

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.

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This week's Gasoline Report is for the week ending July 4, 2006

The Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased for the second straight week, by 4.9 cents to 106.3 cents a litre, a two-month high, reflecting higher wholesale prices.

Prices rose by 12.1 cents in Windsor (to a two-month high), 8.5 cents in Thunder Bay (to a ten-month high), 7.4 cents in North Bay (from a three-month low), 5.2 cents in London and Sudbury (both from a three-month low), 4.9 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a two-month high), 4.5 cents in Ottawa (to a two-month high), 4.1 cents in Toronto (to a two-month high), and 4.0 cents in Timmins (to a two-month high).

The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario widened from 2.7 cents to 4.2 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price declined for the second straight week, by 0.6 cents to 98.8 cents, a three-month low.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the second straight week, by 2.6 cents to 108.3 cents, a four-week high. Prices rose by 7.0 cents in Edmonton (to a two-month high), 5.7 cents in Halifax, 4.9 cents in Montreal, 4.6 cents in Winnipeg (to a ten-month high), 4.3 cents in Charlottetown (to a two-month high), 3.6 cents in Vancouver and Saint John (the latter from a three-month low), 3.5 cents in Calgary (to a two-month high), and 0.8 cents in Toronto (to a nine-month high). Prices fell by 1.6 cents in Regina (to a three-month low), 1.0 cents in Quebec City, and 0.7 cents in St. John's (to a three-month low). The Canadian average retail diesel price declined for the second straight week, by 1.4 cents to 101.3 cents, a three-month low.

Ontario gasoline marketing margins in the second quarter of 2006 generally declined from the first quarter, and were lower than in the same period in 2005, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis.

Margins in Toronto averaged 4.4 cents a litre, down from 5.6 cents in the first quarter and 4.5 cents a year ago, in Hamilton they dropped to 2.9 cents from 4.4 cents in the first quarter and 3.7 cents last year, in Sault Ste. Marie they fell to 4.8 cents from 7.0 cents in the first quarter and 9.1 cents a year ago, and in Thunder Bay they declined to 5.2 cents from 6.0 cents in the first quarter and 6.0 cents last year. Only in Ottawa and London did margins increase from quarter to quarter, from 4.3 cents to 4.6 cents in the former and from 4.1 cents to 4.3 cents in the latter, but these were still lower than the year-earlier levels of 5.2 cents and 4.8 cents, respectively. In the first six months of the year, margins in all cities except Toronto were lower than they were in the same period in 2005. They fell in Ottawa from 5.4 cents to 4.5 cents, in Hamilton from 4.0 cents to 3.7 cents, in London from 4.9 cents to 4.2 cents, in Sault Ste. Marie from 8.3 cents to 5.9 cents, and in Thunder Bay from 7.4 cents to 5.6 cents. In Toronto, margins rose from 4.5 cents to 5.0 cents. Margins (pump price minus rack or wholesale price) are the amount available to the dealer to cover operating costs and provide a return on investment (Ministry of Energy).

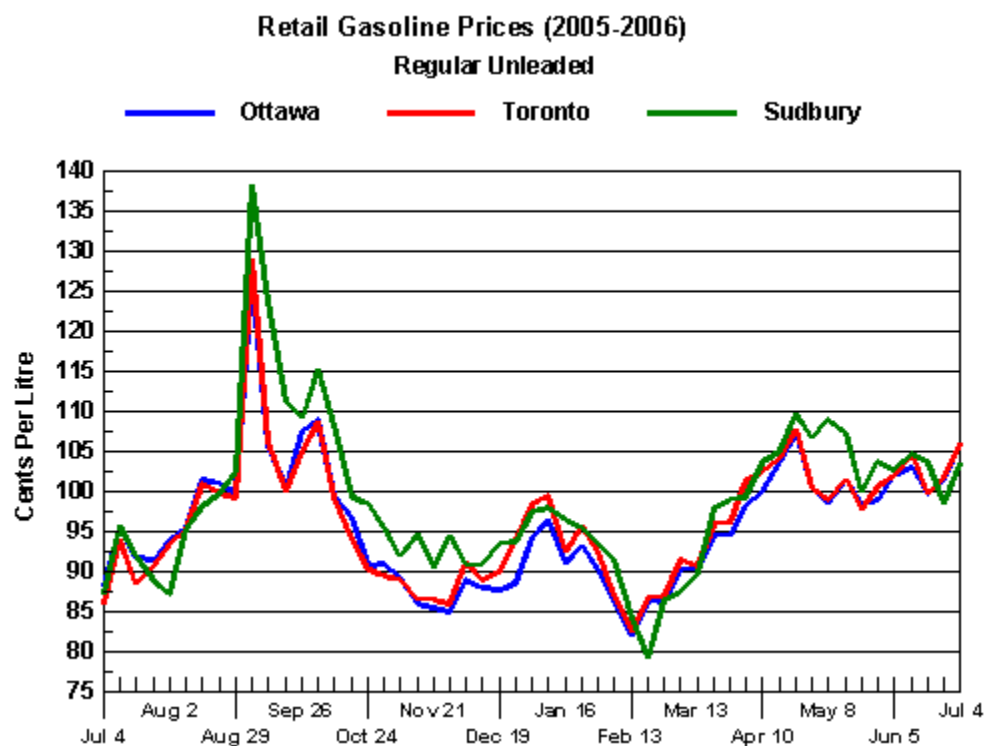
The table and graphic below show this week's gasoline price trends.

Market	June 26	July 4	+ / -
Ottawa	101.6	106.1	4.5
Toronto West	101.6	105.8	4.2
Toronto East	102.1	106.1	4.0
Windsor	95.5	107.6	12.1

London	98.4	103.6	5.2
Sudbury	98.4	103.6	5.2
S. Ste. Marie	102.5	107.4	4.9
Thunder Bay	108.5	117.0	8.5
North Bay	99.5	106.9	7.4
Timmins	110.9	114.9	4.0
Ontario Average	101.4	106.3	4.9

Market	June 27	July 4	+ / -
St John's NF	114.9	114.2	-0.7
Charlottetown	110.2	114.5	4.3
Halifax	108.8	114.5	5.7
Saint John NB	108.9	112.5	3.6
Quebec City	107.4	106.4	-1.0
Montreal	105.4	110.3	4.9
Toronto	105.0	105.8	0.8
Winnipeg	104.2	108.8	4.6
Regina	109.5	107.9	-1.6
Edmonton	96.4	103.4	7.0
Calgary	100.2	103.7	3.5
Vancouver	109.9	113.5	3.6
Canada Average	105.7	108.3	2.6

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



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