

Table 11.8 Retail Motor Gasoline Prices in Selected Countries, 1990-2008

(Nominal Dollars ¹ per Gallon)

Year	Regular Unleaded									Premium Unleaded ²						
	Australia	Canada	China	Germany	Japan	Mexico	South Korea	Taiwan	United States	France	Italy	South Africa	Spain	Thailand	United Kingdom	United States
1990	NA	1.87	NA	2.65	3.16	1.00	2.05	2.49	1.16	3.63	4.59	NA	NA	NA	2.82	1.35
1991	1.96	1.92	NA	2.90	3.46	1.30	2.49	2.39	1.14	3.45	4.50	NA	NA	NA	3.01	1.32
1992	1.89	1.73	NA	3.27	^R 3.58	1.50	2.65	2.42	1.13	^R 3.56	4.53	NA	3.50	1.35	3.06	1.32
1993	1.73	1.57	NA	3.07	^R 4.16	1.56	2.88	2.27	1.11	3.41	3.68	NA	3.01	1.26	2.84	1.30
1994	1.84	1.45	NA	3.52	^R 4.36	1.48	2.87	2.14	1.11	3.59	3.70	NA	2.99	1.21	2.99	1.31
1995	1.95	1.53	NA	3.96	4.43	1.11	2.94	2.23	1.15	4.26	4.00	NA	3.24	1.25	3.21	1.34
1996	2.12	1.61	NA	3.94	^R 3.64	1.25	3.18	2.15	1.23	4.41	4.39	NA	3.32	1.49	3.34	1.41
1997	2.05	1.62	NA	3.53	^R 3.26	1.47	3.34	2.23	1.23	4.00	4.07	1.72	3.01	1.27	3.83	1.42
1998	1.63	1.38	NA	3.34	^R 2.82	1.49	3.04	1.86	1.06	3.87	3.84	1.51	2.80	1.09	4.06	1.25
1999	1.72	1.52	NA	3.42	3.27	1.79	3.80	1.86	1.17	3.85	3.87	1.55	2.82	1.22	4.29	1.36
2000	1.94	1.86	NA	3.45	3.65	2.01	4.18	2.15	1.51	3.80	3.77	1.78	2.86	1.38	4.58	1.69
2001	1.71	1.72	1.22	3.40	3.27	2.20	3.76	2.02	1.46	3.51	3.57	1.59	2.73	1.33	4.13	1.66
2002	1.76	^R 1.69	1.21	3.67	3.15	2.24	3.84	1.93	1.36	3.62	3.74	1.41	2.90	1.35	4.16	1.56
2003	2.19	1.99	1.33	4.59	3.47	2.04	^R 4.11	2.16	1.59	4.35	4.53	1.91	3.49	1.52	4.70	1.78
2004	2.72	2.37	1.48	5.24	3.93	2.03	4.51	2.46	1.88	4.99	^R 5.29	2.58	4.09	1.76	5.56	2.07
2005	3.23	2.89	1.70	5.66	4.28	2.22	5.28	2.76	2.30	5.46	5.74	3.05	4.49	2.25	5.97	2.49
2006	3.54	3.26	2.11	6.03	4.47	2.31	5.92	3.05	2.59	5.88	6.10	3.42	4.84	2.76	6.36	2.81
2007	3.85	3.59	2.29	6.88	4.49	2.40	6.21	3.20	2.80	6.60	6.73	^R 3.64	5.36	3.20	7.13	3.03
2008	4.45	4.08	3.11	7.75	5.74	2.45	5.83	3.53	3.27	7.51	7.63	4.13	6.13	4.01	7.42	3.52

¹ See "Nominal Dollars" in Glossary.

² Research Octane Number (RON) of 95, except RON of 98 for the United States.

R=Revised. NA=Not available.

Notes: • Prices are those actually paid, i.e., net of rebates, and include transport costs and taxes which are not refundable. Prices in national currencies are converted to U.S. dollars using exchange rates published by the International Monetary Fund. • Prices for all countries, except the United States, have been converted from dollars per liter to dollars per gallon at 3.785412 liters per gallon. Comparisons between prices and price trends in different countries require care. They are of limited validity because of

fluctuations in exchange rates, differences in product quality, marketing practices, market structures, and the extent to which the standard categories of sales are representative of total national sales for a given period.

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Sources: • **United States:** Table 5.24. • **All Other Data:** International Energy Agency, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *Energy Prices & Taxes, Quarterly Statistics, First Quarter 2009, Part II, Section D, and Part III, Section B.*