

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 |
| 2003 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2003 | 80.4 | 72.8 | 65.1 | 58.8 | 69.8 | 66.1 |
| 2004 | | | | | | |
| January | 84.4 | 75.3 | 64.9 | 57.6 | 71.6 | 69.0 |
| February | 80.7 | 76.3 | 64.0 | 59.3 | 70.3 | 69.7 |
| March | 76.3 | 67.3 | 62.5 | 57.1 | 67.5 | 62.8 |
| April | 75.8 | 69.9 | 64.8 | 58.4 | 68.8 | 64.4 |
| May | 79.1 | 76.4 | 69.8 | 62.9 | 72.8 | 68.9 |
| June | 78.7 | 75.7 | 71.6 | 62.7 | 73.9 | 69.6 |
| July | 76.3 | 72.2 | 69.3 | 60.4 | 71.4 | 66.4 |
| August | 79.8 | 75.2 | 70.1 | 60.8 | 73.2 | 67.8 |
| September | 88.3 | 74.6 | 70.7 | 61.3 | 77.2 | 67.2 |
| October | 88.3 | 85.7 | 81.0 | 68.9 | 82.8 | 77.1 |
| November | 93.8 | 86.7 | 75.2 | 59.1 | 82.2 | 71.1 |
| December | 85.0 | 75.9 | 66.6 | 54.2 | 75.4 | 62.3 |
| 2004 | 82.4 | 75.6 | 69.2 | 60.0 | 73.8 | 67.9 |
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| January | 84.6 | 79.5 | 71.2 | 60.4 | 77.3 | 70.7 |
| February | 88.1 | 85.7 | 75.9 | 63.9 | 81.4 | 74.7 |

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.

Notes: Values shown for the current month are preliminary. Values shown for previous months are revised. Data are final upon publication in the *Petroleum Marketing Annual*.