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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 March 23, 2009

Despite lower wholesale prices, occasioned by a stronger Canadian dollar, the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased by 1.6 cents to 85.1 cents a litre.

Prices rose by 5.2 cents in Sudbury (from a six-week low), 4.0 cents in North Bay, 3.6 cents in Sault Ste. Marie, 1.7 cents in Toronto, 1.5 cents in both Ottawa and London, and 0.3 cents in Windsor (to a six-week high). Prices fell by 2.8 cents in Thunder Bay (from a four-week high). Ottawa had the lowest average price for the third straight week. The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario widened from a six-week low of 2.3 cents to 2.7 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price was unchanged at 81.2 cents, the lowest since February 2005.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased for the fourth straight week, by 1.3 cents to 89.3 cents, a five-month high. Prices rose by 4.0 cents in both Winnipeg (to a four-month high) and Edmonton (to a five-month high), 3.6 cents in Calgary (to a four-month high), 2.9 cents in Halifax, 2.1 cents in Vancouver (to a five-month high), 2.0 cents in Toronto (to a five-month high), and 0.2 cents in Charlottetown (to a five-week high). Prices fell by 3.2 cents in Regina, 2.0 cents in Quebec City, and less than a cent in Montreal (from a six-week high) and Saint John. The Canadian average retail diesel price, after declining eight straight weeks, increased by 1.4 cents from a 51-month low to 81.7 cents.

Ontario gasoline sales (retail and non-retail) in 2008 totalled 15.77-billion litres, down 0.7% from 2007's record 15.88-billion litres, according to a Ministry analysis of Statistics Canada data.

Sales of regular unleaded declined by 0.6% from 2007's record high, and their share of total sales was unchanged at 89.8%. Sales of mid-grade and premium fell by 0.7% from a three-year high, and their share of total sales, 10.2%, was less than half the 23.7% recorded in 1990, the year that mid-grade was introduced as a substitute for regular leaded. Retail

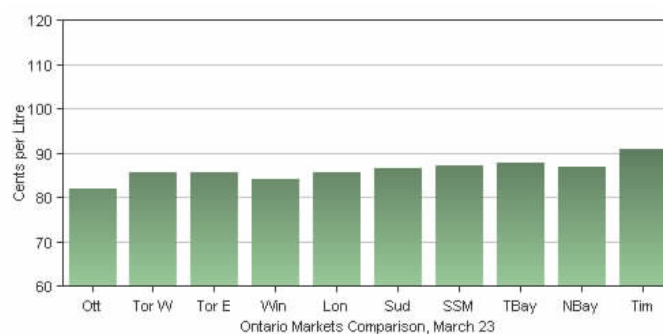
gasoline sales totalled 14.48-billion litres, down 0.7% from 2007's record 14.58-billion litres. Ontario diesel sales grew for the second straight year, by 0.5% to 6.98-billion litres; ultra-low-sulphur diesel (required for on-road purposes) also grew for the second year, by 2.6% to a record 6.38-billion litres. Since being introduced in 1999, ULSD's share of total diesel sales has increased from 71% to 91%.

Canadian gasoline sales in 2008 totalled 42.13-billion litres, down 0.7% from 2007's record 42.42-billion litres. Retail gasoline sales, after growing 12 straight years, fell by 0.7% to 37.63-billion litres from 2007's record 37.91-billion litres. Diesel sales grew for the sixth straight year, by 1.8% to a record 28.24-billion litres; ULSD sales rose for the seventh straight year, by 5.2% to a record 24.95-billion litres.

The table and graphic below show this week's gasoline price trends.

Ontario Prices

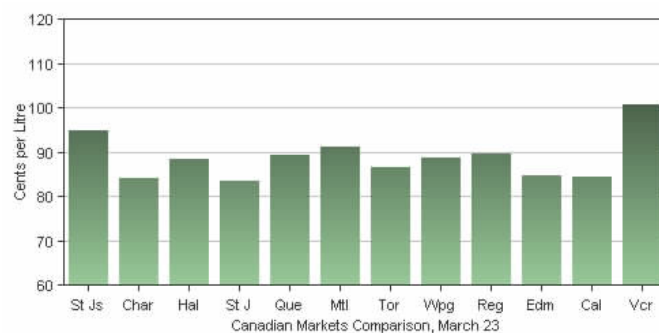
Market	March 16	March 23	+/-
Ottawa	80.6	82.1	1.5
Toronto West	83.8	85.6	1.8
Toronto East	84.1	85.7	1.6
Windsor	84.0	84.3	0.3
London	84.1	85.6	1.5
Sudbury	81.4	86.6	5.2
S. Ste. Marie	83.7	87.3	3.6
Thunder Bay	90.7	87.9	-2.8
North Bay	82.8	86.8	4.0
Timmins	90.9	90.9	0.0
Ontario Average	83.5	85.1	1.6



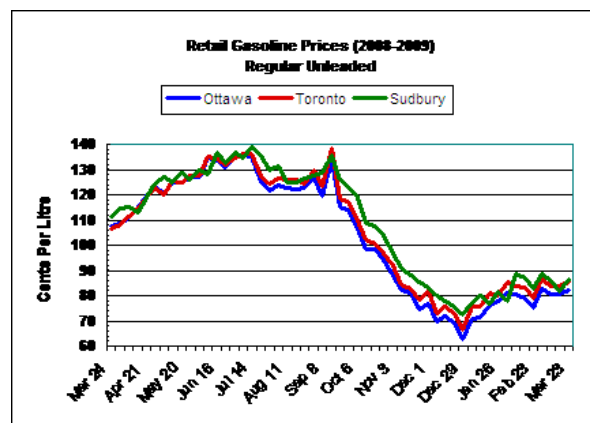
Canada Prices

Market	March 17	March 24	+/-
St John's NF	94.8	94.8	0.0

Charlottetown	84.1	84.3	0.2
Halifax	85.7	88.6	2.9
Saint John NB	83.8	83.6	-0.2
Quebec City	91.4	89.4	-2.0
Montreal	91.9	91.2	-0.7
Toronto	84.7	86.7	2.0
Winnipeg	84.7	88.7	4.0
Regina	92.9	89.7	-3.2
Edmonton	80.8	84.8	4.0
Calgary	81.0	84.6	3.6
Vancouver	98.6	100.7	2.1
Canada Average	88.0	89.3	1.3



Source: Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure; [MJ Ervin & Associates](#)



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