



# Motor Gasoline Watch

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## SUPPLY

- An increase in demand, along with flat to lower production levels and reduced imports, resulted in a stock decrease last week. Total motor gasoline stocks were down 3.1 million barrels to end the week at 192.3 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline dropped 2.0 million barrels to a total of 36.6 million barrels and stocks of other finished (conventional) gasoline fell 1.7 million barrels to a total of 109.3 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 45.4 million barrels, 1.0 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 3.2 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Total imports of motor gasoline averaged 464 thousand barrels per day, of which 119 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 167 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				
	08/24/01	08/31/01	09/07/01	09/14/01	09/15/00	08/24/01	08/31/01	09/07/01	09/14/01	09/15/00
East Coast (PADD I)	867	924	933	<b>995</b>	974	480	536	599	<b>572</b>	600
Midwest (PADD II)	1,896	1,935	1,926	<b>1,953</b>	1,813	244	272	241	<b>300</b>	256
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,701	3,557	3,720	<b>3,688</b>	3,609	736	659	566	<b>656</b>	600
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	254	270	266	<b>261</b>	272	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,417	1,363	1,417	<b>1,347</b>	1,463	1,012	985	1,040	<b>965</b>	1,036
U.S. Total	8,136	8,050	8,263	<b>8,245</b>	8,132	2,472	2,452	2,446	<b>2,493</b>	2,492

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

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	08/24/01	08/31/01	09/07/01	09/14/01	09/14/00	08/24/01	08/31/01	09/07/01	09/14/01	09/14/00
East Coast (PADD I)	54.9	54.0	53.7	<b>49.8</b>	52.5	21.3	18.5	18.1	<b>16.4</b>	17.9
Midwest (PADD II)	48.3	48.8	49.9	<b>48.0</b>	47.9	2.3	1.9	2.0	<b>1.9</b>	1.9
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	57.7	56.8	57.5	<b>60.6</b>	61.1	9.2	9.6	8.2	<b>8.2</b>	9.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.4	5.7	5.6	<b>5.7</b>	5.6	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	29.6	29.4	28.6	<b>28.2</b>	28.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	<b>10.1</b>	11.2
U.S. Total	195.9	194.7	195.4	<b>192.3</b>	195.5	43.3	40.4	38.6	<b>36.6</b>	40.4

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR)*.

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## PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices were mixed last week, although the market was closed for most of the week due to the terrorist attacks. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline rose 3.09 cents to 85.67 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price rose 7.00 cents to finish at 112.50 cents per gallon.
- Retail prices spiked in some parts of the U.S. following Tuesday's terrorist attacks, but prices came down quickly, as they were not based on an actual supply disruption. The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline gained 0.2 cent to end at 152.9 cents per gallon, rising for the fifth time in six weeks. The average was 3.3 cents lower than a year ago, and 18.4 cents lower than its peak on May 14. Retail prices were mixed for the week, with the Midwest seeing a large decrease in the RFG price.

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

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	08/27/01	09/04/01	09/10/01	09/17/01	09/18/00	08/27/01	09/04/01	09/10/01	09/17/01	09/18/00
New York	83.38	<sup>1</sup> 76.84	82.58	<b>85.67</b>	97.68	83.60	<sup>1</sup> 78.34	83.58	<b>85.67</b>	97.78
Chicago	117.50	<sup>1</sup> 92.35	103.55	<b>96.55</b>	94.50	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	86.50	<sup>1</sup> 82.28	84.68	<b>79.30</b>	91.36	86.32	<sup>1</sup> 87.85	86.55	<b>81.30</b>	94.73
Los Angeles	114.00	<sup>1</sup> 116.00	97.50	<b>104.50</b>	117.50	119.00	<sup>1</sup> 121.00	105.50	<b>112.50</b>	122.50

Source: Reuters Information Services.

<sup>1</sup> Spot prices are for September 4, 2001, due to the Labor Day holiday.

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

District	Conventional Areas					Reformulated Areas				
	08/27/01	09/03/01	09/10/01	09/17/01	09/18/00	08/27/01	09/03/01	09/10/01	09/17/01	09/18/00
East Coast (PADD I)	132.9	137.9	137.6	<b>139.7</b>	148.5	145.1	144.8	144.6	<b>144.3</b>	159.0
Midwest (PADD II)	165.2	170.7	162.8	<b>161.6</b>	155.6	171.6	180.9	174.1	<b>170.8</b>	153.2
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	133.5	138.9	139.3	<b>140.0</b>	146.8	130.7	134.9	135.3	<b>137.5</b>	145.2
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	149.5	156.8	157.5	<b>157.7</b>	161.2	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	150.4	159.4	163.1	<b>166.0</b>	171.1	152.9	163.5	167.0	<b>166.5</b>	182.2
U.S. Average	148.0	153.8	151.1	<b>151.6</b>	153.9	150.5	155.9	155.9	<b>155.4</b>	162.4

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

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