U.S. gasoline prices increase for first time in a month (long version)

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose for the first time in a month to $2.49 a gallon on Monday. That’s up 7.7 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 2.97 a gallon, up 4.6 cents from a week ago. Prices were lowest in the Gulf Coast states at 2.24 a gallon, up 5.4 cents.

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