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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 October 4, 2010.

World crude oil prices above US\$81 a barrel and higher North American wholesale prices caused the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to increase for the second straight week, by 3.8 cents to 104.4 cents a litre, its highest level since October 2008.

Prices rose by 5.2 cents in Windsor (from a three-month low), 4.4 cents in Toronto (to a two-year high), 4.1 cents in London (to a two-year high), 3.8 cents in Ottawa (to a two-year high), 2.2 cents in North Bay (from a three-month low), and 0.5 cents in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie (both from a three-month low). Prices fell by 0.4 cents in Thunder Bay (to a three-month low). Windsor had the lowest average price for the thirteenth straight week. For the first time in 11 months, the average price in northern Ontario was lower (by 2.0 cents) than in southern Ontario. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased by 1.6 cents to 101.3 cents, its highest level since November 2008.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price increased by 4.2 cents to 106.0 cents, its highest level since October 2008. Prices rose by 12.6 cents in Montreal (to a two-year high), 3.7 cents in Toronto (to a two-year high), 2.0 cents in Vancouver, 1.9 cents in Halifax, and 0.1 cents in St. John's. Prices fell by less than a cent in Edmonton and Calgary. The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the sixth straight week, by 2.2 cents to 103.0 cents, its highest level since November 2008.

Ontario gasoline marketing margins in the third quarter of 2010 were mixed, with margins falling in three cities, rising in two, and unchanged in another compared to the same period in 2009, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis.

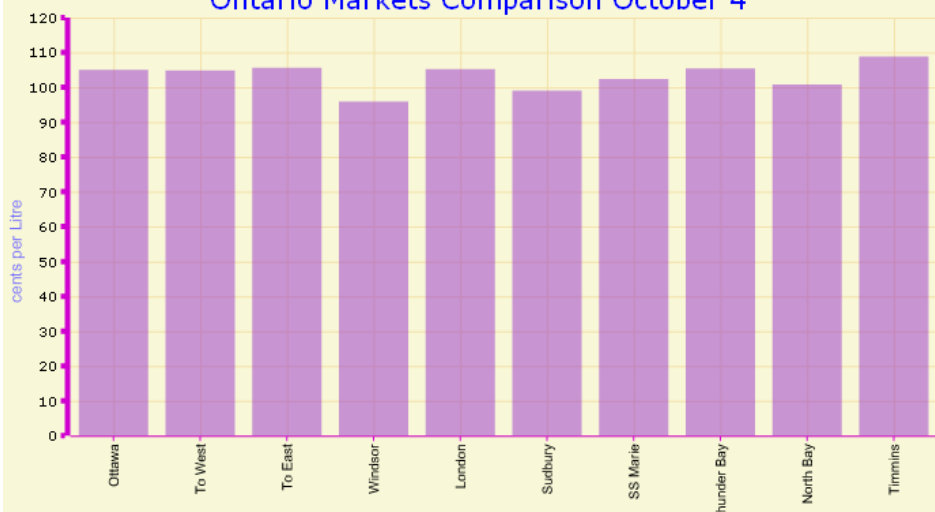
The biggest drop occurred in Thunder Bay, where third-quarter margins fell from 11.1 cents a litre last year to 7.9 cents this year. Margins in Sault Ste. Marie declined from 7.8 cents to 6.2 cents and in Toronto they edged down from 6.7 cents to 6.6 cents. The biggest jump occurred in Ottawa, with margins rising from 4.2 cents to 6.0 cents; margins in London increased from 6.5 cents to 6.8 cents. In Hamilton, margins were unchanged at 6.2 cents. Except for Thunder Bay, monthly margins increased steadily throughout the quarter in all cities. In the first nine months of the year, margins increased in Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie, and Thunder Bay and declined in Toronto, Hamilton, and London, relative to the same period in 2009. Margins (pump price minus the wholesale or "rack" price) are the amount available to the dealer to cover operating costs and provide a return on investment.

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

Market	Ontario Prices		
	September 27	October 4	+/-
Ottawa	101.2	105.0	3.8
Toronto West	100.5	104.8	4.3
Toronto East	101.1	105.6	4.5
Windsor	90.7	95.9	5.2
London	101.1	105.2	4.1
Sudbury	98.5	99.0	0.5
S. Ste. Marie	101.9	102.4	0.5
Thunder Bay	105.8	105.4	-0.4
North Bay	98.6	100.8	2.2

Timmins	108.8	108.8	0.0
Ontario Average	100.6	104.4	3.8

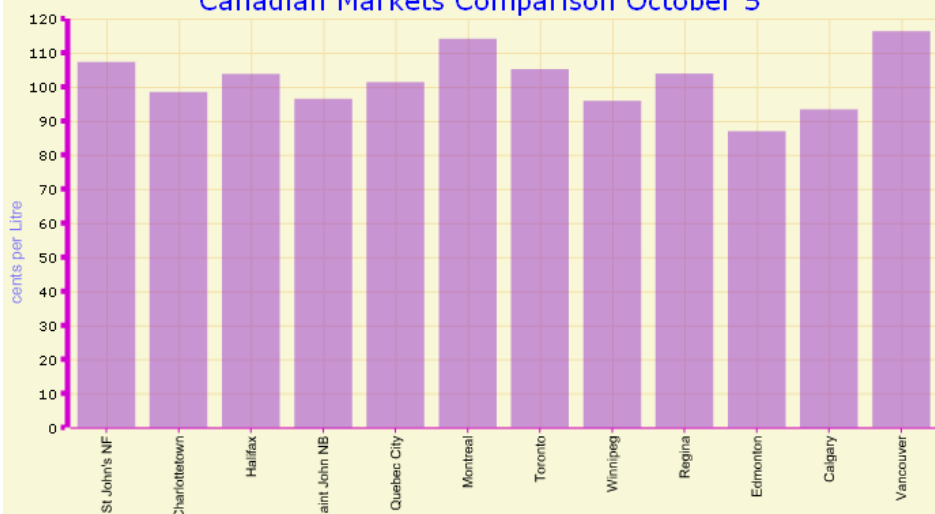
Ontario Markets Comparison October 4



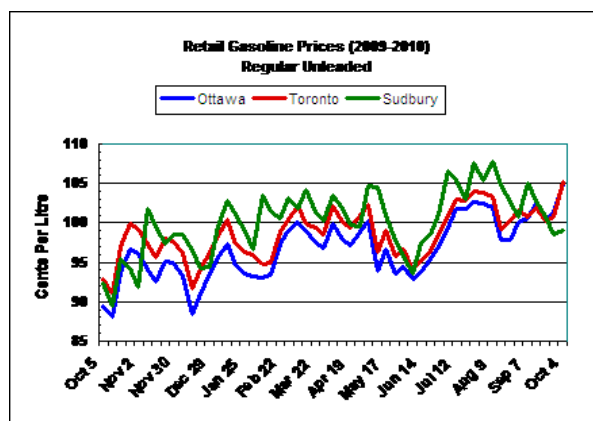
Canada Prices

Market	September 28	October 5	+/-
St John's NF	107.2	107.3	0.1
Charlottetown	98.5	98.5	0.0
Halifax	101.9	103.8	1.9
Saint John NB	96.5	96.5	0.0
Quebec City	101.4	101.4	0.0
Montreal	101.5	114.1	12.6
Toronto	101.5	105.2	3.7
Winnipeg	95.9	95.9	0.0
Regina	103.9	103.9	0.0
Edmonton	87.6	86.9	-0.7
Calgary	93.9	93.4	-0.5
Vancouver	114.3	116.3	2.0
Canada Average	101.8	106.0	4.2

Canadian Markets Comparison October 5



Source: Ontario Ministry of Energy; [Kent Marketing Services](#)



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