



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Stocks decreased last week despite higher production levels. Total motor gasoline stocks were down 1.4 million barrels to end the week at 206.9 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline rose 2.8 million barrels to a total of 44.2 million barrels while stocks of other finished (conventional) gasoline fell 1.9 million barrels to a total of 117.0 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 45.2 million barrels, 2.0 million barrels below the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 18.6 million barrels above the level for the same week last year. Total imports of motor gasoline averaged 776 thousand barrels per day, of which 241 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 382 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				
	10/12/01	10/19/01	10/26/01	11/02/01	11/03/00	10/12/01	10/19/01	10/26/01	11/02/01	11/03/00
East Coast (PADD I)	1,094	1,003	981	1,333	980	683	642	607	818	693
Midwest (PADD II)	2,021	1,969	1,931	1,859	1,914	263	269	255	262	247
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,822	3,807	3,855	3,785	3,633	703	660	786	753	738
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	262	264	251	247	265	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,363	1,386	1,404	1,407	1,267	959	970	945	1,019	902
U.S. Total	8,562	8,429	8,422	8,631	8,059	2,608	2,541	2,593	2,852	2,580

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

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	10/12/01	10/19/01	10/26/01	11/02/01	11/02/00	10/12/01	10/19/01	10/26/01	11/02/01	11/02/00
East Coast (PADD I)	52.8	53.7	53.7	55.5	48.3	17.6	18.6	17.4	20.1	14.9
Midwest (PADD II)	53.5	54.4	53.2	52.4	47.0	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.2	1.5
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	65.1	63.2	63.8	61.6	59.2	10.8	10.6	10.6	10.4	11.1
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.5	5.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	30.8	31.0	30.8	31.0	28.2	12.0	11.6	11.1	11.5	11.4
U.S. Total	208.3	208.9	208.3	206.9	188.3	42.3	42.8	41.4	44.2	38.8

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

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices were down last week, despite continuing talk of an OPEC production cut. A large crude stock build on October 26 outweighed a small decrease in gasoline inventories. Prices stayed down despite the fact that EIA's four-week average of implied demand for gasoline on October 26 was 2.6 percent higher than this time last year. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline fell 5.08 cents to 51.80 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price decreased 10.50 cents to finish at 72.50 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell 2.9 cents to end at 120.6 cents per gallon, which is 32.0 cents lower than this time last year. Retail prices were down for the week, with prices falling significantly throughout the country.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	10/15/01	10/22/01	10/29/01	11/05/01	11/06/00	10/15/01	10/22/01	10/29/01	11/05/01	11/06/00
New York	59.03	58.85	56.88	51.80	96.55	59.88	59.60	57.88	53.10	97.05
Chicago	58.95	58.35	57.70	54.53	88.75	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	55.60	55.33	54.36	50.28	87.98	57.40	57.68	56.81	50.93	89.93
Los Angeles	69.00	78.50	77.00	66.50	127.00	75.00	84.50	83.00	72.50	132.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

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

District	Conventional Areas					Reformulated Areas				
	10/15/01	10/22/01	10/29/01	11/05/01	11/06/00	10/15/01	10/22/01	10/29/01	11/05/01	11/06/00
East Coast (PADD I)	123.3	119.0	115.7	112.7	145.4	134.0	130.7	127.6	124.0	156.3
Midwest (PADD II)	120.5	116.5	114.6	113.5	150.2	135.2	127.4	122.6	119.9	151.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	123.4	117.5	114.6	111.6	143.3	124.4	119.1	116.2	111.4	140.3
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	146.5	141.8	137.3	132.4	161.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	154.2	151.3	148.6	145.7	169.1	154.5	150.0	146.4	141.8	178.5
U.S. Average	126.4	122.1	119.3	117.0	150.2	140.1	135.5	131.9	128.0	159.4

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

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