



# Motor Gasoline Watch

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- Although demand declined last week, reduced production resulted in a stock decrease. Total motor gasoline stocks fell 0.9 million barrels to end the week at 195.5 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were down 0.4 million barrels to 39.0 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline dropped 1.8 million barrels to 111.9 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 43.6 million barrels, 1.4 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 5.1 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 484 thousand barrels per day of which 240 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 107 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				
	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/03/99	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/03/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,074	1,109	1,041	<b>1,007</b>	1,026	605	701	637	<b>621</b>	625
Midwest (PADD II)	1,994	1,985	1,978	<b>1,810</b>	2,043	259	281	278	<b>259</b>	270
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,547	3,730	3,544	<b>3,528</b>	3,586	675	840	765	<b>634</b>	676
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	289	293	288	<b>289</b>	263	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,448	1,429	1,444	<b>1,422</b>	1,368	1,044	990	997	<b>1,012</b>	1,006
U.S. Total	8,352	8,546	8,295	<b>8,057</b>	8,287	2,583	2,812	2,677	<b>2,526</b>	2,577

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

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/01/99	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/01/99
East Coast (PADD I)	53.3	51.6	51.0	<b>51.3</b>	55.1	15.6	16.9	15.2	<b>17.4</b>	17.5
Midwest (PADD II)	54.0	54.3	52.0	<b>49.7</b>	54.0	2.4	2.6	2.2	<b>2.1</b>	2.0
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	61.3	61.7	60.2	<b>61.3</b>	57.2	9.7	10.4	11.3	<b>9.2</b>	9.6
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	6.2	5.8	5.8	<b>6.1</b>	5.6	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	27.6	27.8	27.4	<b>27.1</b>	28.6	11.0	11.1	10.7	<b>10.2</b>	11.1
U.S. Total	202.4	201.2	196.4	<b>195.5</b>	200.6	38.8	41.0	39.4	<b>39.0</b>	40.2

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**PRICES**

- Gasoline spot and futures prices rose strongly on all markets last week, on top of a further rise in crude oil prices. California prices posted extremely sharp increases, attributed to unexpected problems at several refineries, and upcoming maintenance at others. Following the extended Labor Day weekend, crude oil and product markets focused on the OPEC meeting set to begin September 10. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline rose 7.15 cents for the week to 98.73 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price jumped 34.00 cents to 165.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose for the third straight week, increasing by 4.9 cents to 153.0 cents per gallon as of September 4, 2000. The average stands at its highest level since July 17, and 28.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The strongest increases occurred in the Midwest, though West Coast prices also climbed strongly.

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

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/28/00	09/05/00	09/07/99	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/28/00	09/05/00	09/07/99
New York	86.18	90.63	91.58	<b>98.73</b>	66.80	95.64	101.10	102.30	<b>104.10</b>	66.85
Chicago	83.52	86.25	93.75	<b>99.29</b>	67.05	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	85.85	89.40	88.35	<b>95.00</b>	63.00	94.80	95.50	93.00	<b>97.60</b>	63.97
Los Angeles	112.50	110.00	124.00	<b>158.00</b>	62.50	119.50	117.00	131.00	<b>165.00</b>	68.50

Source: Reuters Information Services.

<sup>1</sup> Spot prices are as of September 5, 2000, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

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

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/28/00	09/04/00	09/06/99	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/28/00	09/04/00	09/06/99
East Coast (PADD I)	141.6	142.1	142.5	<b>144.5</b>	116.8	158.9	158.0	157.7	<b>157.6</b>	124.8
Midwest (PADD II)	135.2	141.1	142.8	<b>151.9</b>	121.8	135.5	139.0	141.7	<b>153.8</b>	126.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	141.3	141.5	141.6	<b>142.7</b>	117.2	143.4	142.9	143.2	<b>143.4</b>	115.0
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	155.4	154.4	155.5	<b>156.2</b>	137.1	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	162.4	162.8	165.0	<b>168.8</b>	140.6	166.1	166.2	169.5	<b>177.8</b>	145.2
U.S. Average	140.9	143.6	144.7	<b>149.7</b>	121.7	153.6	154.0	155.5	<b>160.5</b>	129.7

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

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