

Fuel Price Report



March 2009

Petrol prices that had been soaring since the start of year have at last hit a level and fallen slightly. However, on April 1, fuel duty for both petrol and diesel will rise 1.84 pence per litre. The price of a barrel of oil has climbed to \$48.

Unleaded prices have fallen by 0.3ppl from 90.9ppl to 90.6ppl. **Diesel** prices have fallen by 1.0ppl, from 100.8ppl to 99.8ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has fallen from 9.9ppl to 9.2ppl.

Northern Ireland recorded the highest price for **unleaded** at 91.6ppl. The **North West** and **Yorkshire and Humberside** recorded the lowest price for **unleaded** at 90.2 ppl. **Scotland** recorded the highest **diesel** price at 100.1ppl. **Northern Ireland** has the cheapest **diesel** at 99.1ppl.

Supermarket prices for **unleaded** rose slightly over the month by 0.1ppl to 89.2ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for **unleaded** has fallen to 1.4ppl.

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

Garages and Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane (pence)		Diesel (pence)		Super Unleaded (pence)		LPG (pence)
	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	
Northern Ireland	91.6	416.4	99.1	450.52	99.1	450.5	N/A
Scotland	90.7	412.3	100.1	455.06	96.1	436.9	51.4
Wales	91	413.7	99.7	453.25	96.5	438.7	49
North	90.5	411.4	99.8	453.70	97.4	442.8	49.2
North West	90.2	410.1	99.5	452.34	97.4	442.8	51.4
Yorkshire & Humberside	90.2	410.1	99.4	451.88	98	445.5	51.4
West Midlands	90.5	411.4	99.7	453.25	97.7	444.2	50.4
East Midlands	90.5	411.4	99.8	453.70	96.9	440.5	53.3
East Anglia	90.5	411.4	100	454.61	96.9	440.5	51.5
South East	90.6	411.9	99.9	454.15	97	441.0	51.8
South West	90.9	413.2	100	454.61	97	441.0	53.3
London	90.6	411.9	100	454.61	96.9	440.5	51.7
UK AVERAGE	90.6	411.9	99.8	453.70	97.1	441.4	51.4
Per cent taken as Tax	70.8		65.50		67.0		

Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane		Diesel		Super unleaded		LPG
	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	
SUPERMARKET AVERAGE	89.2	405.5	98.6	448.2	93.7	426.0	48.5
Per cent taken as Tax	71.3		65.96		68.6		

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.

OVERSEAS PRICE COMPARISONS

Using currency exchange rates as at 17 March 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 March 2009. USA prices - Energy Information Administration, US Dept. of Energy – as at 16 March 2009.

FUEL PRICES IN EUROPE AND THE USA

Country	Currency	Local Currency per litre		UK pence per litre	
		Unleaded	Diesel	Unleaded	Diesel
Austria	Euro	0.95	0.91	87.63	84.20
Belgium	Euro	1.20	0.99	111.65	91.71
Czech Republic	Czech Koruna	25.20	24.80	87.77	86.37
Denmark	Danish Krone	8.96	7.86	111.45	97.77
Finland	Euro	1.20	0.93	110.82	85.96
France	Euro	1.15	1.04	106.27	96.35
Germany	Euro	1.19	1.01	110.63	93.47
Greece	Euro	0.88	0.91	81.60	84.57
Netherlands	Euro	1.31	0.98	121.67	90.79
Hungary	Forint	257.00	250.00	80.12	77.94
Ireland	Euro	1.01	0.97	94.03	89.95
Italy	Euro	1.17	1.10	108.87	101.73
Luxembourg	Euro	0.91	0.88	84.48	81.60
Estonia	Kroons	12.80	13.50	75.84	79.99
Norway	Norwegian Krone	11.50	10.90	121.66	115.31
Latvia	Lats	0.63	0.63	83.42	83.42
Lithuania	Litas	3.28	2.92	88.10	78.43
Poland	Zloty	3.80	3.67	78.29	75.61
Slovakia	Koroan	0.99	1.08	91.34	100.15
Slovenia	Euro	0.96	0.95	89.02	88.10
Portugal	Euro	1.16	0.98	107.20	90.79
Spain	Euro	0.87	0.88	80.68	81.60
Sweden	Swedish Krona	11.19	10.89	94.69	92.16
Switzerland	Swiss Francs	1.38	1.50	83.18	90.42
United States of America	US Dollars	0.50461	0.53	35.91	37.92
Malta	Euro	0.97	0.94	89.95	87.17
Bulgaria	Leva	1.73	1.66	82.03	78.71

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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