

**Table 19. U.S. Refiner Residual Fuel Oil Prices**  
(Cents per Gallon Excluding Taxes)

Year Month	Sulfur Less Than or Equal to 1 Percent		Sulfur Greater Than 1 Percent		Average	
	Sales to End Users	Sales for Resale	Sales to End Users	Sales for Resale	Sales to End Users	Sales for Resale
1978	31.4	29.3	27.5	24.5	29.8	26.3
1979	46.8	45.0	38.9	36.6	43.6	39.9
1980	67.5	60.8	52.3	47.9	60.7	52.8
1981	82.9	74.8	67.3	62.2	75.6	66.3
1982	74.7	69.5	61.1	57.2	67.6	61.2
1983	69.5	64.3	61.1	59.1	65.1	60.9
1984	72.0	68.5	65.9	63.9	68.7	65.4
1985	64.4	61.0	58.2	56.0	61.0	57.7
1986	37.2	32.8	31.7	28.9	34.3	30.5
1987	44.7	41.2	39.6	36.2	42.3	38.5
1988	37.2	33.3	30.0	27.1	33.4	30.0
1989	43.6	40.7	34.4	33.1	38.5	36.0
1990	50.5	47.2	40.0	37.2	44.4	41.3
1991	40.2	36.4	30.6	29.2	34.0	31.4
1992	38.9	35.1	31.2	28.6	33.6	30.8
1993	39.7	33.7	30.3	25.6	33.7	29.3
1994	40.1	34.5	33.0	28.7	35.2	31.7
1995	43.6	38.3	37.7	33.8	39.2	36.3
1996	52.6	45.6	43.3	38.9	45.5	42.0
1997	48.8	41.5	40.3	36.6	42.3	38.7
1998	35.4	29.9	28.7	26.9	30.5	28.0
1999	40.5	38.2	36.2	32.9	37.4	35.4
2000	70.8	62.7	56.6	51.2	60.2	56.6
2001	64.2	52.3	49.2	42.8	53.1	47.6
2002	64.0	54.6	54.4	50.8	56.9	53.0
<b>2003</b>						
January	86.6	79.7	71.2	NA	75.4	73.1
February	97.2	94.4	77.1	76.0	83.9	87.3
March	98.1	88.1	72.1	62.4	81.1	77.4
April	77.3	60.3	59.5	51.9	64.3	56.9
May	74.9	62.8	58.8	53.2	61.9	57.2
June	71.9	62.6	60.0	54.1	63.9	58.0
July	74.5	64.9	67.8	58.9	70.1	61.7
August	75.4	67.2	67.2	60.7	69.8	63.4
September	72.0	62.6	61.2	56.1	64.6	58.6
October	70.7	65.2	62.8	56.6	65.2	60.1
November	76.7	67.3	62.2	58.7	66.7	62.7
December	79.3	66.7	60.7	54.5	66.8	62.3
<b>2003</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>66.1</b>
<b>2004</b>						
January	84.3	75.3	65.0	57.6	71.6	69.0
February	80.6	76.3	64.1	59.3	70.3	69.7
March	76.3	67.3	62.6	57.1	67.5	62.8
April	75.7	69.7	64.8	58.5	68.8	64.6
May	80.7	77.8	69.9	63.2	73.0	69.5
June	80.5	77.0	71.6	63.0	74.2	70.1
July	78.2	73.7	69.3	60.6	71.7	66.8
August	81.8	77.4	70.1	61.1	73.5	68.4
September	90.3	76.5	70.7	61.8	77.5	67.9
October	91.5	89.2	81.0	69.5	83.2	78.6
November	96.6	88.6	75.2	59.2	82.5	71.2
December	87.2	77.6	66.7	54.4	75.7	62.6
<b>2004</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>68.1</b>
<b>2005</b>						
January	86.9	81.8	70.9	NA	77.2	72.1
February	90.8	87.9	75.3	NA	80.7	72.2
March	98.0	96.5	82.8	NA	89.8	82.9
April	106.6	103.4	93.3	80.1	97.8	89.6
May	112.2	95.0	98.4	86.6	103.1	89.1
June	111.8	100.3	96.2	84.4	101.9	90.5
July	116.8	113.8	97.3	87.8	105.1	101.1
August	129.2	133.1	100.0	90.7	110.6	115.1
September	138.4	140.2	115.8	103.6	125.2	121.9
October	142.7	139.6	119.8	108.8	127.9	124.7
November	134.3	126.5	111.7	99.3	120.4	111.4
December	134.6	129.3	109.6	105.7	119.5	119.6
<b>2005</b>	<b>116.8</b>	<b>111.5</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>97.1</b>

NA = Not available.

Sources: Energy Information Administration Form EIA-782A, "Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report," January 1983 forward; Form EIA-460, "Petroleum Industry Monthly Report for Product Prices," source for backcast estimates prior to January 1983.