

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						
January	74.0	64.6	55.9	48.5	61.5	56.4
February	69.7	62.5	55.1	49.5	59.5	55.9
March	66.6	57.6	52.9	47.8	57.1	51.8
April	64.0	57.5	48.9	41.8	53.0	48.3
May	63.9	58.4	50.2	44.2	53.5	50.3
June	64.1	53.0	49.0	42.4	52.4	47.9
July	63.2	50.0	47.2	42.2	51.5	46.3
August	59.7	50.4	48.0	41.3	51.0	45.7
September	62.2	51.2	51.2	44.9	53.3	48.9
October	59.2	44.8	46.6	40.0	49.2	42.4
November	52.3	40.5	40.2	31.9	42.8	36.9
December	51.2	40.0	39.6	30.7	42.0	36.3
2001	64.2	52.3	49.2	42.8	53.1	47.6
2002						
January	51.8	40.4	41.6	33.7	44.2	38.2
February	52.2	37.1	40.9	33.7	43.3	35.9
March	53.5	46.0	48.3	40.5	49.7	43.7
April	59.4	53.8	55.0	48.0	56.0	51.2
May	63.5	56.3	56.6	52.1	58.1	54.5
June	61.4	53.5	57.2	53.3	58.2	53.4
July	63.2	55.7	56.8	50.9	58.6	53.7
August	67.4	60.6	59.2	55.8	61.4	58.4
September	67.8	60.1	62.6	56.8	63.8	58.7
October	72.7	65.1	63.7	54.5	65.8	60.7
November	73.6	59.1	54.8	58.2	60.1	58.7
December	73.9	67.6	56.6	59.7	62.0	64.1
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

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.