

WEEKLY PETROL Prices report

Week ending 1 June 2025

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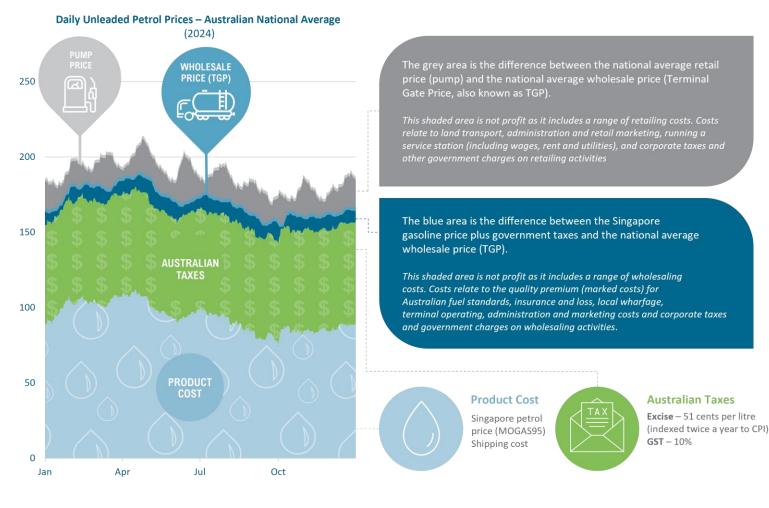
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## **The Australian Fuel Market - An Overall Snapshot**

Understanding Movements in Key Petrol Price Indicators

# The Chart below is a static snapshot from 2024 that demonstrates the movements in key market indicators relevant to the price of petrol in Australia.

The Australian refining sector is a price taker. Domestic prices are closely linked to relevant international prices. The Singapore benchmark price of petrol (MOGAS95) is the key price benchmark for petrol in Australia. As the chart below shows, MOGAS95 Petrol plus shipping costs and Australian taxes represents almost the entire wholesale price of petrol.



# Average Petrol retail price this week:176.4 centsAverage Petrol wholesale price this week:157.4 cents

### NOTES

(1) MOGAS95 PETROL: the international petrol prices are provided by the Argus Media Group, and represent the end of day assessment for the midpoint of Singapore prices for 95 Octane Petrol (MOGAS95). The Australian Institute of Petroleum obtains confidential proprietary data from the Argus Media group under license, from which data the Australian Institute of Petroleum conducts and publishes its own calculations and opinions. Argus makes no warranties, express or implied, as to the accuracy, adequacy, timeliness, or completeness of its data or the Australian Institute of Petroleum's calculations or opinions, or their fitness for any particular purpose. Argus shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising from any party's reliance on Argus' data or the Australian Institute of Petroleum's calculations and opinions, and disclaims any and all liability related to or arising out of use of Argus' data and/or the Australian Institute of Petroleum's calculations and opinions to the full extent permissible by law. For further information about Argus products and services, see www.argusmedia.com
(2) SHIPPING: AIP estimate, based on various sources (e.g. Argus, ACCC, Australian Petroleum Statistics and the Reserve Bank of Australia).

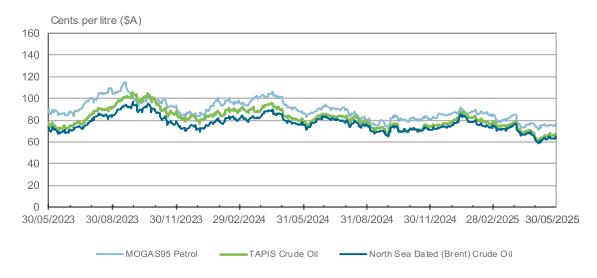
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(4) NATIONAL AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES: are derived from capital city prices weighted by fuel volume consumed in each State.

(5) NATIONAL AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES: are calculated as the weighted average of each State/Territory's metropolitan and non metropolitan retail petrol prices, with the weights based on the number of registered petrol vehicles in each of these regions.

### **International Market Trends**

### Figure 1: Comparison of Singapore petrol price (MOGAS95) with crude oil prices



NOTE: Australia is a significant part of the Asia-Pacific fuel market. The Australian market looks to Singapore, which is the regional refining and distribution centre, for relevant pricing benchmarks for petrol prices for unleaded petrol (Argus 95R gasoline/MOGAS95) and to Tapis and North Sea Dated (Brent) for crude oil. Argus Media publishes prices for Tapis and Dated Brent ("North Sea Dated" in Argus terminology). Countries across the Asia-Pacific region including Australia use North Sea Dated and its derivatives as benchmarks for crude oil contract purposes and spot transactions. For information on crude oil pricing in Asia see http://www.aip.com.au/pricing/crude.htm.

### Figure 2: Difference between market prices



MOGAS95 Petrol Price Minus North Sea Dated (Brent) Crude Oil price

NOTE: The refiner margin above is the difference between market prices for MOGAS95 and Brent. It is not a figure determined by refiners.

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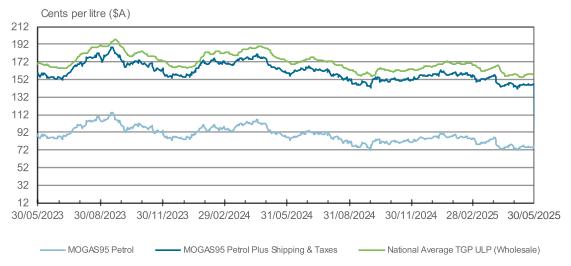
Cents per litre (A\$)	TAPIS CRUDE OIL	NORTH SEA DATED (BRENT) CRUDE OIL	MOGAS95 PETROL
Average: Last Week (to Friday 30/05/25)	66.2	63.4	75.2
Average: Previous Week (to Friday 23/05/25)	66.3	63.8	75.2
Average: Last 4 Weeks	65.0	62.7	74.8
Average: Last 12 Weeks	69.7	67.4	77.2
Average: Last 12 Months	75.9	73.2	82.7

### **PLEASE NOTE**

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## **Australian Wholesale Market Trends**

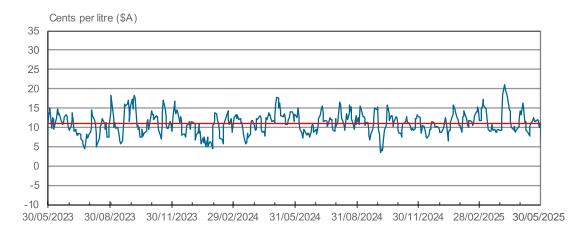
# Figure 3: Comparison of Australian TGP ULP (or 'wholesale price') with Singapore petrol price (MOGAS95 Petrol)



NOTE: The MOGAS95 Petrol prices and shipping rates are provided by Argus Media Group, see Notes on page 2.

### Figure 4: Difference between market prices

National Average TGP ULP minus MOGAS95 Petrol (plus shipping and taxes)



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n ---- Period Average

MOGAS95 PETROL	Cents per litre (A\$)	TGP ULP (National Average)	Cents per litre (A\$)
Average: Last Week (to Friday 30/05/25)	75.2	Average: Last Week (to Friday 30/05/25)	157.4
Average: Previous Week (to Friday 23/05/25)	75.2	Average: Previous Week (to Friday 23/05/25)	157.5
Average: Last 4 Weeks	74.8	Average: Last 4 Weeks	156.5
Average: Last 12 Weeks	77.2	Average: Last 12 Weeks	159.9
Average: Last 12 Months	82.7	Average: Last 12 Months	165.2

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For example, <u>at the wholesale level</u>, a range of costs (including 'landed costs' and 'wholesaling costs') would need to be deducted to determine actual profits at the wholesale level. These 'landed costs' include the costs of the quality premium (market cost) for Australian fuel standards, insurance and loss, and local wharfage costs. The standard 'wholesaling costs' include terminal operating costs, administration and wholesale marketing costs and corporate taxes and government charges on wholesaling activities.

# Average Terminal Gate Prices (TGP's) Across Australia

Week ended 1 June 2025

### **UNLEADED PETROL (cents per litre \$A)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	26 M ay 2025	27 May 2025	28 M ay 2025	29 M ay 2025	30 M ay 2025
Sydney	157.4	157.4	157.3	157.3	157.1
Melbourne	157.8	157.7	157.7	157.6	157.5
Brisbane	157.1	157.2	157.1	157.0	156.9
Adelaide	157.4	157.5	157.3	157.2	157.1
Perth	156.6	156.7	156.5	156.5	156.3
Darwin	161.9	162.0	161.9	161.8	161.7
Hobart	161.7	161.7	161.6	161.6	161.4

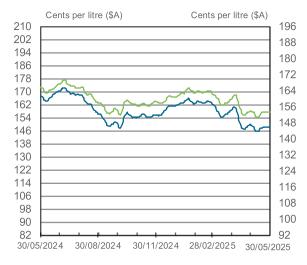
**NOTES:** Daily TGP data are published by all wholesale fuel suppliers. AIP's website presents average TGP data for each weekday – see www.aip.com.au/pricing/tgp.htm. This data has been prepared by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd on behalf of AIP, using information from BP Australia, Ampol, Viva Energy Australia, and ExxonMobil Australia. Prices shown are the average TGP for unleaded petrol across each of these companies for the day.

### Explaining the time lag between changes in Singapore prices and changes in Australian wholesale petrol prices

# Generally, there is a <u>short time lag</u> of 1-2 weeks between changes in Singapore prices and changes in Australian prices.

- ⇒The lag can be seen in <u>FIGURE 3</u> on the previous page. That is, see the slight delay in the peaks and troughs in the **green line** (National Average TGP) compared to the **blue line** (MOGAS95 Petrol plus Shipping & Taxes).
- ⇒Importantly, this time lag occurs whether: <u>prices are going up</u> (when the lag slows price rises to consumers) or <u>prices are going down</u> (when the lag delays price falls).
- ⇒The lag is a result of using a <u>rolling average</u> of Singapore prices as part of the wholesale pricing methodology (very similar to that used by the ACCC when wholesale prices were regulated by government). The pricing methodology is called import parity pricing (IPP).
- ⇒The use of rolling averages smooths day-to-day price volatility.
- ⇒Not accounting for this lag, introduced by the rolling average, leads to <u>incorrect conclusions</u> about how Singapore prices flow through to prices in Australia.

The very close relationship between changes in MOGAS95 Petrol and changes in Australian TGPs can be seen by applying a rolling average to the MOGAS95 Petrol data (a 7 day rolling average is used in the Chart to the right to illustrate this).



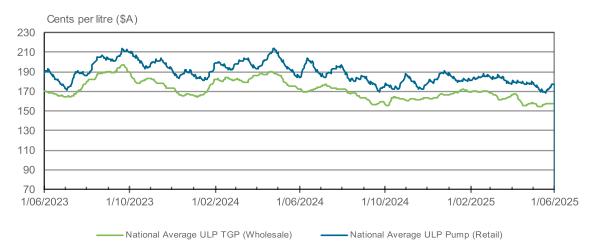
<sup>-</sup> Australian Average TGP (Left Hand Scale)

MOGAS95 Petrol Plus Shipping & Taxes - 7-Day Rolling Average (right-hand scale)

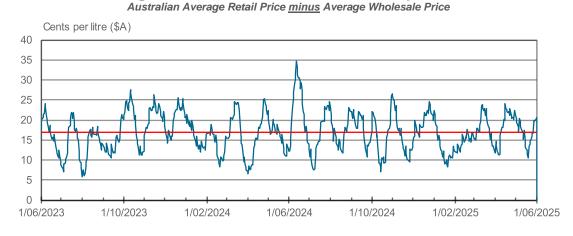
## **Australian Retail Market Trends**

### Figure 5: Comparison of Australian pump price with Australian TGP

Average Retail Price versus Average Wholesale Price



### Figure 6: difference between market prices



- Difference / Margin

in — Period Average

Wholesale: TGP ULP (National Average)	Cents per litre (A\$)	Retail: Pump Price ULP (National Average)	Cents per litre (A\$)
Average: Last Week (to Friday 30/05/25)	157.4	Average: Last Week (to Sunday 01/06/25)	176.4
Average: Last Week (to Friday 23/05/25)	157.5	Average: Last Week (to Sunday 25/05/25)	171.2
Average: Last 4 Weeks	156.5	Average: Last 4 Weeks	172.9
Average: Last 12 Weeks	159.9	Average: Last 12 Weeks	177.7
Average: Last 12 Months	165.2	Average: Last 12 Months	182.3

### **PLEASE NOTE**

The data for retail petrol prices is based on available market data supplied by MotorMouth (see www.motormouth.com.au).
 There is a time lag between changes in Australian wholesale (TGP) petrol prices and the change in retail petrol prices which needs to be taken into account when comparing relative price movements. According to the ACCC, this time lag can be longer during times of significant volatility in international and wholesale petrol prices.

(3) Differences/margins between market prices or benchmarks are used as indicators of general trends in the petroleum market, **they do not represent profits** accruing to oil companies at the refining, wholesale or retail segments of the market. For each market segment, <u>a range of costs</u> would need to be deducted to determine actual profits. For example <u>at the retail level</u>, a range of standard retailing costs would need to be deducted to determine actual profits. These costs include:

- $\Rightarrow$  land transport costs (of getting fuel from the terminal gate to the petrol bowser)
- $\Rightarrow$  administration and retail marketing costs
- $\Rightarrow$  the costs of running service stations like wages, rent and utilities
- ⇒ corporate taxes and other government charges on retailing activities

# Summary: Retail Petrol Price Trends **Across States/Territories**

### Week ended 1 June 2025

### 'NATIONAL AND STATE' AVERAGE PRICES (cents per litre \$A)

	Weekly Average	Weekly Change	Low	High
National Average	176.4	5.2	174.1	177.8
NSW / ACT	171.2	4.6	168.7	173.2
Victoria	179.9	14.1	173.1	187.3
Queensland	184.4	-0.7	182.6	186.4
South Australia	174.9	3.5	170.0	181.5
Western Australia	170.3	0.2	159.1	185.1
Northern Territory	192.6	0.2	192.4	192.7
Tasmania	170.4	0.8	169.8	170.6

### 'METROPOLITAN' AVERAGE PRICES (cents per litre \$A)

	Weekly Average	Weekly Change	Low	High
National Metropolitan Average	178.0	7.8	174.6	179.9
Five Major Capital City Average	177.2	6.3	174.3	180.7
Sydney	170.7	8.4	166.4	174.0
Canberra	174.8	0.2	174.7	174.8
Melbourne	182.9	19.2	173.7	192.9
Brisbane	189.1	-1.3	186.6	192.0
Adelaide	174.6	4.8	168.0	183.4
Perth	168.9	0.5	154.4	187.8
Darwin	177.7	0.2	177.6	177.8
Hobart	169.5	1.9	168.0	170.0

### 'REGIONAL' AVERAGE PRICES (cents per litre \$A)

	Weekly Average	Weekly Change	Low	High
National Regional Average	173.2	0.0	172.9	173.4
NSW / ACT	171.3	0.1	170.7	172.1
Victoria	171.6	0.0	171.5	171.8
Queensland	175.5	0.2	175.1	175.9
South Australia	175.8	-0.3	175.6	176.2
Western Australia	175.5	-0.8	175.2	176.1
Northern Territory	233.1	0.4	232.8	233.1
Tasmania	171.1	0.1	171.0	171.2

### For average weekly retail (pump) prices for petrol and diesel across Australian cities and towns, please see https://aip.com.au/pricing/pump-prices

### NOTES

(1) The data for retail petrol prices is based on available market data supplied by MotorMouth (see www.motormouth.com.au).

(2) The National Average Retail Price is calculated as the weighted average of each State/Territory's metropolitan and non metropolitan retail petrol prices, with the weights based on the number of registered petrol vehicles in each of these regions.

(3) The National Metropolitan Average price is calculated as the weighted average of the retail petrol prices across each capital city, where the weights are based on the number of vehicles using petrol registered in each city.

(4) The Five Major Capital City Average is the unweighted average of the prices for Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.

(5) The Regional Average price is calculated as the weighted average of the retail petrol prices for the non-metropolitan regions in each State/Territory, where the weights are based on the number of vehicles using unleaded petrol. (6) The vehicle data source is ABS Motor Vehicle Census, 2011, Cat No 9309.0.

(7) 'Weekly Low' and 'Weekly High' are based on the lowest and the highest average daily prices in the relevant area.

The average daily price for each region (eg. Geelong) is calculated as a straight numerical average of all 'price points' provided for that day. Aggregate daily prices are based on a weighted average of all regions (eg. Geelong, Ballarat, Wodonga etc) in the relevant area (eg. Victoria) where weights are based on the number of vehicles using unleaded petrol in each region.

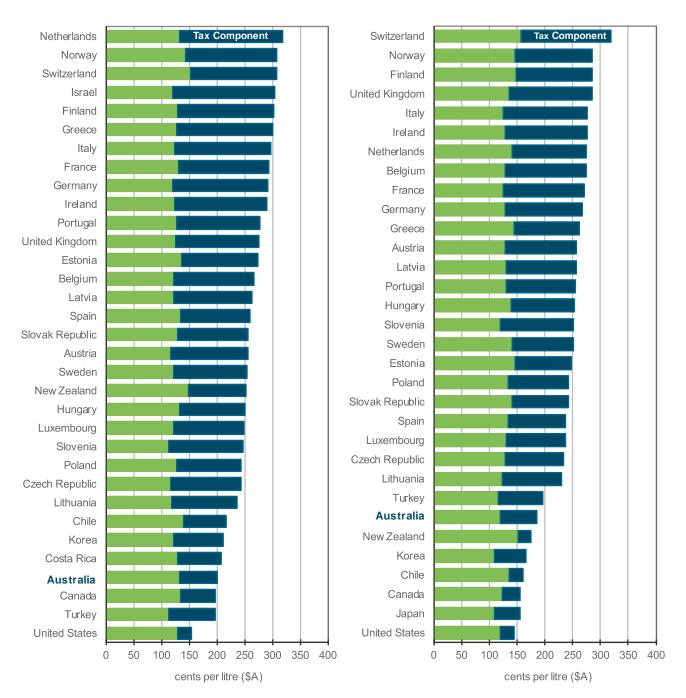
(8) Weekly Average prices are a straight average of the seven days.

(9) <u>Weekly Change</u> is the change compared with the Weekly Average last week. For more information on data methodology, please see the AIP Website (www.aip.com.au/pricing/retail.htm).

# Petrol and Diesel Prices & Taxes in OECD Countries

September Quarter 2024

The Charts show Australia has among the lowest petrol and diesel prices of all OECD countries.



### **Petrol Prices and Taxes in OECD Countries**

### **Diesel Prices and Taxes in OECD Countries**

Source: Australian Petroleum Statistics, Office of the Chief Economist