

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 May 22, 2006

The Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased for the second straight week, by 1.7 cents to 110.1 cents a litre, the highest since Hurricane Katrina, reflecting higher North American wholesale gasoline and world crude oil prices.

Prices rose by 10.0 cents from a five-week low in North Bay (to a 20-month high), 9.6 cents from a five-week low in Sudbury (to a 20-month high), 4.1 cents in Timmins (to a 20-month high), 2.3 cents in Windsor (to an eleven-month high), 1.8 cents in Ottawa (to a 21-month high), 1.7 cents in Toronto (to a 21-month high), and 1.3 cents in London (to a 21-month high). Prices fell by 7.4 cents in Thunder Bay (from a 20-month high) and 0.2 cents in Sault Ste. Marie. The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario widened slightly to 3.8 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price, after declining four straight weeks, increased by 0.9 cents from a three-month low to 95.4 cents.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the second straight week, by 2.6 cents to 115.6 cents, a 21-month high. Prices rose by 9.0 cents in Edmonton (to a record 117.9 cents), 8.5 cents in Calgary (to a record 117.9 cents), 5.3 cents in Halifax (to a 21-month high), 4.1 cents in Saint John (to a 21-month high), 3.9 cents in Winnipeg (to a record 116.7 cents), and 3.0 cents in both Toronto (to a 21-month high) and Regina (to a record 120.9 cents). Prices fell by 3.3 cents in Vancouver (from a record 127.2 cents). The Canadian average retail diesel price, after declining four straight weeks, increased by 0.6 cents from a three-month low to 97.5 cents.

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

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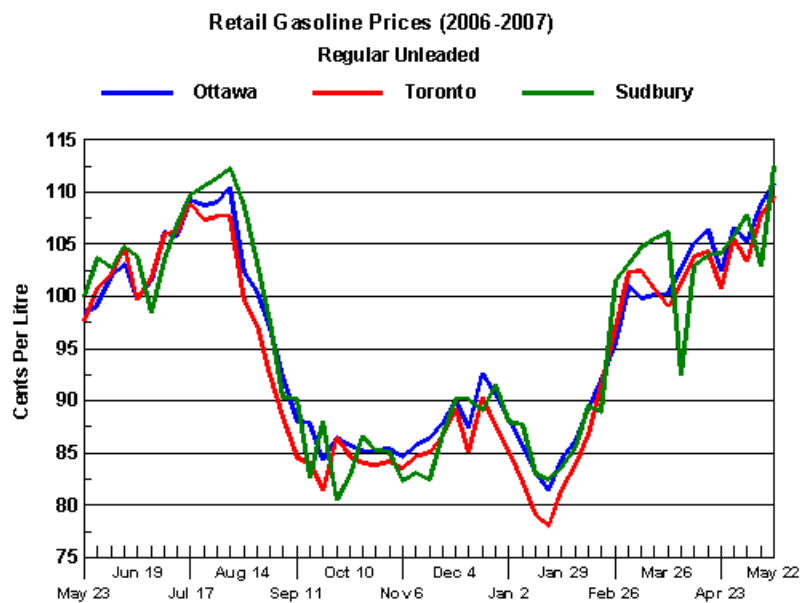
Market	May 14	May 22	+/-
Ottawa	108.9	110.7	1.8
Toronto West	107.9	109.5	1.6
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Windsor	105.1	107.4	2.3
London	108.7	110.0	1.3
Sudbury	102.9	112.5	9.6
S. Ste. Marie	109.4	109.2	-0.2
Thunder Bay	122.0	114.6	-7.4
North Bay	104.2	114.2	10.0
Timmins	115.3	119.4	4.1
Ontario Average	108.4	110.1	1.7

Market	May 15	May 22	+/-
St John's NF	119.5	119.5	0.0
Charlottetown	115.8	115.8	0.0
Halifax	114.6	119.9	5.3
Saint John NB	108.7	112.8	4.1
Quebec City	116.4	116.4	0.0
Montreal	118.4	118.4	0.0
Toronto	106.5	109.5	3.0
Winnipeg	112.8	116.7	3.9
Regina	117.9	120.9	3.0
Edmonton	108.9	117.9	9.0
Calgary	109.4	117.9	8.5
Vancouver	127.2	123.9	-3.3
Canada Average	113.0	115.6	2.6

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