

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 August 20, 2006

After falling five straight weeks, the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased by 4.5 cents from a six-month low to 100.1 cents a litre, a four-week high.

Prices rose by 5.7 cents from a six-month low in Ottawa (to a five-week high), 4.8 cents from a six-month low in London (to a five-week high), 4.7 cents from a six-month low in Toronto (to a five-week high), 3.3 cents in Windsor (from a six-month low), 3.2 cents from a four-month low in Sudbury (to a four-week high), 2.7 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (from a four-month low), and 2.0 cents in North Bay (from a six-month low). Prices fell by less than a cent in Thunder Bay (from a four-week high) and Timmins (to a six-month low). The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario shrank for the second straight week, from 8.2 cents to 4.9 cents, a two-month low. The Ontario average retail diesel price fell for the second straight week, by 0.2 cents to 93.9 cents, a two-month low.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price, after declining five straight weeks, increased by 1.8 cents from a six-month low to 100.8 cents. Prices rose by 7.5 cents in Montreal (from a six-month low), 5.2 cents from a six-month low in Vancouver (to a five-week high), 5.1 cents in Halifax (from a six-month low), and less than a cent in Calgary and Winnipeg (both from a three-month low). Prices fell by 3.1 cents in St. Johns (to a five-month low), 2.9 cents in Charlottetown (to a six-month low), 1.2 cents in Toronto (to a six-month low), and less than a cent in Edmonton (to a four-month low) and Quebec City (to a five-month low). The Canadian average retail diesel price was unchanged at a two-month low of 96.9 cents.

Ontario gasoline sales (retail and non-retail) totalled 3.72-billion litres in the first three months of 2007, up 0.9% from the same period in 2006, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis of Statistics Canada data.

Sales of regular unleaded increased by 0.8% and accounted for 90.5% of total sales, down slightly from a year earlier. The more expensive higher-octane grades grew by 2.6%. Retail gasoline sales increased by 0.9% to 3.42-billion litres. Ontario diesel sales totalled 1.68-billion litres, down 4.1% from a year earlier. Canadian gasoline sales in the first three months grew by 2.6% to 9.78-billion litres, with regular up by 2.0% and the higher-octane grades up by 3.3%. Diesel sales totalled 6.63-billion litres, up by 5.4% from a year earlier (Statistics Canada, Ministry of Energy).

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

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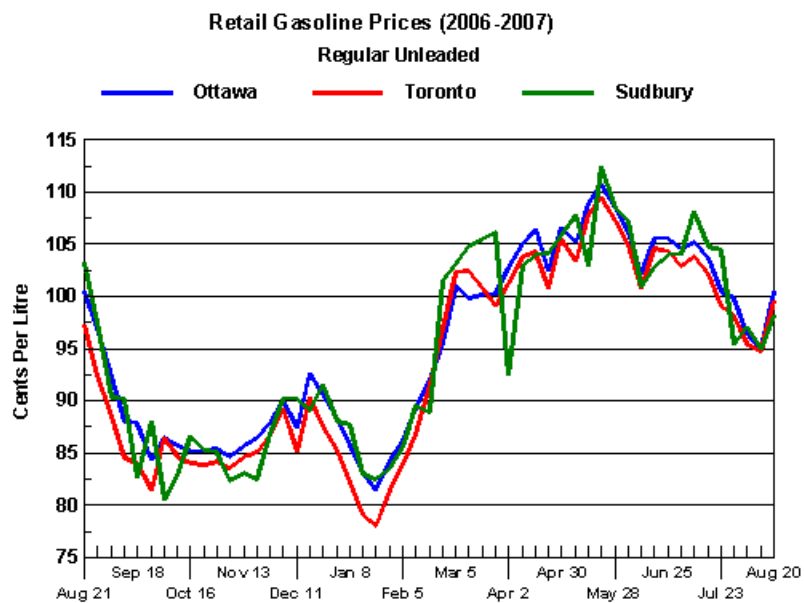
Market	August 13	August 20	+/-
Ottawa	94.8	100.5	5.7
Toronto West	94.8	99.5	4.7
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Windsor	93.0	96.3	3.3
London	95.3	100.1	4.8
Sudbury	95.0	98.2	3.2
S. Ste. Marie	100.5	103.2	2.7
Thunder Bay	112.5	112.4	-0.1
North Bay	96.4	98.4	2.0
Timmins	107.9	107.4	-0.5
Ontario Average	95.6	100.1	4.5

Market	August 14	August 21	+/-
St John's NF	111.8	108.7	-3.1
Charlottetown	102.8	99.9	-2.9
Halifax	99.9	105.0	5.1
Saint John NB	99.5	99.5	0.0
Quebec City	105.8	105.4	-0.4
Montreal	98.2	105.7	7.5
Toronto	95.6	94.4	-1.2
Winnipeg	104.4	105.0	0.6
Regina	106.9	106.9	0.0
Edmonton	97.8	97.4	-0.4
Calgary	100.2	101.0	0.8
Vancouver	102.1	107.3	5.2
Canada Average	99.0	100.8	1.8

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