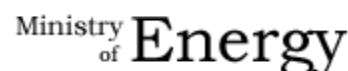


Weekly Gasoline Report



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.

This week's Gasoline Report is for the week ending October 31, 2005

Lower wholesale prices and price wars in some markets caused the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to decline for the fourth straight week, by 1.1 cents to 90.0 cents a litre, a four-month low.

Prices fell by 6.1 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a seven-month low), 4.5 cents in Windsor (to a four-month low), 4.3 cents in North Bay (to a four-month low), 4.0 cents in Timmins (to a three-month low), 3.0 cents in Sudbury (to a three-month low), 1.9 cents in London (to a four-month low), 1.0 cents in Toronto East and Thunder Bay (both to three-month lows), and 0.3 cents in Toronto West (to a three-month low). Prices rose by 0.2 cents in Ottawa (from a four-month low). The average price gap between southern and northern Ontario narrowed from 10.6 cents to 8.2 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price declined for the fourth straight week, by 0.7 cents to 99.1 cents, a five-week low.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price declined for the fourth straight week, by 2.8 cents to 90.0 cents, a five-month low. Prices fell by 5.8 cents in St. John's, 5.0 cents in Montreal and Winnipeg, 4.5 cents in Calgary, 2.9 cents in Charlottetown, 1.9 cents in Toronto, 1.7 cents in Halifax, 1.1 cents in Saint John, and less than a cent in Quebec City and Regina. Prices in these markets were all at four-month lows with the exception of Montreal's, Toronto's, and Calgary's, which were at five-month lows. Prices rose by 0.2 cents in Vancouver (from a seven-month low). The Canadian average retail diesel price declined by 1.5 cents from a record high to 106.1 cents.

Ontario gasoline sales (retail and non-retail) in the second quarter of 2005 totalled 3.98-billion litres, an increase of 1.8% from the same period in 2004, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis of Statistics Canada data.

Sales of regular grade rose by 2.5%, premium grew by 1.5%, but mid-grade fell by 23%. Retail gasoline sales grew by 1.0% to 3.62-billion litres. Ontario diesel sales in the second quarter totalled 1.86-billion litres, up 7.8% from the same period last year. In the first six months of the year, Ontario gasoline sales grew by 1.3% to 7.74-billion litres (retail sales edged up by 0.6%) and diesel sales rose by 8.9% to 3.59-billion litres. Regular grade accounted for 89.4% of sales, up from 88.3% in the first six months of 2004, premium's share fell to 8.8% from 9.2%, and mid-grade's dropped to 1.8% from 2.5%. The higher level of gasoline prices explains much of the shift away from the higher-octane grades. Canadian gasoline sales in the second quarter totalled 10.3-billion litres, up 0.7% from a year earlier, and diesel sales totalled 6.44-billion litres, up 5.4%. Canadian retail gasoline sales increased by 2.2% to 9.18-billion litres. In the first six months, Canadian gasoline sales edged up by 0.1% to 19.96-billion litres (retail sales rose by 1.7%) and diesel sales grew by 6.3% to 12.8-billion litres (Statistics Canada, Ministry of Energy).

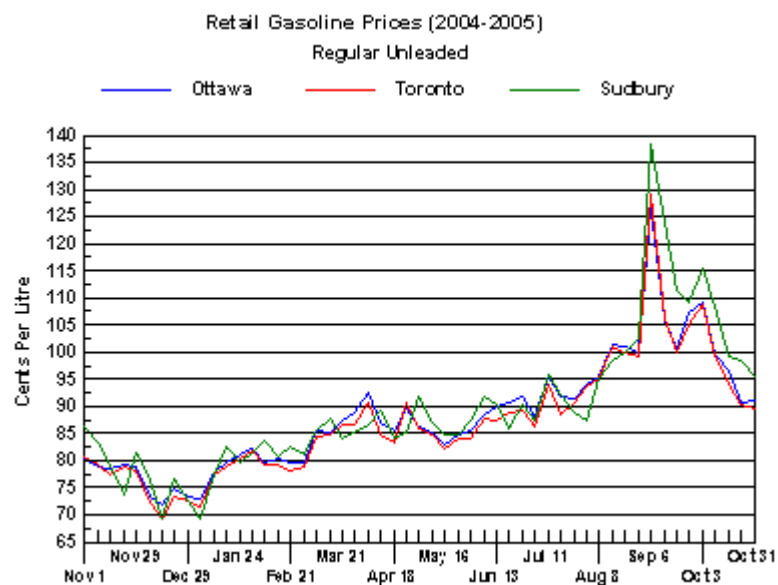
The table and graphic below show this week's gasoline price trends.

Market	October 24	October 31	+ / -
Ottawa	90.7	90.9	0.2
Toronto West	89.6	89.3	-0.3
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Windsor	87.5	83.0	-4.5
London	88.1	86.2	-1.9

Sudbury	98.4	95.4	-3.0
S. Ste. Marie	95.5	89.4	-6.1
Thunder Bay	104.3	103.3	-1.0
North Bay	100.0	95.7	-4.3
Timmins	105.8	101.8	-4.0
Ontario Average	91.1	90.0	-1.1

Market	October 25	November 1	+ / -
St John's NF	107.2	101.4	-5.8
Charlottetown	99.1	96.2	-2.9
Halifax	99.0	97.3	-1.7
Saint John NB	99.9	98.8	-1.1
Quebec City	99.3	98.4	-0.9
Montreal	97.9	92.9	-5.0
Toronto	88.6	86.7	-1.9
Winnipeg	95.4	90.4	-5.0
Regina	97.9	97.2	-0.7
Edmonton	87.1	87.1	0.0
Calgary	88.6	84.1	-4.5
Vancouver	94.8	95.0	0.2
Canada Average	92.8	90.0	-2.8

Source: Ontario Ministry of Energy; [MJ Ervin & Associates](#)



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