

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 March 5, 2006

The Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased for the sixth straight week, by 4.9 cents to 102.1 cents a litre, a seven-month high, reflecting higher world crude oil and North American wholesale prices.

Prices rose by 6.7 cents in Windsor, 5.6 cents in Ottawa, 5.3 cents in Toronto, 5.0 cents in London, 4.0 cents in Timmins, 1.7 cents in North Bay, 1.4 cents in Sudbury, and 1.3 cents in Sault Ste. Marie. Prices fell by 0.2 cents in Thunder Bay (from a six-week high). Prices in each of the southern markets were at a seven-month high, and in the northern markets they were at a six-month high. Prices in southern Ontario averaged 102.2 cents, 0.6 cents higher than in the north, the first time this has happened in 14 months. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased for the fifth straight week, by 4.1 cents to 97.3 cents, a six-month high.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the sixth straight week, by 3.5 cents to 101.6 cents, a six-month high. Prices rose by 9.7 cents in Saint John, 8.0 cents in Charlottetown, 5.5 cents in Montreal, 5.2 cents in St. Johns, 4.1 cents in both Winnipeg and Edmonton, 3.3 cents in Calgary, 3.0 cents in Regina, 2.7 cents in Toronto, and 2.6 cents in Vancouver. Prices in each of these markets were at a six-month high except in Vancouver (where they were at a two-month high) and in Toronto and Montreal (where they were at a seven-month high). Prices fell by 1.0 cents in Quebec City (from a two-month high) and 0.1 cents in Halifax (from a six-month high). The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the fifth straight week, by 1.1 cents to 97.5 cents, a two-month high.

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

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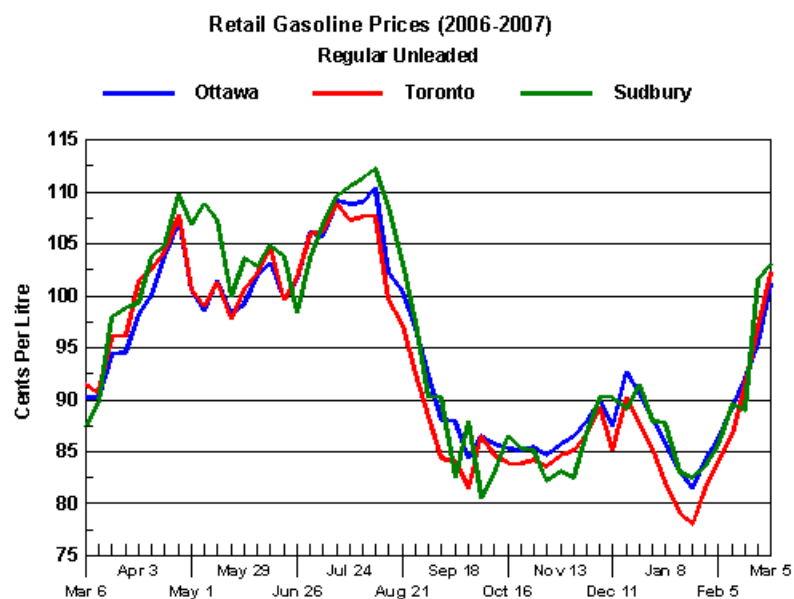
Market	February 26	March 5	+/-
Ottawa	95.5	101.1	5.6
Toronto West	97.0	102.2	5.2
Toronto East	97.0	102.3	5.3
Windsor	96.1	102.8	6.7
London	98.9	103.9	5.0
Sudbury	101.6	103.0	1.4
S. Ste. Marie	96.9	98.2	1.3
Thunder Bay	99.1	98.9	-0.2
North Bay	102.2	103.9	1.7
Timmins	104.5	108.5	4.0
Ontario Average	97.2	102.1	4.9

Market	February 27	March 6	+/-
St John's NF	100.4	105.6	5.2
Charlottetown	95.9	103.9	8.0
Halifax	102.3	102.2	-0.1
Saint John NB	92.7	102.4	9.7
Quebec City	102.4	101.4	-1.0
Montreal	104.4	109.9	5.5
Toronto	97.7	100.4	2.7
Winnipeg	91.1	95.2	4.1
Regina	96.9	99.9	3.0
Edmonton	88.9	93.0	4.1
Calgary	89.0	92.3	3.3
Vancouver	101.1	103.7	2.6
Canada Average	98.1	101.6	3.5

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