U.S. gasoline price continues to increase (long version)

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose to $2.17 a gallon on Monday. That’s up 4 1/2 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 2.75 a gallon, up 3.4 cents from a week ago. Prices were lowest in the Gulf Coast states at 1.87 a gallon, up 5 1/2 cents.

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