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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 April 27, 2009

Price wars in southern Ontario outweighed price increases in the north, causing the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to decline by 1.6 cents from a six-month high to 85.9 cents a litre.

Prices fell by 2.3 cents in Toronto (from a six-month high), 2.2 cents in London (from a six-month high), and 2.0 cents in both Ottawa (from a six-month high) and Windsor (to a two-month low). Prices rose by 5.6 cents in Sudbury (to a four-week high), 4.9 cents in North Bay (to a four-week high), 2.7 cents in Thunder Bay (to a two-month high), 1.9 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a four-week high), and 1.0 cents in Timmins (to a five-month high). Prices in southern Ontario averaged 85.3 cents, 5.0 cents lower than in northern Ontario, the widest gap in two months. The Ontario average retail diesel price declined for the fourth straight week, by 1.3 cents to 82.1 cents, a five-week low.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price declined by 0.3 cents from a four-week high to 88.7 cents. Prices fell by 4.0 cents in Regina (to a five-week low), 1.6 cents in Quebec City (to a two-month low), 1.0 cents in Vancouver (to a six-week low), and less than a cent in Calgary (to a six-week low), Toronto (from a four-week high), Winnipeg (from a five-month high), and Edmonton (to a two-month low). Prices rose by 2.0 cents in Saint John (to a six-month high), 1.9 cents in Halifax (to a six-month high), 1.5 cents in St. John's (to a six-month high), and 0.9 cents in Montreal (from a two-month low). The Canadian average retail diesel price declined for the third straight week, by 2.0 cents to 83.5 cents, a five-week low.

The volume of crude oil processed by Ontario refineries declined by 2.5% to 368,000 barrels a day in 2008, according to a Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure analysis of Statistics Canada data.

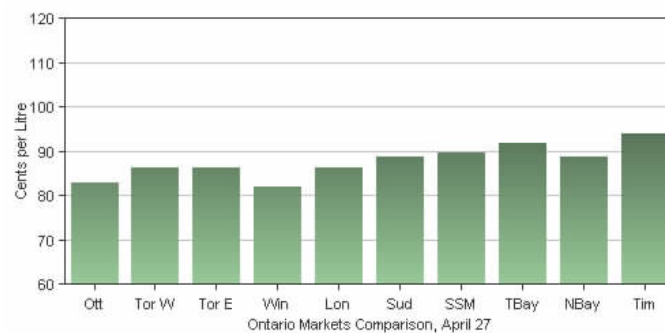
In terms of type of crude processed, conventional light crude volumes declined for the fifth straight year, by 3.1%, and accounted for 59.5% of total crude runs, a ten-year low.

Synthetic light crude volumes increased by 24% and accounted for 16.4% of crude runs, a 12-year high. Bitumen volumes declined for the second straight year, by 4.0%, and their share of crude runs fell to 9.7%, a four-year low. Heavy crude volumes, after jumping sharply in 2007, plunged by 29%, and their share of crude runs (which peaked at 24.6% in 1995) fell from a three-year high of 10.9% to 8.0%. Foreign crude imports declined by 15% in 2008, to a 10-year low, and their share of Ontario refinery crude receipts fell to 32.2%, a nine-year low. This was down from a peak of 46.2% in 2000, but up from a low of 0.6% in 1995. For the second straight year, Britain was Ontario's largest foreign oil supplier, providing 33% of imports. Algeria, the U.S., Venezuela, and Norway accounted for most of the rest. North Sea producers, which as recently as 2004 supplied two-thirds of Ontario's imported oil, provided only 32% in 2008, although this was up sharply from 21% in 2006.

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

Ontario Prices

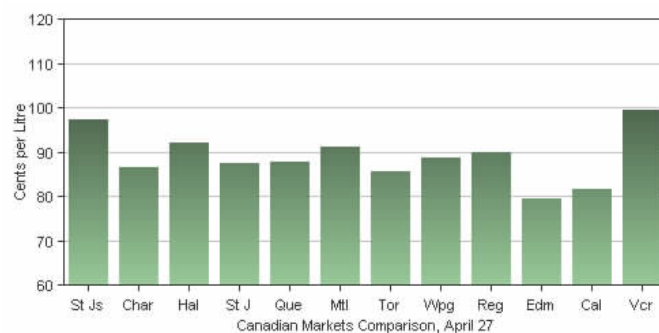
Market	April 20	April 27	+/-
Ottawa	84.9	82.9	-2.0
Toronto West	88.5	86.2	-2.3
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Windsor	83.9	81.9	-2.0
London	88.6	86.4	-2.2
Sudbury	83.2	88.8	5.6
S. Ste. Marie	87.7	89.6	1.9
Thunder Bay	89.2	91.9	2.7
North Bay	83.9	88.8	4.9
Timmins	93.1	94.1	1.0
Ontario Average	87.5	85.9	-1.6



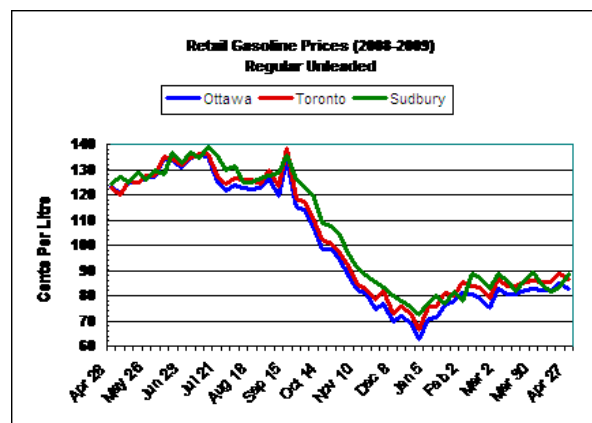
Canada Prices

Market	April 21	April 28	+/-
St John's NF	95.8	97.3	1.5

Charlottetown	86.7	86.7	0.0
Halifax	90.4	92.3	1.9
Saint John NB	85.5	87.5	2.0
Quebec City	89.4	87.8	-1.6
Montreal	90.2	91.1	0.9
Toronto	86.2	85.6	-0.6
Winnipeg	89.1	88.7	-0.4
Regina	93.9	89.9	-4.0
Edmonton	79.5	79.4	-0.1
Calgary	82.6	81.7	-0.9
Vancouver	100.5	99.5	-1.0
Canada Average	89.0	88.7	-0.3



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



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