

Fuel prices

November 2025 | Economic brief

The following information is sourced from the Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP) and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

The reported monthly average price for November 2025 is calculated as the average price in cents per litre (cpl) for the four weeks ending 30 November 2025 unless otherwise stated.

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Unleaded (ULP)

	Average retail ULP price, cpl	Monthly change, cpl	Year-ended change, cpl
Darwin	187.8	↑0.8	↑19.3
Alice Springs	245.4	↓0.5	↓0.8
Katherine	208.0	↑3.3	↑5.6
Tennant Creek	223.0	↑0.2	↑2.0
Northern Territory average ¹	200.8	↑0.7	↑14.3
Australia average ¹	182.2	↑2.8	↑5.0

¹ weighted average

The average retail price of ULP in the Territory was 200.8 cpl, 0.7 cpl higher than the previous month and 14.3 cpl higher over the year (Chart 1). Nationally, the average retail price of ULP was 182.2 cpl, 2.8 cpl higher than the previous month and 5.0 cpl higher over the year.

In Darwin, the average ULP price was 187.8 cpl, 0.8 cpl higher than the previous month and 19.3 cpl higher over the year. This was the second highest retail price of the capital cities, which ranged from 175.8 cpl in Perth to 189.0 cpl in Brisbane (Chart 2).

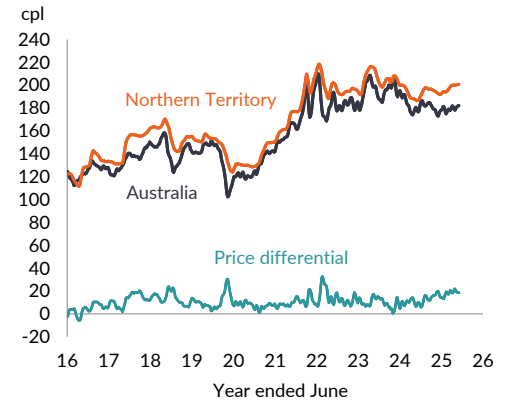
The average TGP for ULP in Darwin was 169.0 cpl, 3.2 cpl higher than the previous month and 2.4 cpl higher over the year. The average TGP nationally was 165.0 cpl, 3.3 cpl higher than the previous month and 2.8 cpl higher over the year.

The monthly average GIRD for ULP in Darwin declined by 2.5 cpl to 18.8 cpl (Chart 3). This was the fourth highest GIRD of the capital cities, which ranged from 10.9 cpl in Hobart to 23.9 cpl in Brisbane. The national average GIRD for ULP declined by 0.4 cpl to 17.2 cpl in the month.

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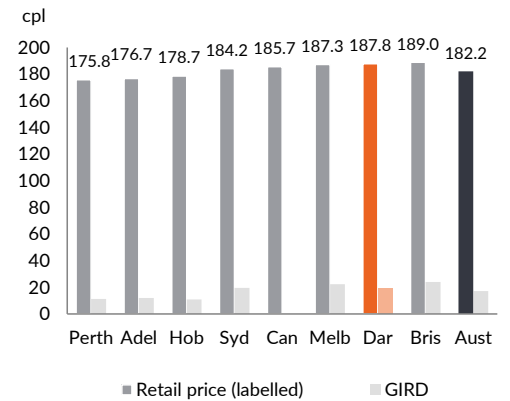
The ACCC released its Report on the Australian Petroleum Market for the June quarter 2025 on 11 September 2025. The Report can be accessed [here](#). The Report shows that the Darwin average ULP price was 178.7 cpl, 3.0 cpl higher than the average of the five largest capital cities (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth).

Chart 1: Retail unleaded petrol price (monthly average)



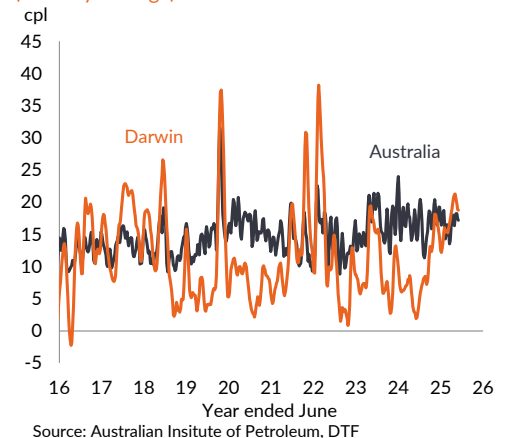
Source: Australian Institute of Petroleum, DTF

Chart 2: Retail ULP price and gross indicative retail difference (monthly average)



*No fuel import terminal in Canberra
Source: Australian Institute of Petroleum, DTF

Chart 3: ULP gross indicative retail difference (monthly average)



Source: Australian Institute of Petroleum, DTF

Diesel

The monthly average retail price of diesel across the Territory was 210.9 cpl. This was an increase of 1.3 cpl from the previous month and 11.7 cpl higher over the year (Chart 4). The monthly average retail diesel price across Australia was 189.5 cpl, an increase of 4.7 cpl from the previous month and 10.0 cpl higher over the year.

	Average retail diesel price, cpl	Monthly change, cpl	Year-ended change, cpl
Darwin	190.6	↑1.6	↑17.8
Regional average ¹	242.4	↑1.0	↑2.3
Northern Territory average ¹	210.9	↑1.3	↑11.7
Australia average ¹	189.5	↑4.7	↑10.0

1 weighted average

Darwin recorded a monthly average retail diesel price of 190.6 cpl, 1.6 cpl higher than the previous month and 17.8 cpl higher over the year. Darwin had the fourth highest retail price of the capital cities, which ranged from 185.4 cpl in Perth to 197.5 cpl in Canberra (Chart 5).

The TGP for diesel in Darwin was 179.4 cpl, 7.8 cpl higher than last month and 8.7 cpl higher over the year. Darwin's average GIRD for diesel declined by 6.3 cpl to 11.1 cpl (Chart 6). This was the lowest of the capital cities, which otherwise ranged from 11.3 cpl in Adelaide to 17.2 cpl in Brisbane.

Brent crude oil

The monthly average spot price of Brent crude oil in November 2025 was \$97.64 per barrel in Australian dollar terms (Chart 7). This remained unchanged in the month and declined by 12.8% over the year.

	Average spot price (per barrel)	Monthly change (%)	Year-ended change (%)
Brent crude \$US	63.53	↓0.5	↓13.2
Brent crude \$AU	97.64	flat	↓12.8

Chart 7: Brent crude oil prices (monthly average)

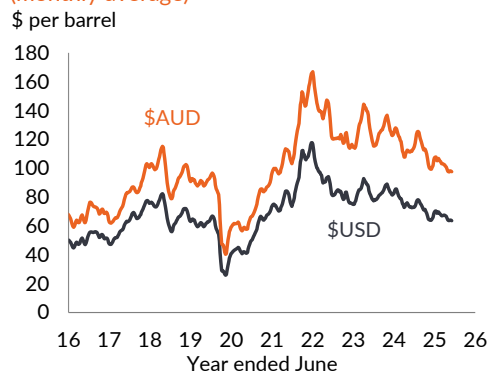


Chart 4: Retail diesel price (monthly average)

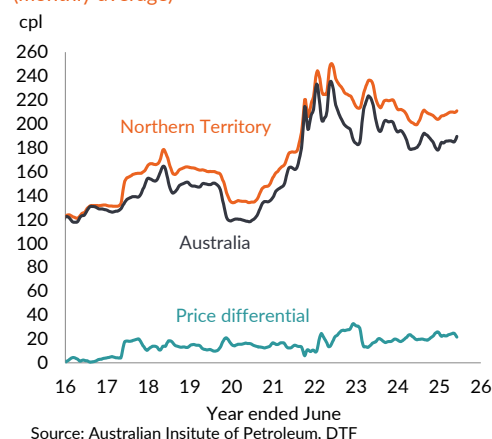


Chart 5: Diesel price and gross indicative retail difference (monthly average)

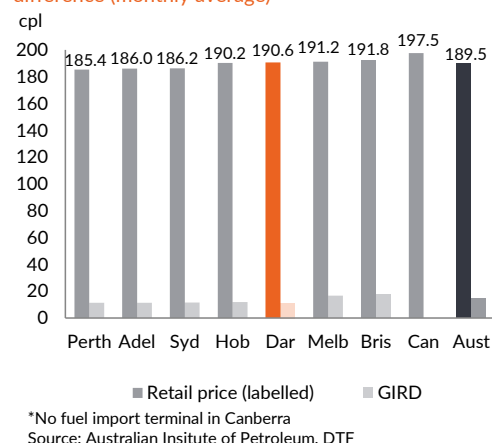


Chart 6: Diesel gross indicative retail difference (monthly average)

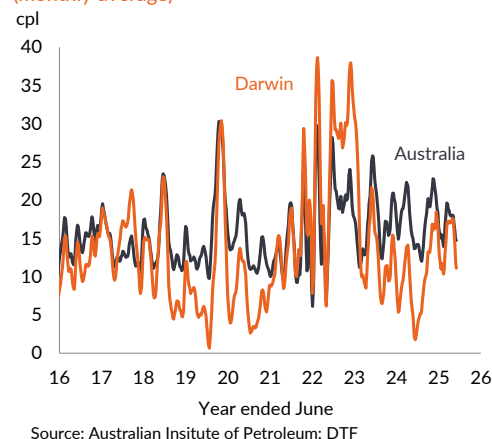


Table 1: Monthly average fuel prices

	Monthly average			Change (cpl)	
	Nov 24	Oct 25	Nov 25	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²
Unleaded petrol					
Retail price					
Northern Territory	186.5	200.1	200.8	0.7	14.3
- Darwin	168.5	187.0	187.8	0.8	19.3
- Alice Springs	246.2	245.9	245.4	-0.5	-0.8
- Katherine	202.4	204.7	208.0	3.3	5.6
- Tennant Creek	221.0	222.8	223.0	0.2	2.0
Australia	177.2	179.4	182.2	2.8	5.0
Terminal gate price³					
Darwin	166.6	165.8	169.0	3.2	2.4
Australia	162.2	161.7	165.0	3.3	2.8
Gross indicative retail difference (GIRD)⁴					
Darwin	1.9	21.3	18.8	-2.5	16.9
Australia	15.0	17.6	17.2	-0.4	2.2
Retail price differential from Australia					
Northern Territory	9.3	20.7	18.6	-2.1	9.3
- Darwin	-8.7	7.6	5.6	-2.0	14.3
Diesel					
Retail price					
Northern Territory	199.2	209.6	210.9	1.3	11.7
- Darwin	172.8	189.0	190.6	1.6	17.8
- Regional average*	240.1	241.4	242.4	1.0	2.3
Australia	179.5	184.8	189.5	4.7	10.0
Terminal gate price³					
Darwin	170.7	171.6	179.4	7.8	8.7
Australia	165.9	166.8	174.7	7.9	8.8
Gross indicative retail difference (GIRD)⁴					
Darwin	2.1	17.4	11.1	-6.3	9.0
Australia	13.6	18.0	14.7	-3.3	1.1
Retail price differential from Australia					
Northern Territory	19.7	24.8	21.4	-3.4	1.7
- Darwin	-6.7	4.2	1.1	-3.1	7.8

Table 2 - Monthly average crude oil prices

	Monthly average			Change (%)	
	Nov 24	Oct 25	Nov 25	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²
Brent spot price in \$US per barrel	73.17	63.83	63.53	-0.5	-13.2
Brent spot price in \$AU per barrel	111.98	97.63	97.64	0.0	-12.8

1 Compares the average of the last four weeks with the average of the corresponding four weeks of the previous month.

2 Compares the average of the last four weeks with the average of the corresponding four weeks of the previous year.

3 Terminal gate prices (TGP) are the published daily spot prices at which fuel can be purchased from the fuel import or refinery terminal and provide an indication of the actual wholesale price of fuel. The largest component of the TGP is the price of crude oil, followed by the Commonwealth Government's fuel excise and goods and services tax.

4 Gross indicative retail differences (GIRD) are equal to the monthly average retail price less the monthly average TGP and are used as a broad indication of gross retail fuel margins.

* AIP does not report on diesel prices for Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, Australian Institute of Petroleum, Reserve Bank of Australia, Investing.com AU

Term	Definition
Gross Indicative Retail Differences (GIRDs)	Gross indicative retail differences are the average retail price less the published terminal gate prices and are used as an indication of gross retail margins.
Terminal Gate Price (TGP)	Terminal gate price is the wholesale price for the bulk supply of a petroleum product.

Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, as it is often derived from small samples and can be highly volatile. Although due care has been exercised in preparing this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

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