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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 July 11, 2011.

**Higher world crude oil and North American wholesale prices caused the Ontario average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline to increase for the second straight week, by 1.2 cents to 129.2 cents a litre, a five-week high.**

Prices rose by 6.7 cents in North Bay (to a two-month high), 5.8 cents in Sudbury (to a two-month high), 5.1 cents in Thunder Bay (from a four-month low), 3.3 cents in Ottawa (to a two-month high), 3.1 cents in Timmins, 2.2 cents in Windsor, and less than a cent in London and Toronto. Prices fell by 2.4 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (to a three-month low). The average price gap between northern and southern Ontario widened from a three-month low of 1.3 cents to 4.5 cents. The Ontario average retail diesel price, after declining two straight weeks, increased by 0.7 cents from a four-month low to 123.4 cents.

The Canadian regular gasoline price increased for the second straight week, by 2.1 cents to 127.9 cents, a six-week high. Prices rose by 7.0 cents in Quebec City (to a two-month high), 5.4 cents in Edmonton, 4.7 cents in Montreal (to a two-month high), 4.3 cents in Winnipeg, 3.3 cents in Halifax (from a four-month low), 3.2 cents in Saint John (from a three-month low), 2.9 cents in St. John's (from a four-month low), 1.8 cents in Toronto, and 0.5 cents in Calgary. Prices fell by 0.5 cents in Vancouver. The Canadian diesel price, after falling two straight weeks, increased by 0.9 cents from a four-month low to 122.6 cents.

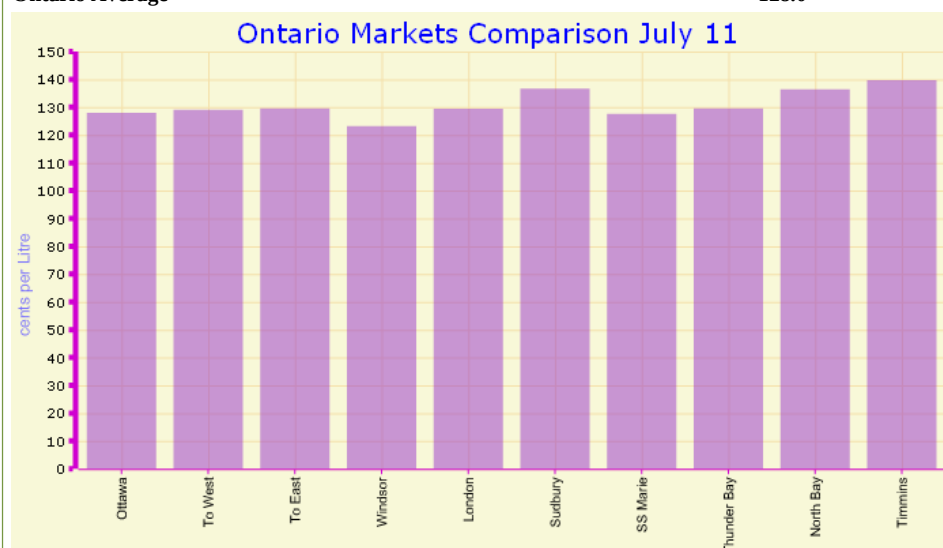
**Gasoline marketing margins declined in four Ontario cities and increased in two others in the second quarter of 2011, according to a Ministry of Energy analysis.**

The biggest drop occurred in Sault Ste. Marie, where margins fell from 7.2 cents a litre in the first quarter to 5.9 cents in the second (and were down from 9.2 cents a year earlier). Margins also fell from 6.0 cents to 5.1 cents in Ottawa, from 7.5 cents to 7.3 cents in Hamilton, and from 7.1 cents to 7.0 cents in London. In Toronto, margins rose slightly to 7.5 cents and in Thunder Bay they jumped from 7.2 cents to 9.3 cents, recording a high for the year of 14.1 cents on May 24th. In the first six months of the year, margins ranged from 5.6 cents in Ottawa to 8.2 cents in Thunder Bay and were higher compared to the same period in 2010 in northern and eastern Ontario and lower in southern Ontario. Margins (pump price minus the wholesale or rack price) are the amount available to the dealer to cover costs and provide a return on investment.

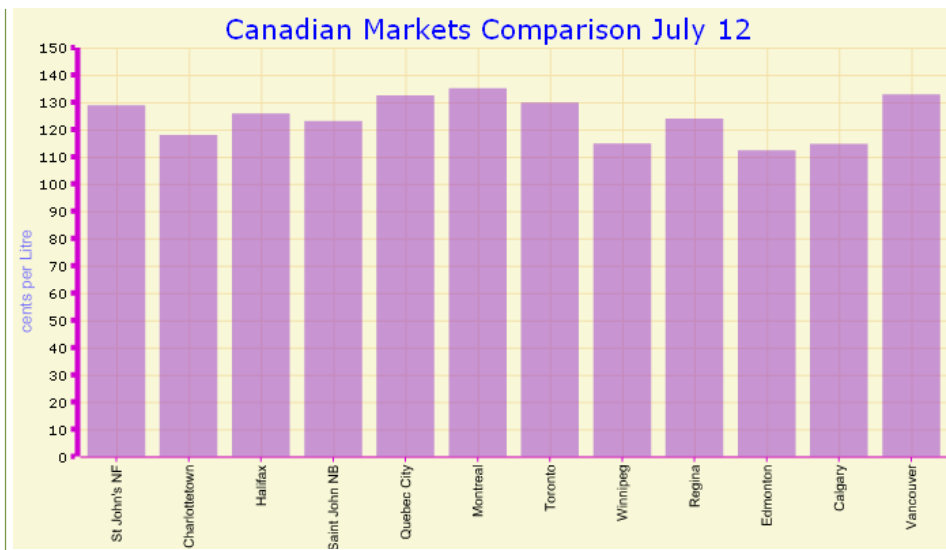
The table and graphic below show this week's gasoline price trends.

| Market        | Ontario Prices |         |      |
|---------------|----------------|---------|------|
|               | July 4         | July 11 | +/-  |
| Ottawa        | 124.7          | 128.0   | 3.3  |
| Toronto West  | 129.0          | 129.1   | 0.1  |
| Toronto East  | 129.5          | 129.6   | 0.1  |
| Windsor       | 121.0          | 123.2   | 2.2  |
| London        | 129.2          | 129.4   | 0.2  |
| Sudbury       | 130.8          | 136.6   | 5.8  |
| S. Ste. Marie | 130.0          | 127.6   | -2.4 |
| Thunder Bay   | 124.4          | 129.5   | 5.1  |

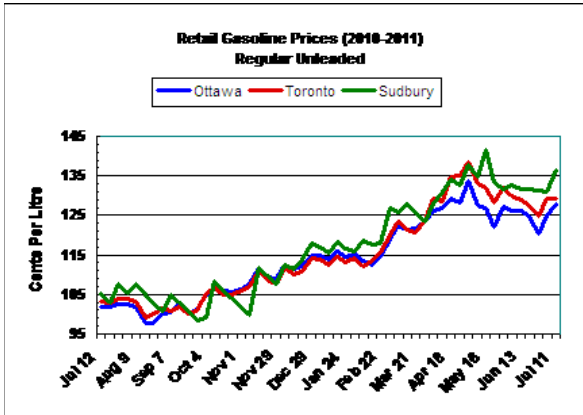
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|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| North Bay              | 129.7        | 136.4        | 6.7        |
| Timmins                | 136.6        | 139.7        | 3.1        |
| <b>Ontario Average</b> | <b>128.0</b> | <b>129.2</b> | <b>1.2</b> |



| <b>Canada Prices</b>  |               |                |            |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| <b>Market</b>         | <b>July 5</b> | <b>July 12</b> | <b>+/-</b> |
| St John's NF          | 125.9         | 128.8          | 2.9        |
| Charlottetown         | 117.9         | 117.9          | 0.0        |
| Halifax               | 122.5         | 125.8          | 3.3        |
| Saint John NB         | 119.9         | 123.1          | 3.2        |
| Quebec City           | 125.4         | 132.4          | 7.0        |
| Montreal              | 130.4         | 135.1          | 4.7        |
| Toronto               | 128.0         | 129.8          | 1.8        |
| Winnipeg              | 110.5         | 114.8          | 4.3        |
| Regina                | 123.9         | 123.9          | 0.0        |
| Edmonton              | 106.9         | 112.3          | 5.4        |
| Calgary               | 114.2         | 114.7          | 0.5        |
| Vancouver             | 133.3         | 132.8          | -0.5       |
| <b>Canada Average</b> | <b>125.8</b>  | <b>127.9</b>   | <b>2.1</b> |



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



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