



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Stocks increased last week due to stable production and low demand. Total motor gasoline stocks increased 4.5 million barrels to end the week at 201.0 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were up 2.3 million barrels to 37.7 million barrels while stocks of other finished gasoline rose 0.5 million barrels to 117.0 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 45.5 million barrels, 1.6 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 26.1 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 594 thousand barrels per day of which 88 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 305 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

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

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	02/11/00	02/18/00	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/05/99	02/11/00	02/18/00	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/05/99
East Coast (PADD I)	993	1,075	1,070	1,014	1,147	578	586	635	627	670
Midwest (PADD II)	1,789	1,872	1,858	1,812	1,743	276	290	271	298	271
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,357	3,332	3,441	3,435	3,456	601	610	604	645	615
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	287	239	254	283	245	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,246	1,255	1,205	1,293	1,340	890	851	862	853	964
U.S. Total	7,674	7,775	7,830	7,839	7,930	2,345	2,337	2,372	2,423	2,520

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	02/11/00	02/18/00	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/03/99	02/11/00	02/18/00	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/03/99
East Coast (PADD I)	54.9	52.3	51.9	53.6	65.3	18.3	17.0	16.6	18.6	21.5
Midwest (PADD II)	53.4	54.3	55.0	56.7	60.1	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.6	0.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	56.7	55.4	55.7	55.9	66.0	8.8	8.7	8.1	8.2	10.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	26.5	26.7	25.9	26.8	28.1	10.4	9.6	9.1	9.4	10.9
U.S. Total	199.6	196.7	196.5	201.0	227.1	38.9	37.2	35.4	37.7	43.5

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PRICES

- Crude oil prices lurched forward on reports of continued low stocks and then drifted higher as some OPEC members questioned the need to raise output. Production problems in the North Sea (due to bad weather) and Nigeria (due to a strike) along with refinery problems, particularly at the large Hovensa facility in St. Croix, added to industry woes. Conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor went up almost two cents to 95.38 cents per gallon. California gasoline spot prices continued to spiral higher on refinery problems.
- The average U.S. retail gasoline price swelled a record-setting 8.0 cents per gallon this week to establish another survey high at 150.1 cents per gallon, 58.0 cents over last year. The California-grade retail price increase was 11.5 cents this week.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by Cit (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	02/14/00	02/22/00	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/08/99	02/14/00	02/22/00	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/08/99
New York	83.63	82.63	93.45	95.38	38.85	86.90	86.93	91.20	91.59	39.97
Chicago	87.00	87.65	89.63	91.38	39.05	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	82.98	82.88	89.58	94.05	38.35	86.60	87.18	89.75	94.75	40.30
Los Angeles	86.00	98.50	109.00	120.00	53.50	89.00	101.50	112.00	123.00	56.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	02/14/00	02/21/00	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/08/99	02/14/00	02/21/00	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/08/99
East Coast (PADD I)	132.6	136.4	138.0	146.0	86.7	135.9	138.6	140.0	148.4	93.4
Midwest (PADD II)	137.5	144.8	144.6	151.7	88.4	140.7	149.1	147.5	155.2	91.4
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	131.7	135.4	137.0	146.3	87.3	127.1	130.2	131.5	140.5	87.1
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	134.0	136.7	139.2	145.2	97.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	138.3	141.0	146.7	152.4	106.0	139.8	144.0	151.2	162.6	115.5
U.S. Average	135.0	140.2	141.4	148.9	89.4	137.0	141.4	143.8	152.9	98.5

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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