

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 3, 2006

Despite slightly higher wholesale prices, the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline declined for the second straight week, by 1.0 cents to 103.7 cents a litre.

Prices fell by 1.5 cents in Toronto, 1.1 cents in London, and less than a cent in Ottawa and Timmins (the latter to a two-month low). Prices rose by 2.2 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a four-week high), 2.1 cents in Windsor (from a four-month low), and 0.2 cents in Thunder Bay (from a five-week low). Windsor had the lowest average price for the third straight week. The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario widened for the second straight week, from 5.0 cents to 6.7 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased for the second straight week, by 0.1 cents to 94.5 cents, a five-week high.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price declined for the second straight week, by 0.1 cents to 105.8 cents. Prices fell by 2.0 cents in Charlottetown (to a four-month low) and less than a cent in Winnipeg (to a two-month low), Toronto, Halifax, Saint John, and Calgary. Prices rose by 7.4 cents from a four-month low in Quebec City (to a four-week high), 1.2 cents in Vancouver (to a five-week high), and 0.1 cents in Montreal (from a four-month low). The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the second straight week, by 0.3 cents to 97.9 cents, a two-month high.

Ontario regular unleaded gasoline marketing margins generally increased in the second quarter of 2007, from both the previous quarter and a year earlier, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis.

Margins in Toronto averaged 5.5 cents a litre (up from 4.1 cents in the first quarter and 4.4 cents a year earlier), in Hamilton they averaged 5.0 cents (up from 3.8 cents the previous quarter and 3.0 cents last year), and in London they averaged 5.9 cents (up from 5.5 cents in the first quarter and 4.4 cents last year). Ottawa was the only southern market where margins did not rise from the first quarter; however, the second-quarter average of 6.8 cents was up from 4.7 cents a year earlier. In the north, margins in Sault Ste. Marie averaged 5.9 cents (up from 4.9 cents in both the first quarter of 2007 and the second quarter of 2006), while in Thunder Bay margins declined from 10.9 cents to 9.5 cents, but were still up from 5.3 cents last year. In the first six months of 2007, margins averaged 6.8 cents in Ottawa (up from 4.5 cents in the same period in 2006), 4.8 cents in Toronto (down from 5.0 cents), 4.4 cents in Hamilton (up from 3.7 cents), 5.7 cents in London (up from 4.3 cents), 5.4 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (down from 5.9 cents), and 10.2 cents in Thunder Bay (up from 5.7 cents). Margins (pump price minus wholesale or rack price) are the amount available to the retailer to cover operating costs and provide a return on investment (Ministry of Energy).

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

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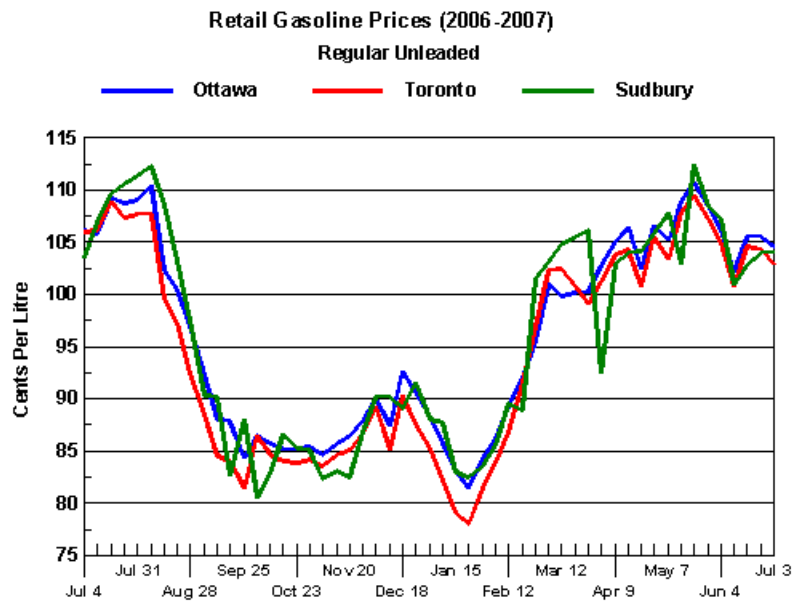
Market	June 25	July 3	+/-
Ottawa	105.5	104.6	-0.9
Toronto West	104.3	102.9	-1.4
Toronto East	104.4	102.8	-1.6
Windsor	96.5	98.6	2.1
London	104.9	103.8	-1.1
Sudbury	104.0	104.0	0.0
S. Ste. Marie	107.1	109.3	2.2
Thunder Bay	115.0	115.2	0.2
North Bay	105.2	105.2	0.0
Timmins	114.3	113.9	-0.4
Ontario Average	104.7	103.7	-1.0

Market	June 26	July 3	+/-
St John's NF	116.1	116.1	0.0
Charlottetown	108.9	106.9	-2.0
Halifax	113.0	112.5	-0.5
Saint John NB	108.5	108.2	-0.3
Quebec City	107.0	114.4	7.4
Montreal	104.9	105.0	0.1
Toronto	103.5	102.9	-0.6
Winnipeg	109.9	109.2	-0.7
Regina	109.9	109.9	0.0
Edmonton	99.9	99.9	0.0
Calgary	103.3	103.1	-0.2
Vancouver	111.6	112.8	1.2
Canada Average	105.9	105.8	-0.1

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