U.S. gasoline prices continue to increase (long version)

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose to $2.31 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 2.59 a gallon, up 2.9 cents from a week ago. Prices were lowest in the Gulf Coast states at 2.08 a gallon, up 2.7 cents.

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