

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 December 15, 2008

The Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased by 1.9 cents from a 47-month low to 75.5 cents a litre, reflecting higher North American wholesale prices and the end of price wars in some markets.

Prices rose by 2.7 cents in Toronto (from a 47-month low), 2.2 cents in Ottawa (from a 56-month low), and 2.1 cents in London (from a 47-month low). Prices fell by 4.3 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a 23-month low), 2.1 cents in both North Bay (to a 47-month low) and Timmins (to a 46-month low), 2.0 cents in Sudbury (to a 34-month low), 1.2 cents in Thunder Bay (to a 34-month low), and 0.5 cents in Windsor (to a 23-month low). The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario narrowed from a two-month high of 12.1 cents to 7.4 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price declined for the 22nd straight week, by 3.1 cents to 91.8 cents, a 22-month low.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price declined for the thirteenth straight week, by 0.4 cents to 76.4 cents, its lowest since January 2005. Prices fell by 8.9 cents in Saint John (to an 81-month low), 7.7 cents in St. John's (to a 59-month low), 5.5 cents in Halifax (to a 60-month low), 3.9 cents in Regina (to a 56-month low), 3.7 cents in Calgary (to a 57-month low), 3.3 cents in both Charlottetown (to a 59-month low) and Edmonton (to a 58-month low), 2.0 cents in Winnipeg (to a 47-month low), 1.0 cents in Quebec City (to a 59-month low), and 0.3 cents in Vancouver (to a 47-month low). Prices rose by 2.3 cents in Montreal and 1.2 cents in Toronto, both from a 47-month low. The Canadian average retail diesel price declined for the tenth straight week, by 3.4 cents to 94.8 cents, a 22-month low.

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

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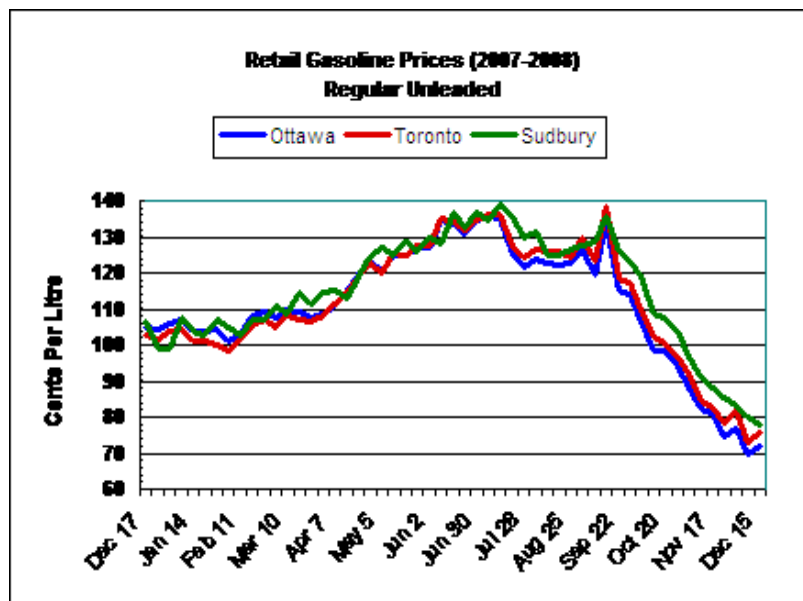
Market	December 8	December 15	+/-
Ottawa	69.7	71.9	2.2
Toronto West	72.8	75.5	2.7
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Windsor	75.0	74.5	-0.5
London	72.9	75.0	2.1
Sudbury	79.8	77.8	-2.0
S. Ste. Marie	85.5	81.2	-4.3
Thunder Bay	88.4	87.2	-1.2
North Bay	79.5	77.4	-2.1
Timmins	88.0	85.9	-2.1
Ontario Average	73.6	75.5	1.9

Market	December 9	December 16	+/-
St John's NF	89.9	82.2	-7.7
Charlottetown	75.2	71.9	-3.3
Halifax	78.8	73.3	-5.5
Saint John NB	80.0	71.1	-8.9
Quebec City	79.4	78.4	-1.0
Montreal	79.2	81.5	2.3
Toronto	73.3	74.5	1.2
Winnipeg	78.5	76.5	-2.0
Regina	80.8	76.9	-3.9
Edmonton	71.5	68.2	-3.3
Calgary	73.1	69.4	-3.7
Vancouver	83.2	82.9	-0.3
Canada Average	76.8	76.4	-0.4

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