

**Table 9.4 Motor Gasoline Retail Prices, U.S. City Average**  
(Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

	Leaded Regular	Unleaded Regular	Unleaded Premium	All Types <sup>a</sup>
1973 Average .....	38.8	NA	NA	NA
1974 Average .....	53.2	NA	NA	NA
1975 Average .....	56.7	NA	NA	NA
1976 Average .....	59.0	61.4	NA	NA
1977 Average .....	62.2	65.6	NA	NA
1978 Average .....	62.6	67.0	NA	65.2
1979 Average .....	85.7	90.3	NA	88.2
1980 Average .....	119.1	124.5	NA	122.1
1981 Average <sup>b</sup> .....	131.1	137.8	<sup>c</sup> 147.0	135.3
1982 Average .....	122.2	129.6	141.5	128.1
1983 Average .....	115.7	124.1	138.3	122.5
1984 Average .....	112.9	121.2	136.6	119.8
1985 Average .....	111.5	120.2	134.0	119.6
1986 Average .....	85.7	92.7	108.5	93.1
1987 Average .....	89.7	94.8	109.3	95.7
1988 Average .....	89.9	94.6	110.7	96.3
1989 Average .....	99.8	102.1	119.7	106.0
1990 Average .....	114.9	116.4	134.9	121.7
1991 Average .....	NA	114.0	132.1	119.6
1992 Average .....	NA	112.7	131.6	119.0
1993 Average .....	NA	110.8	130.2	117.3
1994 Average .....	NA	111.2	130.5	117.4
1995 Average .....	NA	114.7	133.6	120.5
1996 Average .....	NA	123.1	141.3	128.8
1997 Average .....	NA	123.4	141.6	129.1
1998 Average .....	NA	105.9	125.0	111.5
1999 Average .....	NA	116.5	135.7	122.1
2000 Average .....	NA	151.0	169.3	156.3
2001 Average .....	NA	146.1	165.7	153.1
<b>2002</b> January .....	NA	113.9	132.3	120.9
February .....	NA	113.0	133.0	121.0
March .....	NA	124.1	145.0	132.4
April .....	NA	140.7	162.2	149.3
May .....	NA	142.1	162.5	150.8
June .....	NA	140.4	160.6	148.9
July .....	NA	141.2	160.7	149.6
August .....	NA	142.3	162.0	150.8
September .....	NA	142.2	161.9	150.7
October .....	NA	144.9	164.3	153.5
November .....	NA	144.8	164.3	153.4
December .....	NA	139.4	158.9	147.7
<b>Average</b> .....	<b>NA</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>155.6</b>	<b>144.1</b>
<b>2003</b> January .....	NA	147.3	166.6	155.7
February .....	NA	164.1	182.8	168.6
March .....	NA	174.8	192.4	179.1
April .....	NA	165.9	184.6	170.4
May .....	NA	154.2	172.9	158.7
June .....	NA	151.4	170.0	155.8
July .....	NA	152.4	171.0	156.7
August .....	NA	162.8	180.8	167.1
September .....	NA	172.8	191.1	177.1
October .....	NA	160.3	178.9	164.6
November .....	NA	153.5	172.4	157.8
December .....	NA	149.4	168.6	153.8
<b>Average</b> .....	<b>NA</b>	<b>159.1</b>	<b>177.7</b>	<b>163.8</b>
<b>2004</b> January .....	NA	159.2	177.9	163.5
February .....	NA	167.2	185.8	171.5
March .....	NA	176.6	194.9	180.9
April .....	NA	183.3	201.2	187.5
May .....	NA	200.9	218.6	205.0
June .....	NA	204.1	222.5	208.3
July .....	NA	193.9	213.0	198.2
August .....	NA	189.8	209.1	194.1

<sup>a</sup> Also includes types of motor gasoline not shown separately.

<sup>b</sup> In September 1981, the Bureau of Labor Statistics changed the weights used in the calculation of average motor gasoline prices. From September 1981 forward, gasohol is included in the average for all types, and unleaded premium is weighted more heavily.

<sup>c</sup> Based on September through December data only.

NA=Not available.

Notes: • See Note 5 at end of section. • Geographic coverage for

1973-1977 is 56 urban areas. Geographic coverage for 1978 forward is 85 urban areas.

Web Page: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/prices.html>.

Sources: • **Monthly Data:** U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Consumer Prices: Energy*. • **Annual Data: 1973—Platt's Oil Price Handbook and Oilmanac**, 1974, 51st Edition. **1974 forward**—calculated by the Energy Information Administration as the simple averages of monthly data.