



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Stocks finished higher last week despite an increase in demand. Total motor gasoline stocks were up 3.1 million barrels to end the week at 203.9 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline rose 2.8 million barrels to a total of 40.0 million barrels and stocks of other finished (conventional) gasoline declined 0.1 million barrels to a total of 116.6 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 46.8 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 7.2 million barrels above the level for the same week last year. Total imports of motor gasoline averaged 955 thousand barrels per day, of which 176 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 449 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				
	09/07/01	09/14/01	09/21/01	09/28/01	09/29/00	09/07/01	09/14/01	09/21/01	09/28/01	09/29/00
East Coast (PADD I)	933	995	1,162	1,122	1,139	599	572	636	550	644
Midwest (PADD II)	1,926	1,953	2,013	1,986	1,968	241	300	240	272	298
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,720	3,688	3,658	3,738	3,672	566	656	614	730	776
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	266	261	292	260	244	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,417	1,347	1,319	1,348	1,400	1,040	965	999	966	1,006
U.S. Total	8,263	8,245	8,445	8,455	8,424	2,446	2,493	2,489	2,518	2,724

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

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	09/07/01	09/14/01	09/21/01	09/28/01	09/28/00	09/07/01	09/14/01	09/21/01	09/28/01	09/28/00
East Coast (PADD I)	53.7	49.8	51.8	54.0	52.7	18.1	16.4	15.6	17.2	18.8
Midwest (PADD II)	49.9	48.0	51.7	52.6	48.0	2.0	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.6
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	57.5	60.6	63.3	62.5	61.2	8.2	8.2	10.0	10.4	9.8
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	28.6	28.2	28.3	28.8	29.4	10.3	10.1	10.2	10.7	12.0
U.S. Total	195.4	192.3	200.8	203.9	196.7	38.6	36.6	37.2	40.0	42.1

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

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices were mixed last week as OPEC chose not to decrease its production quota despite slipping crude oil prices. Large increases in gasoline stocks may indicate a reduction in travel, as uncertainty about future gasoline supplies fluctuates with speculation about the imminent conflict. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline rose 2.70 cents to 66.43 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price dropped 2.5 cents to finish at 83.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell 6.9 cents to end at 141.6 cents per gallon. The average was 10.8 cents lower than a year ago, and 29.7 cents lower than its peak on May 14. Retail prices were down for the week, with the Midwest seeing the largest decreases.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	09/10/01	09/17/01	09/24/01	10/01/01	10/02/00	09/10/01	09/17/01	09/24/01	10/01/01	10/02/00
New York	82.58	85.67	63.73	66.43	88.33	83.58	85.67	63.85	66.73	90.18
Chicago	103.55	96.55	71.75	74.35	85.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	84.68	79.30	R 60.33	61.18	83.68	86.55	81.30	R 62.85	63.10	85.25
Los Angeles	97.50	104.50	78.50	76.00	109.50	105.50	112.50	85.50	83.00	114.50

Source: Reuters Information Services.
R = Revised

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

District	Conventional Areas					Reformulated Areas				
	09/10/01	09/17/01	09/24/01	10/01/01	10/02/00	09/10/01	09/17/01	09/24/01	10/01/01	10/02/00
East Coast (PADD I)	137.6	139.7	137.3	132.6	147.1	144.6	144.3	143.5	140.2	157.4
Midwest (PADD II)	162.8	161.6	150.7	137.6	147.0	174.1	170.8	164.4	153.2	146.5
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	139.3	140.0	137.2	131.7	144.9	135.3	137.5	135.9	132.4	143.8
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	157.5	157.7	155.8	152.8	160.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	163.1	166.0	164.7	160.8	171.2	167.0	166.5	165.3	161.8	182.3
U.S. Average	151.1	151.6	146.0	138.1	149.8	155.9	155.4	153.4	148.7	160.1

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