93.0	-6.3
Toronto	91.4	84.8	-6.6
Winnipeg	88.0	88.0	0.0
Regina	93.9	91.9	-2.0
Edmonton	85.9	84.5	-1.4
Calgary	85.9	85.0	-0.9
Vancouver	102.9	102.2	-0.7
Canada Average	94.1	89.9	-4.2

Source: Ontario Ministry of Energy; MJ Ervin & Associates



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