# **Fuel Price Report**

#### December 2014



An intense pump price battle between supermarkets and some independent retailers has produced the third biggest monthly fall in the price of petrol during the past 25 years. Average petrol prices are back to levels last seen in the autumn of 2010.

**Unleaded** prices are down 6.6p from 122.9 ppl to 116.3 ppl. **Diesel** prices have fallen 5.2p from 127.4 ppl to 122.2 ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has increased to 5.9 ppl.

**East Anglia** has recorded the highest price for **unleaded** at 117.1 ppl. The **South West** has recorded the lowest price for **unleaded** at 116.1 ppl. **Scotland** has recorded the highest **diesel** price at 122.7 ppl. **Northern Ireland** has the cheapest **diesel** at 121.8 ppl.

Supermarket prices for **unleaded** have fallen to 114.2 ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for **unleaded** has grown to 2.1 ppl.

| Garages and Supermarkets | Unleaded 95 Octane<br>(pence) |           | Diesel<br>(pence) |           | Super Unleaded (pence) |           | LPG<br>(pence) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                          | litres                        | (gallons) | litres            | (gallons) | litres                 | (gallons) | litres         |
| Northern Ireland         | 116.4                         | 529.2     | 121.8             | 553.71    | 128.3                  | 583.3     | 0.0            |
| Scotland                 | 116.2                         | 528.3     | 122.7             | 557.81    | 125.2                  | 569.2     | 69.5           |
| Wales                    | 116.4                         | 529.2     | 122.5             | 556.90    | 124.9                  | 567.8     | 60.0           |
| North                    | 116.2                         | 528.3     | 122.2             | 555.53    | 130.2                  | 591.9     | 62.6           |
| North West               | 116.6                         | 530.1     | 122.0             | 554.62    | 129.2                  | 587.4     | 0.0            |
| Yorkshire & Humberside   | 116.2                         | 528.3     | 121.9             | 554.17    | 132.5                  | 602.4     | 60.7           |
| West Midlands            | 116.8                         | 531.0     | 122.2             | 555.53    | 129.0                  | 586.4     | 65.2           |
| East Midlands            | 116.8                         | 531.0     | 122.4             | 556.44    | 128.5                  | 584.2     | 71.5           |
| East Anglia              | 117.1                         | 532.3     | 122.5             | 556.90    | 125.9                  | 572.4     | 0.0            |
| South East               | 116.2                         | 528.3     | 122.1             | 555.08    | 124.8                  | 567.4     | 65.6           |
| South West               | 116.1                         | 527.8     | 122.3             | 555.99    | 126.4                  | 574.6     | 67.4           |
| London                   | 116.2                         | 528.3     | 122.1             | 555.08    | 125.0                  | 568.3     | 65.5           |
| UK AVERAGE               | 116.3                         | 528.7     | 122.2             | 555.53    | 126.5                  | 575.1     | 64.8           |
| Per cent taken as Tax    |                               | 66.5      |                   | 64.09     |                        | 62.5      |                |

| Supermarkets          | Unleaded 95 Octane |           | Diesel |           | Super unleaded |           | LPG    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------------|-----------|--------|
|                       | Litres             | (gallons) | litres | (gallons) | litres         | (gallons) | litres |
| SUPERMARKET AVERAGE   | 114.2              | 519.2     | 120.1  | 546.0     | 119.4          | 542.8     | 61.4   |
|                       |                    |           |        |           |                |           |        |
| Per cent taken as Tax |                    | 67.4      |        | 64.92     |                | 65.2      |        |

The AA Public Affairs Fuel Price Report uses data sourced from Experian Catalist (<u>www.catalist.com</u>)

They are an average of mid-month prices from the respective regions.

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#### **OVERSEAS PRICE COMPARISONS**

Source of overseas price comparisons: European prices - European Road Information Centre (Geneva) and ec.europa weekly oil bulletins as at 23 and 15 December 2014 respectively. USA prices - Energy Information Administration, US Dept. of Energy – as at 15 December 2014.

### FUEL PRICES IN EUROPE AND THE USA

|                          |                 | Local Currency per litre |        | UK pence per litre |        |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Country                  | Currency        | Unleaded                 | Diesel | Unleaded           | Diesel |
| Austria                  | Euro            | 1.14                     | 1.12   | 89.13              | 87.57  |
| Belgium                  | Euro            | 1.37                     | 1.23   | 107.11             | 96.17  |
| Czech Republic           | Czech Koruna    | 33.12                    | 33.12  | 93.38              | 93.38  |
| Denmark                  | Danish Krone    | 9.99                     | 9.09   | 104.89             | 95.44  |
| Finland                  | Euro            | 1.40                     | 1.31   | 109.46             | 102.42 |
| France                   | Euro            | 1.28                     | 1.16   | 100.08             | 90.69  |
| Germany                  | Euro            | 1.35                     | 1.23   | 105.55             | 96.17  |
| Greece                   | Euro            | 1.57                     | 1.29   | 122.75             | 100.86 |
| Netherlands              | Euro            | 1.60                     | 1.30   | 125.09             | 101.64 |
| Hungary                  | Forint          | 342.00                   | 365.00 | 84.88              | 90.59  |
| Ireland                  | Euro            | 1.54                     | 1.45   | 120.40             | 113.37 |
| Italy                    | Euro            | 1.59                     | 1.49   | 124.31             | 116.49 |
| Luxembourg               | Euro            | 1.08                     | 1.00   | 84.44              | 78.18  |
| Estonia                  | Euro            | 1.04                     | 1.09   | 81.31              | 85.22  |
| Norway                   | Norwegian Krone | 14.53                    | 13.58  | 125.70             | 117.48 |
| Latvia                   | Euro            | 1.03                     | 1.04   | 80.53              | 81.31  |
| Lithuania                | Litas           | 4.02                     | 3.81   | 91.03              | 86.28  |
| Poland                   | Zloty           | 4.73                     | 4.69   | 86.24              | 85.52  |
| Slovakia                 | Euro            | 1.35                     | 1.23   | 105.55             | 96.17  |
| Slovenia                 | Euro            | 1.29                     | 1.26   | 100.86             | 98.51  |
| Portugal                 | Euro            | 1.42                     | 1.21   | 111.02             | 94.60  |
| Spain                    | Euro            | 1.16                     | 1.22   | 90.69              | 95.38  |
| Sweden                   | Swedish Krona   | 12.43                    | 12.72  | 103.10             | 105.51 |
| Switzerland              | Swiss Francs    | 1.53                     | 1.60   | 99.47              | 104.02 |
| United States of America | US Dollars      | 0.67                     | 0.90   | 43.04              | 57.82  |
| Malta                    | Euro            | 1.44                     | 1.36   | 112.58             | 106.33 |
| Bulgaria                 | Leva            | 2.28                     | 2.27   | 91.16              | 90.76  |
| Cyprus                   | Euro            | 1.26                     | 1.31   | 98.51              | 102.42 |
| Romania                  | New Leu         | 5.30                     | 5.50   | 92.34              | 95.82  |

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. Please note the unleaded prices for France, Germany and Finland are for E10. That's petrol containing 10 per cent ethanol.

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