

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 October 1, 2006

Lower wholesale prices and price wars in some markets caused the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to decline by 2.5 cents from a five-week high to 96.3 cents a litre, a two-month low.

Prices fell by 5.3 cents in Windsor (to an eight-month low), 2.7 cents from a five-week high in London (to a two-month low), 2.6 cents from a five-week high in Toronto (to a two-month low), 2.5 cents in Sudbury (to a five-week low), 2.4 cents from a five-week high in Ottawa (to a two-month low), 2.0 cents in both North Bay and Timmins, and 1.0 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a five-week low). Prices rose by 2.8 cents in Thunder Bay (from a four-week low). Windsor had the lowest average price for the third straight week. The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario, after narrowing two straight weeks, widened to 10.2 cents from a four-week low of 8.0 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price, after increasing four straight weeks, declined by 0.3 cents from a six-month high to 97.3 cents.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price declined for the fourth straight week, by 0.6 cents to 99.4 cents, a two-month low. Prices fell by 3.2 cents in both Toronto (to a seven-month low) and Calgary (to a six-month low), 3.0 cents in Regina (to a six-month low), 2.0 cents in Winnipeg (to a six-month low), 1.8 cents in Edmonton (to a six-month low), 1.3 cents in Halifax (to a five-week low), 1.1 cents in Charlottetown (to a five-week low), and less than a cent in Vancouver (to a two-month low), Saint John, and St. Johns. Prices rose by 7.1 cents in Montreal. The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the fifth straight week, by 0.1 cents to 100.6 cents, a 13-month high.

Regular unleaded gasoline marketing margins declined in southern Ontario and rose in the north in the third quarter of 2007, but were generally higher than a year earlier, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis.

Hamilton had the lowest margins, averaging 4.3 cents a litre, down from 5.0 cents in the second quarter but up from 2.7 cents a year earlier, while Toronto had the second-lowest, 5.1 cents, down from 5.5 cents the previous quarter but up from 3.8 cents in 2006. Margins in London fell from 5.9 cents in the second quarter to 5.5 cents in the third but were up from 4.0 cents a year earlier, while in Ottawa they dropped from 6.8 cents to 6.4 cents and were up from 6.1 cents last year. In Sault Ste. Marie, margins jumped from 5.9 cents to 10.1 cents and were up from 6.2 cents in 2006, while in Thunder Bay they increased from 9.5 cents to 10.1 cents but were down from 10.6 cents a year earlier.

In the first nine months, margins were higher than in the same period last year in all markets, averaging 4.4 cents in Hamilton (up from 3.4 cents), 4.9 cents in Toronto (4.6 cents), 5.6 cents in London (4.2 cents), 6.6 cents in Ottawa (5.0 cents), 7.0 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (6.0 cents), and 10.2 cents in Thunder Bay (7.3 cents). Margins (pump price less wholesale or rack price) are the amount available to the dealer to cover 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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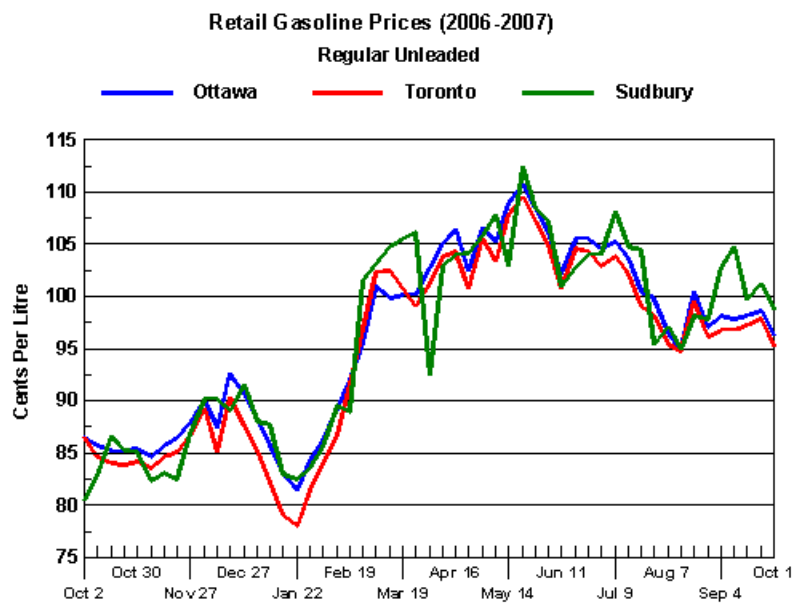
Market	September 24	October 1	+/-
Ottawa	98.7	96.3	-2.4
Toronto West	98.0	95.3	-2.7
Toronto East	97.8	95.3	-2.5
Windsor	95.4	90.1	-5.3
London	98.4	95.7	-2.7
Sudbury	101.3	98.8	-2.5
S. Ste. Marie	103.3	102.3	-1.0
Thunder Bay	112.2	115.0	2.8
North Bay	101.2	99.2	-2.0
Timmins	109.9	107.9	-2.0
Ontario Average	98.8	96.3	-2.5

Market	September 25	October 2	+/-
St John's NF	110.8	110.4	-0.4
Charlottetown	102.4	101.3	-1.1
Halifax	106.2	104.9	-1.3
Saint John NB	101.4	101.0	-0.4
Quebec City	103.4	103.4	0.0
Montreal	99.3	106.4	7.1
Toronto	96.0	92.8	-3.2
Winnipeg	104.4	102.4	-2.0
Regina	107.9	104.9	-3.0
Edmonton	98.4	96.6	-1.8
Calgary	100.2	97.0	-3.2
Vancouver	105.5	104.9	-0.6
Canada Average	100.0	99.4	-0.6

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