



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 August 17, 2009

The Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline declined by 0.4 cents to 96.8 cents a litre as wholesale prices fell slightly.

Prices fell by 1.2 cents in North Bay (from a two-month high), 1.0 cents in both Sudbury (from a two-month high) and Timmins (from a nine-month high), and less than a cent in London, Toronto, and Ottawa. Prices rose by 3.0 cents in Thunder Bay (to a six-week high) and 1.6 cents in Windsor (to a two-month high). The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario widened for the second straight week, from 7.6 cents to 8.5 cents, a five-week high. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased for the fourth straight week, by 0.4 cents to 90.9 cents, an eight-month high.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price, after increasing four straight weeks, was unchanged at a six-week high of 101.3 cents. Prices rose by 4.7 cents in St. John's (to a five-week high), 4.3 cents in Charlottetown (to a 10-month high), and less than a cent in Saint John (to a two-month high) and Montreal (to a two-month high). Prices fell by 1.4 cents in Quebec City and less than a cent in Toronto, Vancouver (to a two-month low), and Calgary (from a two-month high). The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the fourth straight week, by 0.9 cents to 92.6 cents, a six-week high.

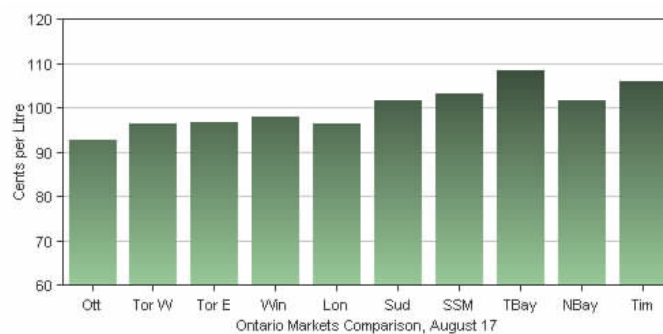
The Ontario refinery gasoline-to-middle-distillate production ratio declined from its most recent peak of 1.68:1 in 2002 to 1.41:1 in 2008, according to a Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure analysis of Statistics Canada data.

The decline in the ratio reflects the stronger growth in diesel demand relative to gasoline in recent years as the strong economy increased the demand for goods transport by truck, with refiners adjusting production yields accordingly. Ontario gasoline production declined by 1.0% a year from 1989-2009 while diesel production grew by 1.5% a year. Middle distillates include diesel fuel, light fuel oil, stove oil, and jet fuel.

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

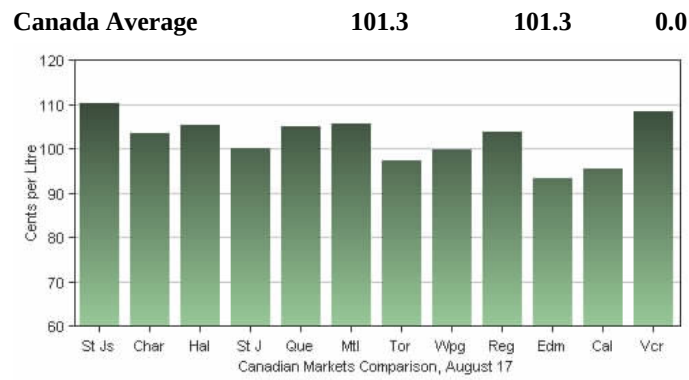
Ontario Prices

Market	August 10	August 17	+/-
Ottawa	93.4	92.8	-0.6
Toronto West	97.1	96.4	-0.7
Toronto East	97.3	96.7	-0.6
Windsor	96.5	98.1	1.6
London	97.3	96.6	-0.7
Sudbury	102.8	101.8	-1.0
S. Ste. Marie	103.3	103.3	0.0
Thunder Bay	105.4	108.4	3.0
North Bay	102.8	101.6	-1.2
Timmins	106.9	105.9	-1.0
Ontario Average	97.2	96.8	-0.4

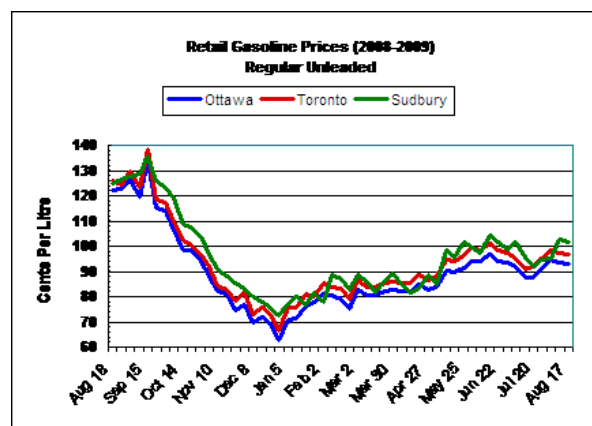


Canada Prices

Market	August 11	August 18	+/-
St John's NF	105.7	110.4	4.7
Charlottetown	99.3	103.6	4.3
Halifax	105.4	105.4	0.0
Saint John NB	99.4	100.0	0.6
Quebec City	106.4	105.0	-1.4
Montreal	105.3	105.6	0.3
Toronto	98.0	97.5	-0.5
Winnipeg	99.9	99.9	0.0
Regina	103.9	103.9	0.0
Edmonton	93.4	93.4	0.0
Calgary	95.5	95.4	-0.1
Vancouver	108.9	108.5	-0.4



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



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