

**Table 9.5 Refiner Prices of Residual Fuel Oil**  
(Nominal Cents<sup>a</sup> per Gallon, Excluding Taxes)

	Residual Fuel Oil Sulfur Content Less Than or Equal to 1 Percent		Residual Fuel Oil Sulfur Content Greater Than 1 Percent		Average	
	Sales for Resale	Sales to End Users	Sales for Resale	Sales to End Users	Sales for Resale	Sales to End Users
<b>1978 Average</b> .....	29.3	31.4	24.5	27.5	26.3	29.8
<b>1980 Average</b> .....	60.8	67.5	47.9	52.3	52.8	60.7
<b>1985 Average</b> .....	61.0	64.4	56.0	58.2	57.7	61.0
<b>1990 Average</b> .....	47.2	50.5	37.2	40.0	41.3	44.4
<b>1995 Average</b> .....	38.3	43.6	33.8	37.7	36.3	39.2
<b>1996 Average</b> .....	45.6	52.6	38.9	43.3	42.0	45.5
<b>1997 Average</b> .....	41.5	48.8	36.6	40.3	38.7	42.3
<b>1998 Average</b> .....	29.9	35.4	26.9	28.7	28.0	30.5
<b>1999 Average</b> .....	38.2	40.5	32.9	36.2	35.4	37.4
<b>2000 Average</b> .....	62.7	70.8	51.2	56.6	56.6	60.2
<b>2001 Average</b> .....	52.3	64.2	42.8	49.2	47.6	53.1
<b>2002 Average</b> .....	54.6	64.0	50.8	54.4	53.0	56.9
<b>2003 Average</b> .....	72.8	80.4	58.8	65.1	66.1	69.8
<b>2004 Average</b> .....	76.4	83.5	60.1	69.2	68.1	73.9
<b>2005 Average</b> .....	111.5	116.8	84.2	97.4	97.1	104.8
<b>2006 Average</b> .....	120.2	134.2	108.5	117.3	113.6	121.8
<b>2007</b> January .....	101.5	117.2	93.0	100.6	97.6	105.8
February .....	117.2	121.4	100.0	108.2	107.3	112.6
March .....	117.1	122.1	100.8	111.4	107.6	115.0
April .....	124.4	125.8	108.4	118.2	115.0	120.9
May .....	131.1	135.9	120.0	128.1	123.8	130.0
June .....	135.7	142.1	124.3	132.5	128.0	135.7
July .....	146.1	153.9	132.1	138.3	137.8	141.5
August .....	143.6	158.4	132.6	141.9	136.7	146.2
September .....	147.4	161.0	133.7	141.0	139.3	145.0
October .....	164.7	166.1	147.5	154.2	153.6	157.3
November .....	183.9	183.2	169.2	179.6	174.2	180.3
December .....	194.8	194.8	169.0	179.7	176.5	184.2
<b>Average</b> .....	<b>140.6</b>	<b>143.6</b>	<b>131.4</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>137.4</b>
<b>2008</b> January .....	199.7	203.9	166.2	178.3	176.4	185.9
February .....	187.0	200.4	162.5	172.0	171.4	180.2
March .....	195.6	204.8	171.7	188.1	176.9	193.4
April .....	213.9	222.1	182.2	190.4	188.0	198.3
May .....	232.2	234.9	198.9	206.9	204.2	213.2
June .....	257.8	265.8	218.1	233.3	227.4	243.4
July .....	283.3	294.5	254.2	265.7	263.6	272.4
August .....	254.6	300.5	244.5	255.4	248.6	269.4
September .....	217.5	266.6	218.0	230.0	217.9	241.2
October .....	157.4	216.6	160.3	175.9	159.2	185.9
November .....	103.6	165.4	97.1	105.5	100.4	122.5
December .....	101.0	121.1	78.4	87.7	87.6	102.1
<b>Average</b> .....	<b>191.8</b>	<b>214.4</b>	<b>184.3</b>	<b>188.9</b>	<b>186.6</b>	<b>196.4</b>
<b>2009</b> January .....	103.5	116.4	89.0	95.3	94.7	104.9
February .....	101.1	120.4	91.8	97.4	95.4	106.8
March .....	101.9	118.3	91.7	95.2	95.2	103.0
April .....	107.7	117.4	99.2	102.7	101.7	106.6
May .....	120.5	121.3	119.1	124.5	119.5	123.4
June .....	140.1	144.0	137.3	145.0	<sup>R</sup> 138.1	144.7
July .....	141.7	148.8	139.8	136.9	140.4	140.4

<sup>a</sup> See "Nominal Price" in Glossary.  
R=Revised.

Notes: • Sales for resale are those made to purchasers other than ultimate consumers. Sales to end users are those made directly to ultimate consumers, including bulk consumers (such as agriculture, industry, and electric utilities) and commercial consumers. • Values for the current month are preliminary. • Prices prior to 1983 are Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates. See Note 6,

"Historical Petroleum Prices," at end of section. • Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/prices.html> for all available data beginning in 1978.

Sources: • **1978-2008:** EIA, *Petroleum Marketing Annual 2008*, Table 16.  
• **2009:** EIA, *Petroleum Marketing Monthly*, October 2009, Table 16.