

Fuel Price Report



May 2009

Oil prices rising to \$60 a barrel have helped to put petrol prices back on the road to £1 a litre. Although the UK average has gone up to approaching 98p a litre, the £1 litre has already arrived at some motorway service stations and rural areas. Diesel prices continue to rise but at a much slower rate due to over-supply.

Unleaded prices have risen by 2.7ppl from 95.0ppl to 97.9ppl. **Diesel** prices have risen by 0.8ppl, from 102.7ppl to 103.5ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has fallen from 7.7ppl to 5.8ppl.

Northern Ireland again recorded the highest price for **unleaded** at 98.1ppl. **Yorkshire and Humberside** recorded the lowest price for **unleaded** at 97.3 ppl. **London** and **East Anglia** recorded the highest **diesel** price at 104ppl. **Northern Ireland** has the cheapest **diesel** at 102.6ppl.

Supermarket prices for **unleaded** rose over the month by 2.4ppl to 95.7ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for **unleaded** has risen to 2.0ppl.

Overseas prices have also risen. The UK has the eleventh 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	98.1	446.0	102.6	466.43	102.8	467.3	N/A
Scotland	97.5	443.2	103.5	470.52	103.0	468.2	51.1
Wales	98.0	445.5	103.6	470.97	103.2	469.2	48.9
North	97.4	442.8	103.2	469.16	104.4	474.6	49.8
North West	97.4	442.8	102.9	467.79	103.9	472.3	52.3
Yorkshire & Humberside	97.3	442.3	102.7	466.88	104.4	474.6	51.5
West Midlands	97.8	444.6	103.3	469.61	104.2	473.7	52.9
East Midlands	97.4	442.8	103.5	470.52	104.0	472.8	54.8
East Anglia	97.7	444.2	104.0	472.79	103.8	471.9	53.7
South East	97.9	445.1	103.9	472.34	103.6	471.0	53.0
South West	98.0	445.5	103.8	471.88	104.0	472.8	54.7
London	97.8	444.6	104.0	472.79	104.1	473.2	53.1
UK AVERAGE	97.7	444.2	103.5	470.52	103.8	471.9	52.6
Per cent taken as Tax	68.5		63.62		63.5		

Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane		Diesel		Super unleaded		LPG
	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres
SUPERMARKET AVERAGE	95.7	435.1	101.5	461.4	100.1	455.1	49.0
Per cent taken as Tax	69.7		64.50		65.2		

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

OVERSEAS PRICE COMPARISONS

Using currency exchange rates as at 19 May 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 15 May 2009. USA prices - Energy Information Administration, US Dept. of Energy – as at 18 May 2009.

FUEL PRICES IN EUROPE AND THE USA

Country	Currency	Local Currency per litre		UK pence per litre	
		Unleaded	Diesel	Unleaded	Diesel
Austria	Euro	1.02	0.95	89.43	83.72
Belgium	Euro	1.28	0.98	112.54	86.45
Czech Republic	Czech Koruna	26.50	25.70	87.42	84.78
Denmark	Danish Krone	9.94	8.40	117.27	99.10
Finland	Euro	1.29	0.98	113.68	85.65
France	Euro	1.22	1.07	106.74	93.56
Germany	Euro	1.26	1.04	110.60	91.45
Greece	Euro	0.93	0.94	81.97	82.23
Netherlands	Euro	1.42	1.04	124.31	91.19
Hungary	Forint	267.00	257.00	84.53	81.37
Ireland	Euro	1.06	1.00	93.47	87.76
Italy	Euro	1.23	1.15	108.23	100.59
Luxembourg	Euro	0.91	0.88	80.03	77.31
Estonia	Kroons	13.90	13.35	78.00	74.91
Norway	Norwegian Krone	11.30	10.40	113.08	104.07
Latvia	Lats	0.67	0.63	83.34	78.34
Lithuania	Litas	3.53	3.08	89.78	78.34
Poland	Zloty	3.99	3.52	80.05	70.62
Slovakia	Euro	1.06	1.06	92.77	93.21
Slovenia	Euro	1.01	0.99	88.73	86.71
Portugal	Euro	1.20	0.96	105.33	84.16
Spain	Euro	0.96	0.88	84.34	77.31
Sweden	Swedish Krona	12.39	11.29	103.78	94.56
Switzerland	Swiss Francs	1.50	1.54	86.99	89.31
United States of America	US Dollars	0.61	0.59	39.33	38.01
Malta	Euro	0.99	0.95	86.97	83.46
Bulgaria	Leva	1.85	1.74	83.00	78.06

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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