

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 July 17, 2006

As world crude oil prices touched record highs, the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased for the fourth straight week, by 2.6 cents to 109.1 cents a litre, its highest level since Hurricane Katrina struck U.S. oil facilities last year.

Prices rose by 3.4 cents in Ottawa (to a ten-month high), 3.1 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a nine-month high), 2.9 cents in Toronto East (to a nine-month high), 2.8 cents in Sudbury (to a three-month high), 2.5 cents in Toronto West (to a ten-month high), 2.4 cents in Windsor (to a three-month high), 2.0 cents in London (to a three-month high), and 1.4 cents in North Bay (to a three-month high). Prices fell by 2.0 cents in Timmins. The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario, after widening two straight weeks, shrank from 5.5 cents to 4.0 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased for the second straight week, by 0.8 cents to 99.7 cents, a four-week high.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the fourth straight week, by 1.0 cents to 110.6 cents, a ten-month high. Prices rose by 5.1 cents in St. Johns (to a two-month high), 4.0 cents in Charlottetown (to a two-month high), 3.0 cents in Toronto (to a ten-month high), 2.1 cents in Saint John (to a three-month high), 2.0 cents in Halifax (to a three-month high), 1.6 cents in Winnipeg (to a ten-month high), and 1.3 cents in Vancouver (to a six-week high). Prices fell by 2.6 cents in Montreal (from a three-month high) and less than a cent in Edmonton and Calgary (both from a ten-month high). The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the second straight week, by 0.5 cents to 101.9 cents.

The table and graphic on the next pages show this week's gasoline price trends.

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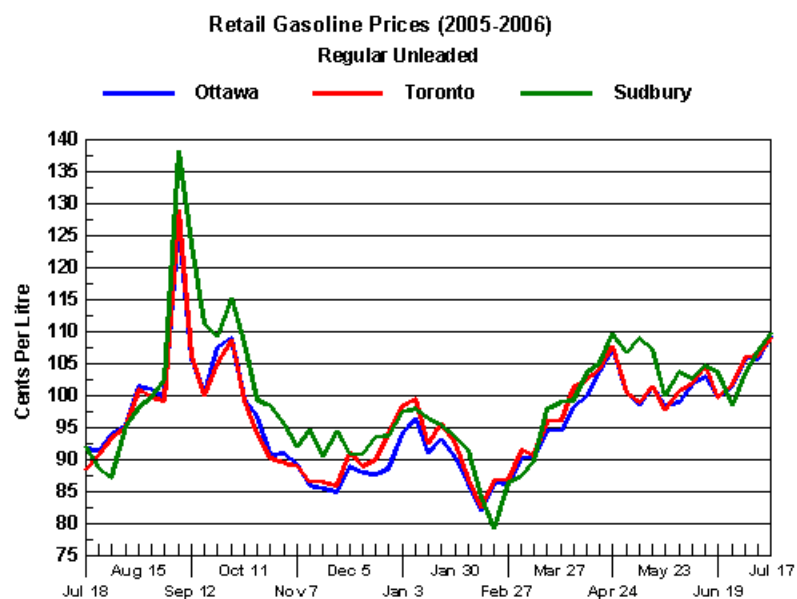
Market	July 10	July 17	+/-
Ottawa	105.8	109.2	3.4
Toronto West	106.2	108.7	2.5
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Windsor	104.4	106.8	2.4
London	105.3	107.3	2.0
Sudbury	106.9	109.7	2.8
S. Ste. Marie	109.1	112.2	3.1
Thunder Bay	116.8	116.8	0.0
North Bay	108.9	110.3	1.4
Timmins	114.9	112.9	-2.0
Ontario Average	106.5	109.1	2.6

Market	July 11	July 18	+/-
St John's NF	114.2	119.3	5.1
Charlottetown	114.5	118.5	4.0
Halifax	114.2	116.2	2.0
Saint John NB	112.5	114.6	2.1
Quebec City	116.4	116.4	0.0
Montreal	115.5	112.9	-2.6
Toronto	104.4	107.4	3.0
Winnipeg	108.8	110.4	1.6
Regina	114.5	114.5	0.0
Edmonton	106.5	105.6	-0.9
Calgary	106.8	106.4	-0.4
Vancouver	114.6	115.9	1.3
Canada Average	109.6	110.6	1.0

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