Florida Gas Prices Rise 3 Cents



<u>Florida gas prices</u> have broken out of the range they've held within for the past several months.

Florida's state average has mostly hovered between \$2.99 and \$3.15 since early September. However, during the past two weeks, the state average exceeded \$3.20 per gallon.

Sunday's state average of \$3.22 per gallon is 3 cents per gallon more than a week ago, 11 cents more than a month ago, and 5 cents more than this time last year.

Oil prices the the main culprit of the jump at the pump. The price of U.S. crude rose to a 3-month high on January 10th, at \$76.57 - which was a 4% increase from the week before. Crude oil increased another 2% the week of January 17th. However, last week, U.S. crude took a back step, settling at \$74.66 per barrel - a 4% drop from the week before.

"Drivers will likely continue to see gas prices fluctuate through the week, but there doesn't currently appear to be any significant measure of relief on the way as of now," said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA - The Auto Club Group.

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Regional Prices

- **Most expensive** metro markets West Palm Beach-Boca Raton (\$3.37), Naples (\$3.29), Homosassa Springs (\$3.27)
- **Least expensive** metro markets Crestview-Fort Walton Beach (\$2.90), Panama City (\$2.92), Pensacola (\$2.94)

Ways to Save on Gasoline

- **Combine errands** to limit driving time.
- **Shop around** for the best gas prices in your community.

- **Pay with cash**. Some retailers charge extra per gallon for customers who pay with a credit card.
- **Remove excess weight** in your vehicle. Every 100 pounds taken out of the vehicle improves fuel economy by 1-2 percent.
- **Drive conservatively**. Aggressive acceleration and speeding reduces fuel economy.

AAA Resources for Drivers

- **Enroll in savings programs**. AAA Members who enroll in Shell's Fuel Rewards program can save 30 cents per gallon on their first fill-up and 5 cents per gallon each additional trip to the pump. <u>Click here</u> for more information.
- **Get a tune-up**. Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained to optimize its fuel economy. Visit <u>AAA.com/AutoRepair</u> to find a certified repair shop.
- **Find the lowest gas prices** in your area by using the free <u>AAA mobile app</u>.
- Determine anticipated fuel costs for your trip by using the <u>AAA's Gas Cost Calculator</u>.

Find Florida Gas Prices

- Daily gas price averages can be found at Gasprices.aaa.com
- State and metro averages can be found here

AAA GAS PRICE AVERAGES

(Price per gallon of regular unleaded gasoline)

	Sunday	Saturday	Week Ago	Month Ago	One Year Ago
National	\$3.123	\$3.127	\$3.120	\$3.042	\$3.103
Florida	\$3.215	\$3.217	\$3.189	\$3.106	\$3.171
Georgia	\$2.963	\$2.966	\$2.964	\$2.902	\$3.022
Click here to view current gasoline price averages					

Gas Price Survey Methodology

AAA updates fuel price averages daily at <u>www.GasPrices.AAA.com</u>. Every day up to 130,000 stations are surveyed based on credit card swipes and direct feeds in cooperation with the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) and Wright Express for unmatched statistical reliability. All average retail prices in this report are for a gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline.

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