



# Motor Gasoline Watch

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## SUPPLY

- A decline in demand, along with an increase in production contributed to an increase in stocks last week. Total motor gasoline stocks increased 2.7 million barrels to end the week at 203.8 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were up 0.7 million barrels to 38.8 million barrels while stocks of other finished gasoline rose 1.6 million barrels to 117.7 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 46.6 million barrels, 0.4 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 12.2 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 315 thousand barrels per day of which 47 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 234 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				
	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)	1,168	1,132	1,137	<b>1,084</b>	1,066	649	655	652	<b>619</b>	560
Midwest (PADD II)	1,841	1,821	1,803	<b>1,882</b>	1,692	298	286	274	<b>313</b>	280
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,486	3,409	3,479	<b>3,578</b>	3,607	534	615	654	<b>718</b>	646
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	287	262	264	<b>263</b>	238	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,438	1,427	1,463	<b>1,449</b>	1,113	973	936	1,041	<b>976</b>	828
U.S. Total	8,220	8,051	8,146	<b>8,256</b>	7,715	2,454	2,492	2,621	<b>2,626</b>	2,314

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

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline 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)	52.7	54.9	56.7	<b>57.7</b>	63.2	16.4	17.9	17.0	<b>17.5</b>	20.7
Midwest (PADD II)	55.8	53.5	53.1	<b>51.8</b>	55.0	1.4	1.2	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	0.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	56.5	57.6	56.5	<b>57.7</b>	65.0	8.7	9.3	9.5	<b>9.4</b>	10.3
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	7.7	7.5	7.3	<b>7.4</b>	7.2	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	26.1	25.7	27.5	<b>29.3</b>	25.5	9.8	9.6	10.5	<b>10.9</b>	9.9
U.S. Total	198.8	199.3	201.1	<b>203.8</b>	216.0	36.3	38.0	38.1	<b>38.8</b>	41.7

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## PRICES

- Iran was the only hold-out in the March 29 decision by OPEC members to raise production quotas by 1.7 million barrel a 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. Conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor lost the six cents gained in the previous week to close at 80.38 cents per gallon. Gasoline spot prices on the West Coast were down, partially attributable to the health of the refining industry.
- The average U.S. retail gasoline price took another counter-seasonal step down to 150.3 cents per gallon as of April 3, 2000, 38.5 cents higher than last year. Similarly, the average retail price in California went down for the second consecutive week, reaching 177.1 cents per gallon. 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.

### Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	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	93.63	80.50	86.30	<b>80.38</b>	52.86	94.00	83.50	94.20	<b>86.54</b>	53.86
Chicago	86.00	79.00	84.08	<b>86.42</b>	52.53	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	89.75	77.00	83.03	<b>76.13</b>	51.86	98.50	87.00	97.95	<b>82.67</b>	54.36
Los Angeles	131.00	95.00	93.00	<b>80.25</b>	93.00	134.00	98.00	96.00	<b>83.25</b>	100.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

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

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	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
East Coast (PADD I)	149.9	150.0	147.7	<b>146.4</b>	102.1	153.4	154.4	154.2	<b>153.0</b>	105.0
Midwest (PADD II)	151.1	148.4	144.2	<b>144.3</b>	107.9	152.0	149.1	146.2	<b>148.5</b>	113.2
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	148.0	147.8	146.3	<b>144.9</b>	103.2	144.1	149.1	148.7	<b>147.7</b>	99.8
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	151.2	155.4	156.2	<b>155.9</b>	117.8	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	158.6	165.0	166.3	<b>166.2</b>	133.9	173.1	178.6	178.1	<b>176.5</b>	157.7
U.S. Average	150.8	150.2	147.7	<b>147.1</b>	107.7	157.4	159.2	158.3	<b>157.8</b>	121.0

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

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