**U.S. gasoline price increase for first time since August (long version)**

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose for the first time since August to $2.34 a gallon on Monday. That’s up 1.9 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, down 3.7 cents from a week ago. Prices were lowest in the Gulf Coast states at 2.05 a gallon, up 1.6 cents.

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