

Fuel prices

June 2026 | Economic brief

The following information is sourced from the Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP) and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). It does not align with the daily prices reported on MyFuel NT.

The reported monthly average price for June 2026 is calculated as the average price in cents per litre (cpl) for the four weeks ending 05 July 2026 unless otherwise stated.

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Unleaded (ULP)

	Average retail ULP price, cpl	Monthly change, cpl	Year-ended change, cpl
Darwin	168.6	↓19.3	↓10.5
Alice Springs	258.4	↓17.4	↑17.6
Katherine	231.2	↓5.6	↑26.5
Tennant Creek	235.2	↓16.6	↑15.5
Northern Territory average ¹	190.8	↓18.1	↓2.5
Australia average ¹	164.4	↓17.7	↓14.7

1 weighted average

The average retail price of ULP in the Territory was 190.8 cpl, 18.1 cpl lower than the previous month, and 2.5 cpl lower in year-ended terms (Chart 1). Nationally, the average retail price of ULP was 164.4 cpl, 17.7 cpl lower than the previous month, and 14.7 cpl lower in year-ended terms.

In Darwin, the average ULP price was 168.6 cpl, 19.3 cpl lower than the previous month and 10.5 cpl lower in year-ended terms. This was the second highest retail price of the capital cities, which ranged from 156.0 cpl in Adelaide to 170.5 cpl in Canberra (Chart 2).

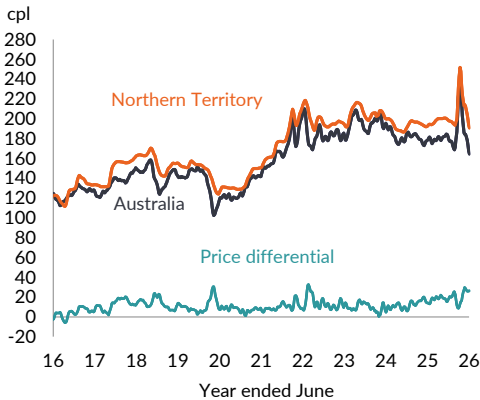
The average TGP for ULP in Darwin was 165.1 cpl, 15.7 cpl lower than the previous month and 1.8 cpl lower in year-ended terms. The average TGP nationally was 156.4 cpl, 16.4 cpl lower than the previous month and 6.3 cpl lower in year-ended terms.

The monthly average GIRD for ULP in Darwin declined by 3.7 cpl to 3.4 cpl (Chart 3). This was the third lowest GIRD of the capital cities, which otherwise ranged from 0.1 cpl in Adelaide to 7.1 cpl in Brisbane. The national average GIRD for ULP declined by 1.2 cpl to 8.0 cpl in the month.

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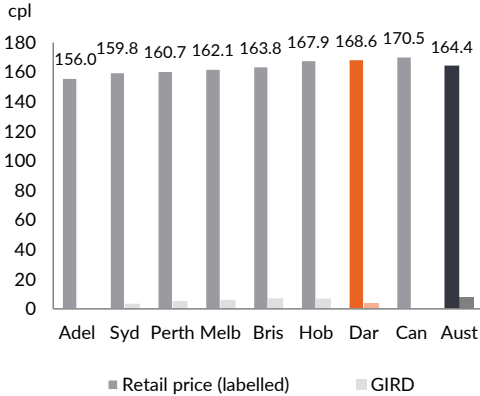
The ACCC released its Report on the Australian Petroleum Market for the December quarter 2025 on 6 March 2026. The Report can be accessed [here](#). The Report shows that the Darwin average ULP price was 185.9 cpl, 5.5 cpl higher than the average of the five largest capital cities (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth).

Chart 1: Retail unleaded petrol price (monthly average)



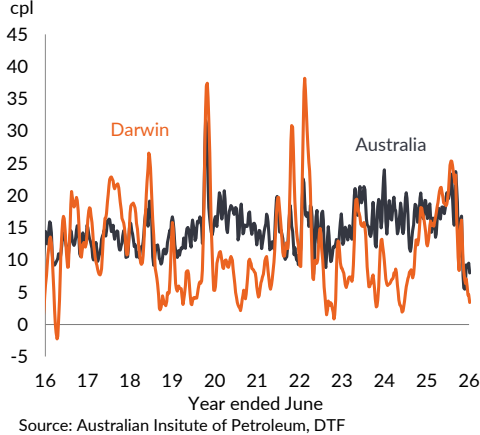
Source: Australian Institute of Petroleum, DTF

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 222.3 cpl. This was a decline of 32.3 cpl from the previous month, however 17.0 cpl higher in year-ended terms (Chart 4). The monthly average retail diesel price across Australia was 193.9 cpl, a decline of 32.6 cpl from the previous month, however 11.9 cpl higher in year-ended terms.

	Average retail diesel price, cpl	Monthly change, cpl	Year-ended change, cpl
Darwin	189.1	↓40.0	↑5.8
Regional average ¹	273.7	↓20.4	↑34.4
Northern Territory average ¹	222.3	↓32.3	↑17.0
Australia average ¹	193.9	↓32.6	↑11.9

¹ weighted average

Darwin recorded a monthly average retail diesel price of 189.1 cpl, 40.0 cpl lower than the previous month, however 5.8 cpl higher in year-ended terms. Darwin had the third lowest retail price of the capital cities, which ranged from 183.7 cpl in Perth to 202.3 cpl in Hobart (Chart 5).

The TGP for diesel in Darwin was 187.0 cpl, 24.5 cpl lower than previous month, however 16.4 cpl higher in year-ended terms. Darwin's average GIRD for diesel declined by 15.6 cpl to 2.0 cpl (Chart 6). This was the lowest of the capital cities, which otherwise ranged from 8.8 cpl in Sydney to 22.6 cpl in Hobart.

Brent crude oil

The monthly average spot price of Brent crude oil in June 2026 was \$114.18 per barrel in Australian dollar terms (Chart 7). This was a decline of 18.2% in the month and an increase of 5.9% in year-ended terms.

	Average spot price (per barrel)	Monthly change (%)	Year-ended change (%)
Brent crude \$US	79.70	↓20.3	↑13.4
Brent crude \$AU	114.18	↓18.2	↑5.9

Chart 7: Brent crude oil prices (monthly average)

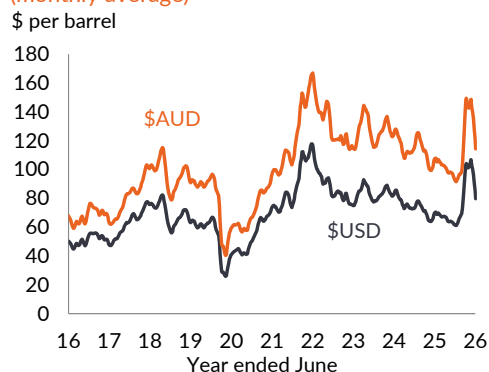


Chart 4: Retail diesel price (monthly average)

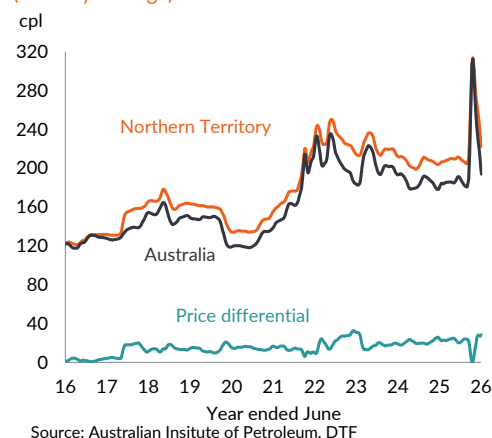


Chart 5: Diesel price and gross indicative retail difference (monthly average)

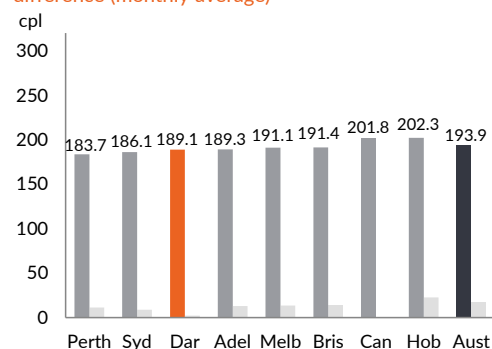


Chart 6: Diesel gross indicative retail difference (monthly average)

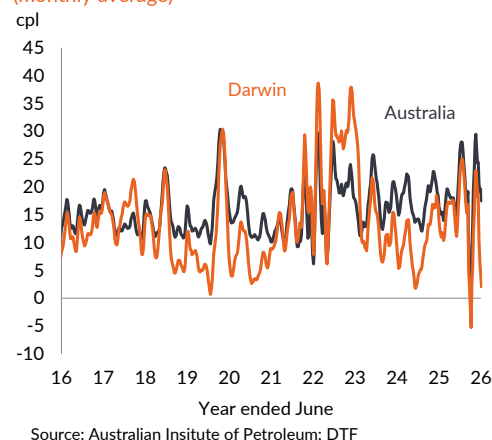


Table 1: Monthly average fuel prices

	Monthly average			Change (cpl)	
	Jun 25	May 26	Jun 26	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²
Unleaded petrol					
Retail price					
Northern Territory	193.3	208.9	190.8	-18.1	-2.5
– Darwin	179.1	187.9	168.6	-19.3	-10.5
– Alice Springs	240.8	275.8	258.4	-17.4	17.6
– Katherine	204.7	236.8	231.2	-5.6	26.5
– Tennant Creek	219.7	251.8	235.2	-16.6	15.5
Australia	179.1	182.1	164.4	-17.7	-14.7
Terminal gate price³					
Darwin	166.9	180.8	165.1	-15.7	-1.8
Australia	162.7	172.8	156.4	-16.4	-6.3
Gross indicative retail difference (GIRD)⁴					
Darwin	12.2	7.1	3.4	-3.7	-8.8
Australia	16.4	9.2	8.0	-1.2	-8.4
Retail price differential from Australia					
Northern Territory	14.2	26.8	26.4	-0.4	12.2
– Darwin	0.0	5.8	4.2	-1.6	4.2
Diesel					
Retail price					
Northern Territory	205.3	254.6	222.3	-32.3	17.0
– Darwin	183.3	229.1	189.1	-40.0	5.8
– Regional average*	239.3	294.1	273.7	-20.4	34.4
Australia	182.0	226.5	193.9	-32.6	11.9
Terminal gate price³					
Darwin	170.6	211.5	187.0	-24.5	16.4
Australia	166.1	202.1	176.4	-25.7	10.3
Gross indicative retail difference (GIRD)⁴					
Darwin	12.7	17.6	2.0	-15.6	-10.7
Australia	15.8	24.4	17.5	-6.9	1.7
Retail price differential from Australia					
Northern Territory	23.3	28.1	28.4	0.3	5.1
– Darwin	1.3	2.6	-4.8	-7.4	-6.1

Table 2 - Monthly average crude oil prices

	Monthly average			Change (%)	
	Jun 25	May 26	Jun 26	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²
Brent spot price in \$US per barrel	70.26	100.01	79.70	-20.3	13.4
Brent spot price in \$AU per barrel	107.83	139.59	114.18	-18.2	5.9

n.p.: not published

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 (TGPs) 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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