

Fuel Price Report

December 2009



FUEL PRICE REPORT DECEMBER 2009

Having reached a new high for this time of year, the price of petrol and diesel has now started to fall. UK petrol prices that averaged 108.99 on 7 December have fallen by less than a penny. However, wholesale petrol prices have fallen 2p a litre since the start of the month and the cheapest fuel between neighbouring towns can vary by as much as 5p a litre. Crude oil is \$75 a barrel

Unleaded prices have fallen slightly by 0.4ppl from 108.7ppl to 108.3ppl. **Diesel** prices have also fallen, by 0.1ppl, from 110.0ppl to 109.9ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has risen from 1.3ppl to 1.6ppl.

London recorded the highest price for **unleaded** at 109.2ppl. The **North West** recorded the lowest price for **unleaded** at 107.3ppl. **Northern Ireland** recorded the highest **diesel** price at 110.6ppl. The **North West** and **Yorkshire and Humberside** have the cheapest **diesel** at 109.0ppl.

Supermarket prices for **unleaded** fell over the month by 1.3ppl to 106.3ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for **unleaded** has risen to 2.0ppl.

Overseas prices have also fallen. The UK has the tenth highest **unleaded** price in Europe and the second highest **diesel** price.

Garages and Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane (pence)		Diesel (pence)		Super Unleaded (pence)		LPG (pence)
	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres
Northern Ireland	108.9	495.1	110.6	502.80	118.9	540.5	N/A
Scotland	107.6	489.2	110.2	500.98	113.7	516.9	55.5
Wales	108.5	493.3	110.2	500.98	113.4	515.5	54.7
North	107.7	489.6	109.6	498.25	115.2	523.7	55.6
North West	107.3	487.8	109.0	495.52	115.2	523.7	55.7
Yorkshire & Humberside	107.5	488.7	109.0	495.52	114.7	521.4	54.2
West Midlands	108.3	492.3	109.7	498.71	115.8	526.4	57.2
East Midlands	108.3	492.3	109.7	498.71	115.2	523.7	59.3
East Anglia	108.7	494.2	110.1	500.52	115.6	525.5	59.4
South East	108.9	495.1	110.2	500.98	115.2	523.7	58.2
South West	108.6	493.7	110.2	500.98	115.0	522.8	57.8
London	109.2	496.4	110.2	500.98	115.7	526.0	59.3
UK AVERAGE	108.3	492.3	109.9	499.62	115.2	523.7	57.4
Per cent taken as Tax		64.9		64.17		61.8	

Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane		Diesel		Super unleaded		LPG
	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres
SUPERMARKET AVERAGE	106.3	483.2	107.9	490.5	111.3	506.0	53.8
Per cent taken as Tax		65.9		65.12		63.5	

The AA Public Affairs Fuel Price Report uses data sourced from Experian Catalist (www.catalist.com)
They are an average of mid-month prices from the respective regions.

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OVERSEAS PRICE COMPARISONS

Using currency exchange rates as at 17 December 2009 quoted in local currency and UK pence equivalent.

Source of overseas price comparisons: European prices - European Road Information Centre (Geneva), and based on figures as at 17 December 2009. USA prices - Energy Information Administration, US Dept. of Energy – as at 14 December 2009.

FUEL PRICES IN EUROPE AND THE USA

Country	Currency	Local Currency per litre		UK pence per litre	
		Unleaded	Diesel	Unleaded	Diesel
Austria	Euro	1.12	1.03	99.50	91.57
Belgium	Euro	1.27	1.01	113.39	89.61
Czech Republic	Czech Koruna	28.30	26.70	95.94	90.52
Denmark	Danish Krone	10.03	8.67	120.10	103.81
Finland	Euro	1.31	1.02	116.87	90.59
France	Euro	1.26	1.14	112.14	101.54
Germany	Euro	1.29	1.08	114.46	96.56
Greece	Euro	1.07	0.97	95.67	86.58
Netherlands	Euro	1.43	1.09	127.73	97.00
Hungary	Forint	296.00	278.00	94.66	88.90
Ireland	Euro	1.19	1.09	105.73	97.00
Italy	Euro	1.28	1.18	114.01	104.84
Luxembourg	Euro	1.05	0.87	93.71	77.32
Estonia	Kroons	16.10	15.85	91.54	90.12
Norway	Norwegian Krone	12.10	10.90	128.08	115.38
Latvia	Lats	0.71	0.67	89.40	84.34
Lithuania	Litas	3.64	3.06	93.67	78.75
Poland	Zloty	4.26	3.79	90.43	80.45
Slovakia	Euro	1.18	1.14	105.29	101.37
Slovenia	Euro	1.12	1.05	99.76	93.53
Portugal	Euro	1.29	1.02	114.55	91.03
Spain	Euro	1.08	0.97	96.20	86.40
Sweden	Swedish Krona	12.18	11.65	103.72	99.20
Switzerland	Swiss Francs	1.60	1.66	94.88	98.44
United States of America	US Dollars	0.6866	0.73	42.58	45.03
Malta	Euro	1.11	0.96	98.87	85.51
Bulgaria	Leva	1.92	1.86	87.47	84.74

Note: We receive international prices to 3 decimal places and calculate the UK pence per litre on that price. Therefore, some countries will show the same price in their local currency to 2 decimal places, but the UK pence price could be slightly different.

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