



# Distillate Watch

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## SUPPLY

- Total distillate stock continued to drop as refiners decreased distillate production and moved to motor gasoline and jet fuel production. Total distillate stocks were 97.3 million barrels (MMB) on March 31, 2000, falling by 1.6 MMB from last week and 29.0 MMB less than last year. Low sulfur stocks at 60.5 MMB dropped 0.4 MMB from last week while heating oil stocks decreased 1.3 MMB to 36.7 MMB. Distillate production decreased by 65 thousand barrels per day to 3.4 million barrels per day (MMBD). Imports at 0.1 MMBD increased slightly by 12 thousand barrels per day. Demand dropped to 3.6 million barrels per day, a 0.2 MMBD decline.
- This week U.S. crude oil input increased to 14.9 MMBD with refiners utilizing 93.2 percent of 16.1 MMBD in operating capacity.

### Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	03/10/00	03/17/00	03/24/00	03/31/00	04/02/99	03/10/00	03/17/00	03/24/00	03/31/00	04/02/99
East Coast (PADD I)	461	461	478	<b>517</b>	402	226	210	215	<b>279</b>	163
Midwest (PADD II)	846	820	827	<b>752</b>	725	636	594	602	<b>560</b>	555
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,656	1,660	1,574	<b>1,544</b>	1,551	1,159	1,187	1,110	<b>1,068</b>	1,057
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	140	132	145	<b>144</b>	126	110	102	120	<b>117</b>	101
West Coast (PADD V)	391	405	425	<b>427</b>	481	325	334	330	<b>332</b>	370
U.S. Total	3,494	3,478	3,449	<b>3,384</b>	3,285	2,456	2,427	2,377	<b>2,356</b>	2,246

### Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	03/10/00	03/17/00	03/24/00	03/31/00	03/31/99	03/10/00	03/17/00	03/24/00	03/31/00	03/31/99
East Coast (PADD I)	33.2	30.9	30.1	<b>29.9</b>	49.4	13.3	12.4	12.1	<b>12.5</b>	16.9
PADD IX	5.7	5.2	4.4	<b>3.7</b>	NA	1.4	1.5	1.3	<b>1.0</b>	NA
PADD IY	18.0	16.2	16.4	<b>15.5</b>	NA	6.5	5.9	5.2	<b>5.3</b>	NA
PADD IZ	9.4	9.4	9.3	<b>10.7</b>	NA	5.3	5.1	5.5	<b>6.2</b>	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	29.0	28.1	28.7	<b>29.0</b>	30.8	20.1	19.1	19.8	<b>20.2</b>	21.9
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	25.7	27.3	25.9	<b>23.6</b>	31.0	17.6	18.8	17.6	<b>15.8</b>	18.7
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.4	3.1	3.1	<b>3.3</b>	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.8	<b>2.9</b>	2.6
West Coast (PADD V)	11.3	12.2	11.2	<b>11.5</b>	12.0	8.9	9.6	8.7	<b>9.0</b>	9.1
U.S. Total	102.7	101.6	98.9	<b>97.3</b>	126.3	62.9	62.5	60.9	<b>60.5</b>	69.2

\* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels. For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: [Infoctr@eia.doe.gov](mailto:Infoctr@eia.doe.gov). Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

## PRICES

- Iran was the only hold-out in the March 29 decision by OPEC members to raise output quotas by 1.7 million barrels per day. World supplies will also be augmented by another 150 thousand barrels per day from Mexico, 100 thousand barrels per day from Norway and unspecified amounts from Iran and Iraq. OPEC expressed an intent to take further action, though, if crude oil prices drifted outside a \$22 to \$28 target range. As of April 3, 2000, the New York Harbor spot price for low sulfur diesel was up 4.74 cents to 80.81 cents per gallon due to the close-out of the April futures contract.
- Another decline left the national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price at 144.2 cents per gallon on April 3, 2000 as the effects from a drop in spot product prices from a few weeks ago continued to be felt at retail. This week's average was 0.9 cent less than a week ago and 36.7 cents above last year. While brief run-ups are always a possibility, the new production agreements should keep this summer's prices from rising significantly higher than seen recently.

### No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	03/13/00	03/20/00	03/27/00	04/03/00	04/05/99	03/13/00	03/20/00	03/27/00	04/03/00	04/05/99
New York	79.75	69.33	76.07	<b>80.81</b>	46.13	79.25	68.96	73.70	<b>77.55</b>	44.00
Chicago	83.38	75.71	85.70	<b>79.94</b>	47.73	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	76.33	67.50	71.45	<b>74.68</b>	43.65	74.25	65.21	69.90	<b>68.68</b>	41.45
Los Angeles (CARB)	102.00	96.00	95.50	<b>84.50</b>	69.50	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

### No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes\*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	03/13/00	03/20/00	03/27/00	04/03/00	04/05/99	03/06/00	03/13/00	03/20/00	03/27/00	04/05/99
East Coast (PADD I)	150.7	148.5	144.9	<b>143.6</b>	104.6	141.7	140.4	137.2	<b>NA</b>	NA
PADD IX	158.9	154.9	150.5	<b>148.5</b>	109.3	136.8	135.2	131.9	<b>NA</b>	NA
PADD IY	159.3	157.4	152.5	<b>150.2</b>	112.1	146.2	145.0	141.8	<b>NA</b>	NA
PADD IZ	146.3	144.1	141.1	<b>140.3</b>	101.0	134.6	134.4	131.8	<b>NA</b>	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	148.2	146.0	142.6	<b>142.6</b>	104.3	120.5	120.3	119.0	<b>NA</b>	NA
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	144.6	142.1	140.1	<b>138.7</b>	103.6	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	149.4	150.7	150.9	<b>151.5</b>	112.4	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	160.0	160.9	159.7	<b>156.9</b>	129.7	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
California	163.7	164.9	163.2	<b>161.2</b>	144.8	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
U.S. Average**	149.6	147.9	145.1	<b>144.2</b>	107.5	139.4	138.2	135.3	<b>NA</b>	NA

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-8149.688, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

\* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

\*\* Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

For information about distillate spot and diesel fuel retail price data, contact the National Energy Information Center: 202-586-8800; Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.