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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 12, 2010.

The Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline increased for the third straight week, by 1.7 cents to 106.1 cents a litre, its highest level since October 2008, reflecting higher world crude oil and North American wholesale prices.

Prices rose by 9.5 cents in Sudbury (to a 24-month high), 7.2 cents in North Bay (to a 24-month high), 4.9 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a three-month high), 3.7 cents in Timmins (to a two-month high), 1.6 cents in Ottawa (to a 24-month high), 1.4 cents in Toronto (to a 24-month high), and 1.1 cents in London (to a 24-month high). Prices fell by less than a cent in Windsor and Thunder Bay (the latter to a three-month low). Windsor had the lowest average price for the fourteenth straight week. The average pump price in northern Ontario was 1.7 cents higher than in the south, a reversal of the previous week's (unusual) situation, when the northern price was lower than the southern one. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased for the second straight week, by 2.2 cents to 103.5 cents, its highest level since November 2008.

The Canadian average retail gasoline price declined by 0.5 cents from a 24-month high to 105.5 cents. Prices fell by 8.9 cents in Montreal (from a 24-month high) and 1.3 cents in Vancouver. Prices rose by 7.0 cents in Quebec City (to a two-month high), 6.6 cents in Edmonton (to a five-month high), 6.3 cents in Halifax (to a 24-month high), 4.4 cents in Saint John (to a five-month high), 4.3 cents in St. John's (to a five-month high), 2.9 cents in Calgary (to a five-month high), and 1.9 cents in Toronto (to a 24-month high). The Canadian average retail diesel price increased for the seventh straight week, by 1.3 cents to 104.3 cents, its highest level since November 2008.

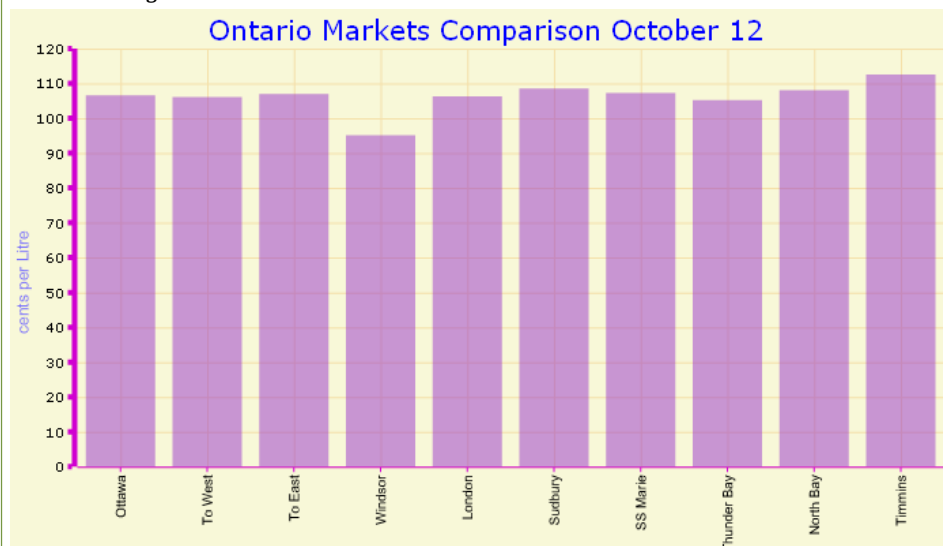
Ontario gasoline sales in the second quarter of 2010 totalled 4.66-billion litres, an increase of 15% from the same period in 2009, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis of Statistics Canada data.

Sales of regular unleaded jumped by 17% and their share of total gasoline sales increased from 89.7% to 90.8%; sales of the higher-octane grades rose by 2.6%. Ontario diesel sales during the quarter grew by 36% to 2.1-billion litres; ultra-low-sulphur diesel (ULSD) sales also grew by 36% and accounted for 90.3% of total diesel sales. In the first six months of the year, Ontario gasoline sales increased by 9% to 8.6-billion litres, and diesel sales rose by 19% to 3.65-billion litres (ULSD sales were up by 12%). Canadian gasoline sales in the second quarter totalled 11.71-billion litres, up 10% from a year earlier, and diesel sales grew by 21% to 7.28-billion litres; first-half sales were up by 6.7% for gasoline and 11% for diesel. There was stronger growth in the higher-octane grades in Canada than in Ontario in both the second quarter (9.4% vs. 2.6%) and the first half (6.2% vs. 0%).

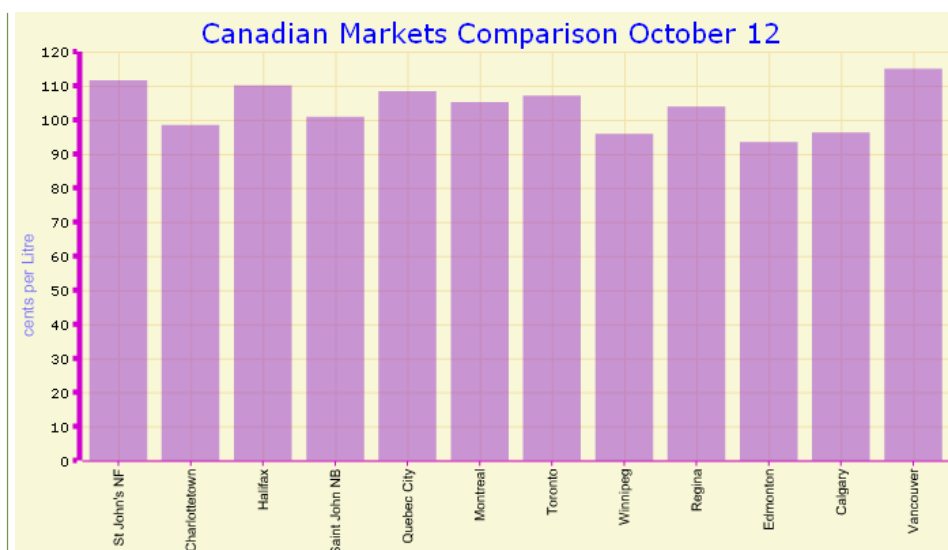
The table and graphic below show this week's gasoline price trends.

Market	Ontario Prices		
	October 4	October 12	+/-
Ottawa	105.0	106.6	1.6
Toronto West	104.8	106.1	1.3
Toronto East	105.6	107.0	1.4
Windsor	95.9	95.1	-0.8
London	105.2	106.3	1.1
Sudbury	99.0	108.5	9.5
S. Ste. Marie	102.4	107.3	4.9

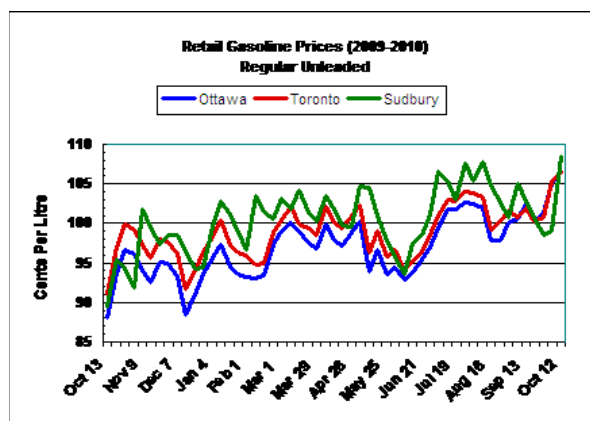
Thunder Bay	105.4	105.2	-0.2
North Bay	100.8	108.0	7.2
Timmins	108.8	112.5	3.7
Ontario Average	104.4	106.1	1.7



Canada Prices			
Market	October 5	October 12	+/-
St John's NF	107.3	111.6	4.3
Charlottetown	98.5	98.5	0.0
Halifax	103.8	110.1	6.3
Saint John NB	96.5	100.9	4.4
Quebec City	101.4	108.4	7.0
Montreal	114.1	105.2	-8.9
Toronto	105.2	107.1	1.9
Winnipeg	95.9	95.9	0.0
Regina	103.9	103.9	0.0
Edmonton	86.9	93.5	6.6
Calgary	93.4	96.3	2.9
Vancouver	116.3	115.0	-1.3
Canada Average	106.0	105.5	-0.5



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



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