U.S. gasoline prices increase (long version)

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose to $3.61 a gallon on Monday. That’s up 7.8 cents from a week ago, based on the weekly price survey by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Pump prices were highest in the West Coast states at 4.31 a gallon, up 7.8 cents from a week ago. Prices were lowest in the Gulf Coast region at 3.31 a gallon, up 7 cents.

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