

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 June 30, 2008

Record world crude oil prices of nearly US\$143 a barrel and higher North American wholesale prices caused the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to increase by 2.8 cents to 134.9 cents a litre, a record high.

Prices rose by 3.9 cents in Sudbury, 3.7 cents in both Ottawa and North Bay, 3.2 cents in London (to a record 134.7 cents), 3.0 cents in both Windsor (to a record 133.9 cents) and Timmins (to a record 142.9 cents), and 2.9 cents in Toronto. Prices fell by 2.1 cents in Sault Ste. Marie and 0.9 cents in Thunder Bay (the latter from a record high). The Ontario average retail diesel price increased by 0.6 cents to 141.0 cents. In the second quarter of 2008, the Ontario gasoline price averaged 125.5 cents, up 20.3 cents from the same period in 2007, and the Ontario diesel price averaged 134.2 cents, up 38.7 cents. In the first six months, the Ontario gasoline price rose by 16.9 cents to 114.9 cents, and the diesel price increased by 29.8 cents to 123.3 cents.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the second straight week, by 1.1 cents to 139.5 cents, a record high. Prices rose by 2.2 cents in Vancouver (to a record 148.3 cents), 2.0 cents in Montreal (to a record 149.4 cents), and 1.8 cents in Toronto (to a record 135.2 cents). Prices fell by 3.6 cents in Charlottetown, 2.0 cents in both Regina and Edmonton, 1.6 cents in Quebec City, 1.4 cents in Saint John (from a record high), 1.2 cents in Halifax (from a record high), and 0.2 cents in Calgary. The Canadian average retail diesel price declined for the second straight week, by 0.3 cents to 144.7 cents. In the second quarter, the Canadian gasoline price averaged 127.2 cents, up 18.8 cents from the same period in 2007, and the Canadian diesel price averaged 136.9 cents, up 38.7 cents. In the first six months, the Canadian gasoline price rose by 17.0 cents to 117.8 cents, and the diesel price increased by 29.3 cents to 126.4 cents.

Ontario gasoline sales (retail and non-retail) in the first three months of 2008 totalled 3.83-billion litres, up 2.9% from the same period in 2007, according to a Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure analysis of Statistics Canada data.

Sales of regular unleaded grew by 3.9%, and their share of total gasoline sales increased from 90.4% to 91.3%; sales of the higher-octane grades fell by 7.7%. Retail gasoline sales rose by 2.9% to 3.52-billion litres. Ontario diesel sales totalled 1.65-billion litres, up 2.6% from the year-earlier period. Canadian gasoline sales in the first three months totalled 10.03-billion litres, up 2.6% from the same period in 2007. Sales of regular unleaded grew by 2.6%, and their share of total sales was unchanged at 90.7%; sales of the higher-octane grades increased by 2.0%. Retail gasoline sales rose by 2.5% to 8.96-billion litres. Canadian diesel sales in the first three months totalled 6.85-billion litres, up 3.3% from the year-earlier period (Statistics Canada, Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure).

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

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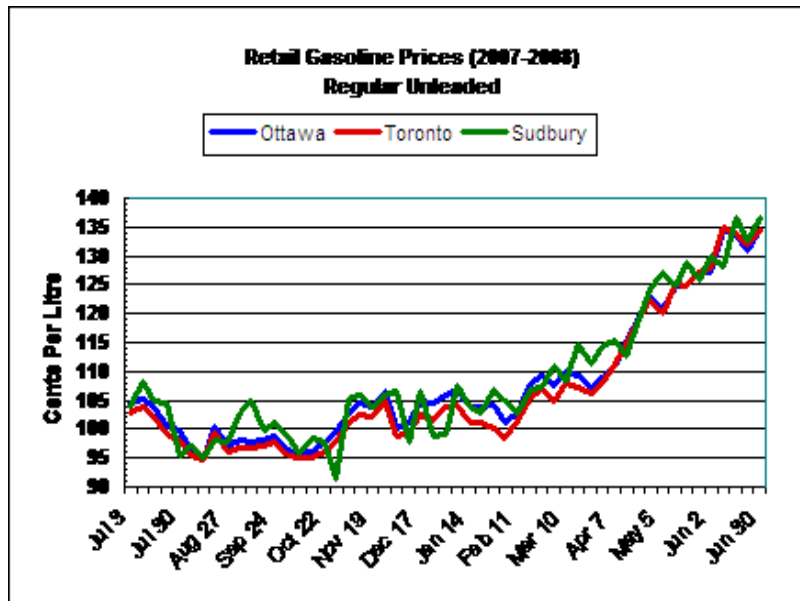
Market	June 23	June 30	+/-
Ottawa	130.8	134.5	3.7
Toronto West	131.9	134.7	2.8
Toronto East	131.7	134.7	3.0
Windsor	130.9	133.9	3.0
London	131.5	134.7	3.2
Sudbury	132.6	136.5	3.9
S. Ste. Marie	138.0	135.9	-2.1
Thunder Bay	140.6	139.7	-0.9
North Bay	132.6	136.3	3.7
Timmins	139.9	142.9	3.0
Ontario Average	132.1	134.9	2.8

Market	June 24	July 1	+/-
St John's NF	146.7	146.7	0.0
Charlottetown	140.5	136.9	-3.6
Halifax	143.2	142.0	-1.2
Saint John NB	137.9	136.5	-1.4
Quebec City	145.4	143.8	-1.6
Montreal	147.4	149.4	2.0
Toronto	133.4	135.2	1.8
Winnipeg	133.7	133.7	0.0
Regina	139.9	137.9	-2.0
Edmonton	129.7	127.7	-2.0
Calgary	130.5	130.3	-0.2
Vancouver	146.3	148.5	2.2
Canada Average	138.4	139.5	1.1

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