



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- A significant decline in demand, along with a modest production increase, contributed to a stock build last week. Total motor gasoline stocks rose 5.0 million barrels to end the week at 195.6 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline increased 1.1 million barrels to 40.8 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline were up 4.7 million barrels to 113.2 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 40.8 million barrels, 0.7 million barrels below the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 11.1 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 497 thousand barrels per day of which 208 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 160 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				
	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/29/00	10/01/99	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/29/00	10/01/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,005	974	1,058	1,139	1,103	664	600	670	644	776
Midwest (PADD II)	1,876	1,813	2,036	1,968	1,974	271	256	302	298	291
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,422	3,609	3,700	3,672	3,806	674	600	739	776	796
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	275	272	262	244	271	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,461	1,463	1,349	1,400	1,437	1,001	1,036	966	1,006	990
U.S. Total	8,040	8,132	8,406	8,424	8,590	2,610	2,492	2,677	2,724	2,853

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

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/29/00	09/29/99	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/22/00	09/29/00	09/29/99
East Coast (PADD I)	48.8	48.6	48.8	52.4	53.8	16.0	14.7	16.8	17.1	15.9
Midwest (PADD II)	50.4	48.5	48.3	50.0	56.5	2.4	2.1	1.5	1.8	1.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	59.8	57.8	60.4	59.9	61.2	9.7	9.9	10.6	10.8	11.3
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	27.1	27.0	27.4	27.6	29.3	10.5	10.6	10.8	11.0	11.5
U.S. Total	191.8	187.6	190.6	195.6	206.7	38.5	37.3	39.7	40.8	40.4

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices declined on U.S. markets last week, largely tracking a drop in crude oil prices. U.S. petroleum markets generally declined through Thursday, September 28, following the announcement the previous Friday of a swap arrangement releasing 30 million barrels of crude from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. A promise from Saudi Arabia to keep prices in check helped extend the decline, while new tensions involving Iraq contributed to market firming through Monday, October 2. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline fell 4.45 cents for the week to 88.33 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price dropped 4.50 cents to 114.50 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell for a second straight week, dropping 2.4 cents to 152.4 cents per gallon as of October 2, 2000. The average was the lowest since late August, but 26.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices decreased solidly for most regions and formulations.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	10/02/00	10/04/99	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	10/02/00	10/04/99
New York	99.88	97.68	92.78	88.33	68.53	99.98	97.78	93.50	90.18	69.35
Chicago	96.84	94.50	85.56	85.00	62.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	95.63	91.36	88.60	83.68	62.78	101.45	94.73	90.13	85.25	64.22
Los Angeles	135.00	117.50	114.00	109.50	74.50	140.00	122.50	119.00	114.50	77.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

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

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	10/02/00	10/04/99	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/25/00	10/02/00	10/04/99
East Coast (PADD I)	147.9	148.5	148.3	147.1	121.3	159.1	159.0	158.7	157.4	129.6
Midwest (PADD II)	155.3	155.4	151.4	146.9	122.4	155.0	153.5	150.9	146.7	126.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	146.2	146.6	147.3	144.8	121.2	145.1	145.2	143.5	143.8	119.1
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	158.6	162.1	163.1	162.4	136.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	170.9	170.9	171.2	171.1	137.1	183.6	182.2	182.3	182.3	137.2
U.S. Average	152.9	153.4	151.8	149.0	123.6	163.2	162.4	161.5	160.1	129.7

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

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