

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 12, 2006

Higher wholesale prices, reflecting declining gasoline inventories and lower North American refining activity, caused the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to increase for the seventh straight week, by 0.5 cents to 102.6 cents a litre, a seven-month high.

Prices rose by 9.7 cents in Sault Ste. Marie, 6.3 cents in Thunder Bay, 3.4 cents in Windsor, 2.0 cents in North Bay, 1.8 cents in Sudbury, 1.3 cents in Timmins, and 0.2 cents in Toronto. Prices in each of these markets were at a seven-month high except in Thunder Bay, where they were at a six-month high. Prices fell by 1.2 cents in Ottawa and 0.8 cents in London, both from a seven-month high. Prices in southern Ontario were 4.1 cents lower on average than in the north, the widest such gap in four weeks. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased for the sixth straight week, by 0.5 cents to 97.8 cents, a six-month high.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the seventh straight week, by 1.4 cents to 103.0 cents, a seven-month high. Prices rose by 8.7 cents in Halifax (to a seven-month high), 7.8 cents in St. Johns (to a six-month high), 7.0 cents in Quebec City (to a seven-month high), 5.9 cents in Charlottetown (to a six-month high), 3.6 cents in Vancouver (to a seven-month high), 2.3 cents in Toronto (to a seven-month high), and 0.5 cents in Winnipeg (to a six-month high). Prices fell by 1.5 cents in Montreal (from a seven-month high), 1.1 cents in Saint John (from a six-month high), and 0.4 cents in Edmonton (from a six-month high). The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the sixth straight week, by 1.9 cents to 99.4 cents, a six-month high.

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

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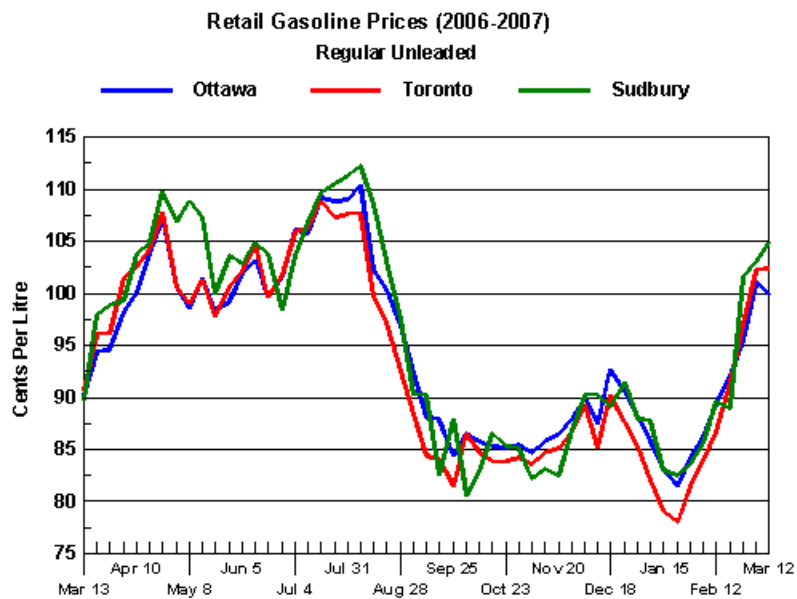
Market	March 5	March 12	+/-
Ottawa	101.1	99.9	-1.2
Toronto West	102.2	102.4	0.2
Toronto East	102.3	102.5	0.2
Windsor	102.8	106.2	3.4
London	103.9	103.1	-0.8
Sudbury	103.0	104.8	1.8
S. Ste. Marie	98.2	107.9	9.7
Thunder Bay	98.9	105.2	6.3
North Bay	103.9	105.9	2.0
Timmins	108.5	109.8	1.3
Ontario Average	102.1	102.6	0.5

Market	March 6	March 13	+/-
St John's NF	105.6	113.4	7.8
Charlottetown	103.9	109.8	5.9
Halifax	102.2	110.9	8.7
Saint John NB	102.4	101.3	-1.1
Quebec City	101.4	108.4	7.0
Montreal	109.9	108.4	-1.5
Toronto	100.4	102.7	2.3
Winnipeg	95.2	95.7	0.5
Regina	99.9	99.9	0.0
Edmonton	93.0	92.6	-0.4
Calgary	92.3	92.3	0.0
Vancouver	103.7	107.3	3.6
Canada Average	101.6	103.0	1.4

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