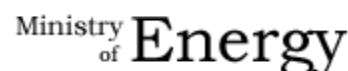


Weekly Gasoline Report



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 31, 2006

Pump prices hit ten-month highs in several northern markets, but the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased by only 0.2 cents to 108.2 cents a litre as competition kept a lid on prices elsewhere.

Prices rose by 3.0 cents in Timmins (to a ten-month high), 1.8 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a ten-month high), 1.1 cents in London (to a three-month high), and less than a cent in North Bay (to a ten-month high), Sudbury (to a ten-month high), Toronto, and Ottawa. Prices fell by 4.9 cents in Windsor (to a five-week low) and 0.6 cents in Thunder Bay (from a ten-month high). Windsor had the lowest average price for the fourth straight week. The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario widened for the second straight week, from 6.3 cents to 7.0 cents, a six-week high. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased by 1.9 cents from last week's revised level to 101.2 cents, a nine-month high.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the sixth straight week, by 1.0 cents to 113.8 cents, an eleven-month high. Prices rose by 5.8 cents in Halifax (to an eleven-month high), 5.7 cents in Edmonton (to a record high of 110.9 cents), 5.3 cents in Calgary (to a record high of 112.0 cents), 5.1 cents in Regina (to a record high of 119.6 cents), 3.2 cents in St. John's (to a three-month high), 2.8 cents in Saint John (to a three-month high), 2.3 cents in Winnipeg (to an eleven-month high), and 1.5 cents in Charlottetown (to a ten-month high). Prices fell by 1.0 cents in Vancouver (from a two-month high) and less than a cent in Toronto and Montreal (both from an eleven-month high). The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the fourth straight week, by 1.7 cents to 104.1 cents, a nine-month high.

Ontario gasoline sales (retail and non-retail) in the first three months of 2006 totalled 3.686-billion litres, a decline of 1.9% from the same period in 2005, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis of Statistics Canada data.

The decline reflected, in large part, higher gasoline prices. Sales of regular unleaded fell by 0.6% and the higher-octane mid- and premium grades declined by 14%. Regular's share of total gasoline sales edged up from 89.4% to 90.6%, while the higher-octane grades' dropped from 10.7% to 9.4%. Retail gasoline sales declined by 2.3% to 3.385-billion litres. Ontario diesel sales in the first quarter totalled 1.687-billion litres, down 3.1% from the same period last year. Canadian gasoline sales in the first three months totalled 9.528-billion litres, down 1.4% from a year earlier, reflecting declines of 1.1% in regular unleaded and 8.7% in the higher-octane grades. Canadian diesel sales totalled 6.313-billion litres, down 0.7% from the first quarter in 2005 (Statistics Canada, Ministry of Energy).

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

Market	July 24	July 31	+ / -
Ottawa	108.8	109.1	0.3
Toronto West	107.0	107.4	0.4
Toronto East	107.6	108.0	0.4
Windsor	101.9	97.0	-4.9
London	107.3	108.4	1.1

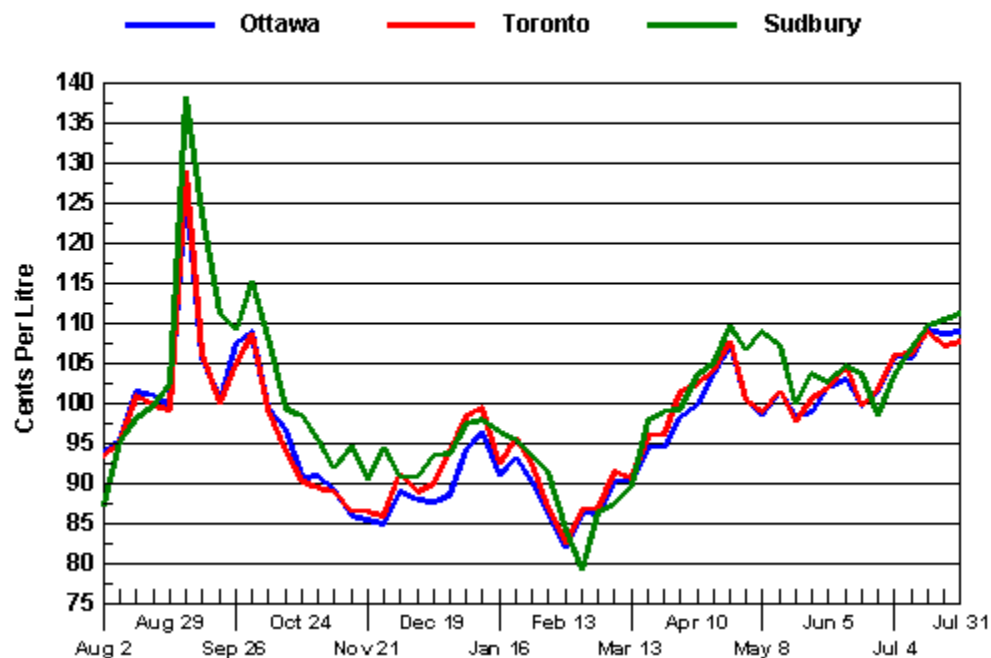
Sudbury	110.6	111.3	0.7
S. Ste. Marie	111.0	112.8	1.8
Thunder Bay	119.2	118.6	-0.6
North Bay	111.8	112.6	0.8
Timmins	112.9	115.9	3.0
Ontario Average	108.0	108.2	0.2

Market	July 25	August 1	+ / -
St John's NF	119.3	122.5	3.2
Charlottetown	118.5	120.0	1.5
Halifax	116.2	122.0	5.8
Saint John NB	114.6	117.4	2.8
Quebec City	116.4	116.4	0.0
Montreal	119.6	119.4	-0.2
Toronto	108.8	108.3	-0.5
Winnipeg	112.4	114.7	2.3
Regina	114.5	119.6	5.1
Edmonton	105.2	110.9	5.7
Calgary	106.7	112.0	5.3
Vancouver	117.4	116.4	-1.0
Canada Average	112.8	113.8	1.0

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

Retail Gasoline Prices (2005-2006)

Regular Unleaded



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