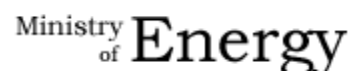


Weekly Gasoline Report



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 23, 2006

After declining two straight weeks, and despite higher wholesale prices, the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline was unchanged at 84.6 cents a litre.

Prices rose by 6.6 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a two-month high) and less than a cent in London (from an eight-month low) and Toronto West, but fell by 1.5 cents in North Bay, 1.4 cents in Windsor, 1.3 cents in Sudbury, and less than a cent in Toronto East and Ottawa (the latter two to four-week lows). Windsor had the lowest average price for the fifth straight week. The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario widened for the third straight week, from 5.1 cents to 6.0 cents, a four-week high. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased by 1.1 cents from a 16-month low to 88.8 cents.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price, after declining two straight weeks, increased by 0.6 cents from an eight-month low to 87.7 cents. Prices rose by 6.4 cents in Montreal and 0.6 cents in Halifax (both to five-week highs), but fell by 1.7 cents in Toronto (to a four-week low) and less than a cent in Calgary (to an eight-month low), Edmonton (to a ten-month low), Vancouver (to an eight-month low), Winnipeg (to an eight-month low), and Quebec City. The Canadian average retail diesel price, after declining nine straight weeks, increased by 0.7 cents from a 16-month low to 90.2 cents, a four-week high.

Ontario gasoline sales (retail and non-retail) in the second quarter of 2006 totalled 3.93-billion litres, down 1.2% from the same period in 2005, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis of Statistics Canada data.

The decline reflected higher gasoline prices (up 15 cents a litre at the pump in the second quarter) and slowing economic growth. Sales of all three grades declined, with regular unleaded down by 0.3% (though its share of total gasoline sales rose to 90.3%), mid-grade off by 13%, and premium down by 7.6%. Retail gasoline sales declined by 0.2% to 3.61-billion litres. Ontario diesel sales in the second quarter totalled 1.73-billion litres, down 7.2% from the same period last year. This reflected higher diesel prices (up 13.2 cents a litre at the pump) and slowing economic growth. Canadian gasoline sales in the second quarter totalled 10.33-billion litres, up 0.4% from a year earlier. Sales of regular and mid-grade grew by 1.0% and 0.3%, respectively, while those of premium fell by 6.2%. Retail gasoline sales increased by 0.6% to 9.23-billion litres. Canadian diesel sales in the second quarter totalled 6.44-billion litres, down 0.1%. In the first six months of 2006, Ontario gasoline sales declined by 1.6% from the same period in 2005 to 7.62-billion litres, and diesel sales dropped by 5.2% to 3.41-billion litres. Canadian gasoline sales fell by 0.5% to 19.86-billion litres, and diesel sales declined by 0.4% to 12.75-billion litres (Statistics Canada, Ministry of Energy).

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

Market	October 16	October 23	+ / -
Ottawa	85.3	85.2	-0.1
Toronto West	83.7	83.8	0.1
Toronto East	84.3	84.1	-0.2
Windsor	81.1	79.7	-1.4
London	83.5	84.2	0.7

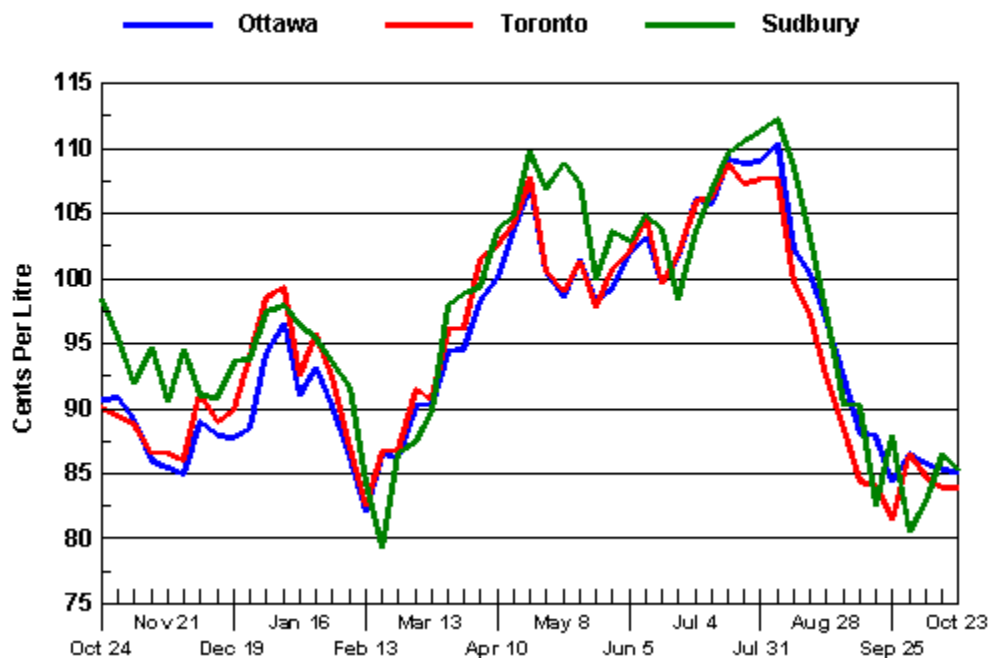
Sudbury	86.6	85.3	-1.3
S. Ste. Marie	82.4	89.0	6.6
Thunder Bay	95.3	95.3	0.0
North Bay	87.7	86.2	-1.5
Timmins	92.9	92.9	0.0
Ontario Average	84.6	84.6	0.0

Market	October 17	October 24	+ / -
St John's NF	97.2	97.2	0.0
Charlottetown	89.9	89.9	0.0
Halifax	92.3	92.9	0.6
Saint John NB	87.9	87.9	0.0
Quebec City	87.4	87.3	-0.1
Montreal	87.1	93.5	6.4
Toronto	85.0	83.3	-1.7
Winnipeg	87.3	87.2	-0.1
Regina	92.4	92.4	0.0
Edmonton	78.3	78.0	-0.3
Calgary	82.1	81.3	-0.8
Vancouver	94.8	94.6	-0.2
Canada Average	87.1	87.7	0.6

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

Retail Gasoline Prices (2005-2006)

Regular Unleaded



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