

CLEAN CITIES Alternative Fuel Price Report



Welcome to the October 2015 issue!

The Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report is a quarterly report designed to keep Clean Cities coalitions and other interested parties up to date on the prices of alternative and conventional fuels in the United States. This issue summarizes prices that were submitted between October 1, 2015 and October 15, 2015 by Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other Clean Cities stakeholders.

What's New in This Issue?

We continually seek feedback from users of the Alternative Fuel Price Report, so that we can present the pricing information in the clearest and most user-friendly fashion.

We indicate in the Methodology section that the prices collected for the report represent retail, at-the-pump sales prices for each fuel. In the propane and compressed natural gas sections, beginning with the July 2015 issue, we also included the following note:

“The Alternative Fuel Price Report is a snapshot in time of retail fuel prices. Alternative fuel fleets can obtain significantly lower fuel prices than those reported in the AFPR by entering into contracts directly with local fuel suppliers. Contract prices will vary, depending on fleet size and amount of fuel to be purchased, distance from the supplier, region of the country and other factors.”

Some alternative fuel providers remain concerned that potential alternative fuel users might look at the report and not realize that the prices presented in the tables are retail prices, and do not represent prices that fleets might be able to obtain by entering into individual contracts with fuel suppliers. To ensure that there is no confusion on this issue, we have added the word “Retail” to the headings of all applicable tables throughout the report.

Looking Ahead

We will continue to improve the Alternative Fuel Price Report, based on user feedback.

- In the January issue, we will begin including tables that compare prices for E85, propane, B20 and B99/B100 to gasoline and diesel, on an energy-equivalent basis. (Prices for compressed natural gas are already shown on a gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) and diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) basis.) We will continue to include the tables in each section that show retail, at-the-pump sales prices for the alternative and conventional fuels.
- In the future, as the number of liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices submitted continues to increase, we will include a section on LNG prices, relative to diesel.
- We continue to work on creating a system that will allow for additional, customizable, on-line reports.

We look forward to hearing from you as we implement these upgrades.

Methodology

- This report’s prices represent retail, at-the-pump sales prices for each fuel, including federal and state motor fuel taxes.¹
- Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other key stakeholders provide prices for fuels in their areas on a voluntary basis.
- Prices were submitted for all major alternative fuels currently in widespread use, i.e. natural gas, propane, biodiesel, and ethanol.
- Prices were submitted for conventional fuels from stations that also sell alternative fuels, or from nearby stations.
- Prices from public and private refueling stations are included.²
- Prices were averaged to determine regional price trends by fuel and variability in fuel price within and among regions.³
- Some states charge a flat annual fee, in lieu of collecting motor fuel taxes at the pump, usually for large trucks using gaseous fuels like compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG or propane). These flat fees are not included in the prices reported in these pages.

- Consistent with the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) fuel price reporting format, prices are grouped by the Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD). The PADD districts are illustrated in the map below.

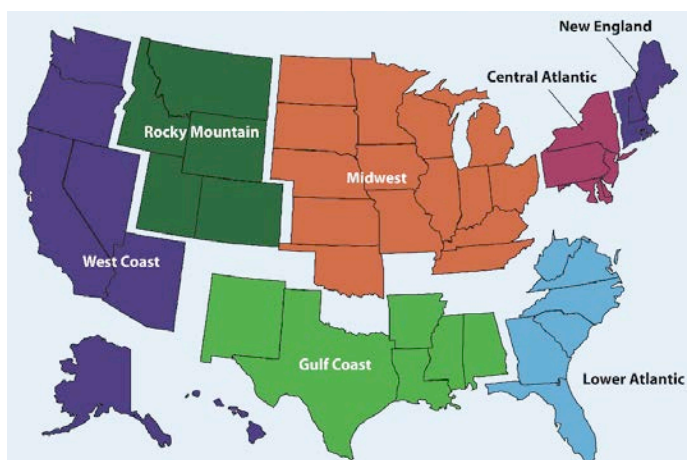


FIGURE 1
PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION FOR DEFENSE DISTRICTS (PADD)

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

TABLE 1 Number of Data Points Submitted							
Region	Gasoline	Diesel	CNG	Ethanol	Propane	B20	B99/B100
New England	41	33	28	5	25	11	4
Central Atlantic	86	83	93	99	52	35	3
Lower Atlantic	64	66	54	67	121	20	8
Midwest	223	123	113	208	75	33	2
Gulf Coast	80	61	61	127	131	7	3
Rocky Mountain	75	41	108	61	73	11	3
West Coast	125	145	124	74	129	33	27
TOTAL	694	552	581	641	606	150	50

¹ In some cases, prices were submitted by government refueling facilities, and motor fuel taxes were not included in the prices reported to Clean Cities. In these instances, the appropriate federal and state motor fuel taxes have been added to the reported prices to provide a more representative basis for comparison.

² Public refueling stations are open to the public, while private fueling stations are privately-owned or available only to selected fleets.

³ Fuel price averages for this report are determined by simply averaging the individual data points received. A comparison of average fuel prices for private and for public stations by region can be found on pages 20-21.

Summary of Current Report Information



Table 2 shows national average retail fuel prices for this report and the previous report. Changes in average retail prices from one quarter to another may be due to a number of factors, including an actual change in price, different sample sizes, the inclusion of different locations, and seasonal variations in demand.

Prices in this report were reported in the units in which they are typically sold, for example, dollars per gallon of gasoline or dollars per gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) of CNG.

Consumer interest in alternative fuels generally increases when the alternative fuel price is less than the conventional fuel price on a per gallon basis, even if that differential does not directly translate to savings on an energy-equivalent basis.

Fuel Type ⁴	July 2015	October 2015	Change in Price July-October	Units of Measurement
Gasoline (E10)	\$2.82	\$2.35	-\$0.47	per gallon
Diesel	\$2.93	\$2.59	-\$0.34	per gallon
CNG	\$2.12	\$2.09	-\$0.03	per GGE
Ethanol (E85)	\$2.36	\$2.18	-\$0.18	per gallon
Propane**	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$0.00	per gallon
Biodiesel (B20)	\$2.93	\$2.66	-\$0.27	per gallon
Biodiesel (B99/B100)	\$3.55	\$3.40	-\$0.15	per gallon

*Includes public and private stations

**Includes primary and secondary stations

Fuel Type	Per Gasoline Gallon Equivalent (\$/GGE)	Per Diesel Gallon Equivalent (\$/DGE)	Per Million British Thermal Units (\$/MBtu)
Gasoline (E10)	\$2.35	\$2.65	\$20.56
Diesel	\$2.30	\$2.59	\$20.12
CNG	\$2.09	\$2.37	\$18.29
Ethanol (E85)	\$2.84	\$3.21	\$32.42
Propane**	\$3.97	\$4.46	\$47.54
Biodiesel (B20)	\$2.39	\$2.71	\$18.91
Biodiesel (B99/B100)	\$3.33	\$3.74	\$28.44

*Includes public and private stations

**Includes primary and secondary stations

Liquid fuels have differing energy contents per gallon, so the price paid per unit of energy content can differ somewhat from the price paid per gallon. Table 3 shows fuel prices from Table 2 normalized to an energy-equivalent basis.

Note that, for the alternative fuels, prices on an energy-equivalent basis, ie, \$/GGE or \$/DGE, are generally higher than the prices per gallon, due to their lower energy content.⁵

Propane prices include information from both “primary” and “secondary” stations. Primary stations have dedicated vehicle services and tend to be less expensive than secondary stations, which mostly serve the propane tank and bottle market.

Prices for Table 3 were calculated using the nominal lower heating values in BTUs per gallon of fuel from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory’s Transportation Energy Data Book.⁶

⁴ A very small sample (6 points) of hydrogen information was received, with an average price of \$10.36/GGE.

⁵ For ethanol flexible-fuel vehicles (FFVs), the actual difference in fuel used per mile is somewhat less than would be calculated simply on the difference in energy content of the fuels. Some sources have noted that some FFVs can achieve better energy efficiency (miles per unit of energy) on E85 than on gasoline. This effect is not currently included in these calculations as the magnitude of the effect varies by specific FFV model.

⁶ <http://cta.ornl.gov/data> A listing of the conversion factors used appears as an appendix at the end of this report.

Gasoline and Diesel Prices: Clean Cities and EIA Data

Table 4, below, shows gasoline and diesel prices submitted by Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other stakeholders on a voluntary basis, between October 1 and October 15, 2015, compared to prices from the petroleum information section of the Energy Information Administration (EIA) website, for the week of October 8, 2015.

Clean Cities prices for conventional fuels were obtained from retail stations providing alternative fuel price information, or from nearby stations, so data collection was not uniform across the regions of the country; however, the information is representative of refueling stations selling both alternative fuels and conventional fuels.

The EIA data shows weekly average prices from a sample of approximately 800 retail gasoline and 400 retail diesel outlets across the country. The EIA data points are weighted to reflect the quantity of fuel being sold at that price.

The Clean Cities data is not weighted, and represents simple averages of reported prices. While there is some variation, the EIA average prices match relatively closely with the average prices reported by Clean Cities coordinators.

TABLE 4 Average Retail Gasoline and Diesel Prices by Region, in \$/gal from Clean Cities and EIA* Sources							
Region	GASOLINE PRICES				DIESEL PRICES		
	Clean Cities	EIA**	Difference***		Clean Cities	EIA**	Difference***
New England	\$2.41	\$2.23	\$0.18		\$2.72	\$2.58	\$0.14
Central Atlantic	\$2.20	\$2.22	-\$0.02		\$2.73	\$2.63	\$0.10
Lower Atlantic	\$2.15	\$2.12	\$0.03		\$2.48	\$2.43	\$0.05
Midwest	\$2.36	\$2.35	\$0.01		\$2.47	\$2.49	-\$0.02
Gulf Coast	\$1.97	\$2.04	-\$0.07		\$2.27	\$2.32	-\$0.05
Rocky Mountain	\$2.35	\$2.48	-\$0.13		\$2.46	\$2.50	-\$0.04
West Coast	\$2.76	\$2.79	-\$0.03		\$2.80	\$2.69	\$0.11
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.35	\$2.32	\$0.03		\$2.59	\$2.49	\$0.10

*EIA = Energy Information Administration

**EIA prices are from the petroleum information section of the EIA website, week of October 8, 2015.

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***Negative numbers represent average Clean Cities prices that are lower than EIA prices.

Compressed Natural Gas (Relative to Gasoline)

Region	CNG Prices (\$/GGE*)	Gasoline Prices (\$/gal)	Price Difference**
New England	\$2.44	\$2.41	\$0.03
Central Atlantic	\$1.99	\$2.20	-\$0.21
Lower Atlantic	\$2.07	\$2.15	-\$0.08
Midwest	\$2.03	\$2.36	-\$0.33
Gulf Coast	\$2.04	\$1.97	\$0.07
Rocky Mountain	\$1.89	\$2.35	-\$0.46
West Coast	\$2.37	\$2.76	-\$0.39
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.09	\$2.35	-\$0.26

*GGE = gasoline gallon equivalent

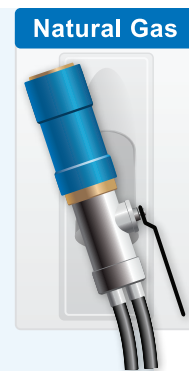
**Negative numbers represent average CNG prices that are lower than gasoline, on a \$/GGE basis.

CNG prices in Table 5 were obtained from the “price at the pump,” given in \$/gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE), and averaged for each region.

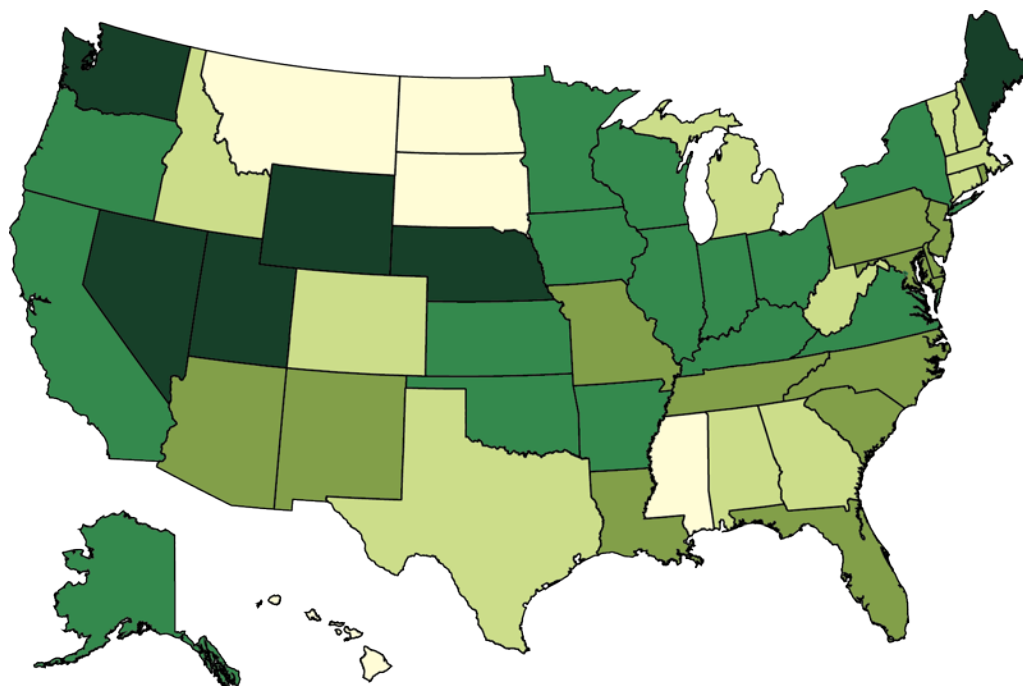
As with other fuels, the energy content of natural gas can vary. CNG dispensers are calibrated for local gas compositions and dispense an accurate GGE for the actual gas being sold.

On average, during this reporting period, CNG cost about \$0.26 less than gasoline on a per gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) basis.

Note: The Alternative Fuel Price Report is a snapshot in time of *retail* fuel prices. Alternative fuel fleets can obtain significantly lower fuel prices than those reported in the AFPR by entering into contracts directly with local fuel suppliers. Contract prices will vary, depending on fleet size and amount of fuel to be purchased, distance from the supplier, region of the country and other factors.



The prices shown in Table 5 were submitted by Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other stakeholders on a voluntary basis, between October 1 and October 15, 2015.



**FIGURE 2
PRICE DIFFERENTIALS BY STATE FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG)
RELATIVE TO GASOLINE**

In this map, negative numbers represent prices for CNG that are lower than gasoline, on a per gasoline gallon equivalent basis. States not highlighted with a color did not have any CNG data points in the current report.

CNG Price Difference Relative to Gasoline

- \$0.93 to -\$0.50
- \$0.49 to -\$0.25
- \$0.24 to \$0.00
- \$0.00 to \$0.66
- Insufficient Data

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), cont.

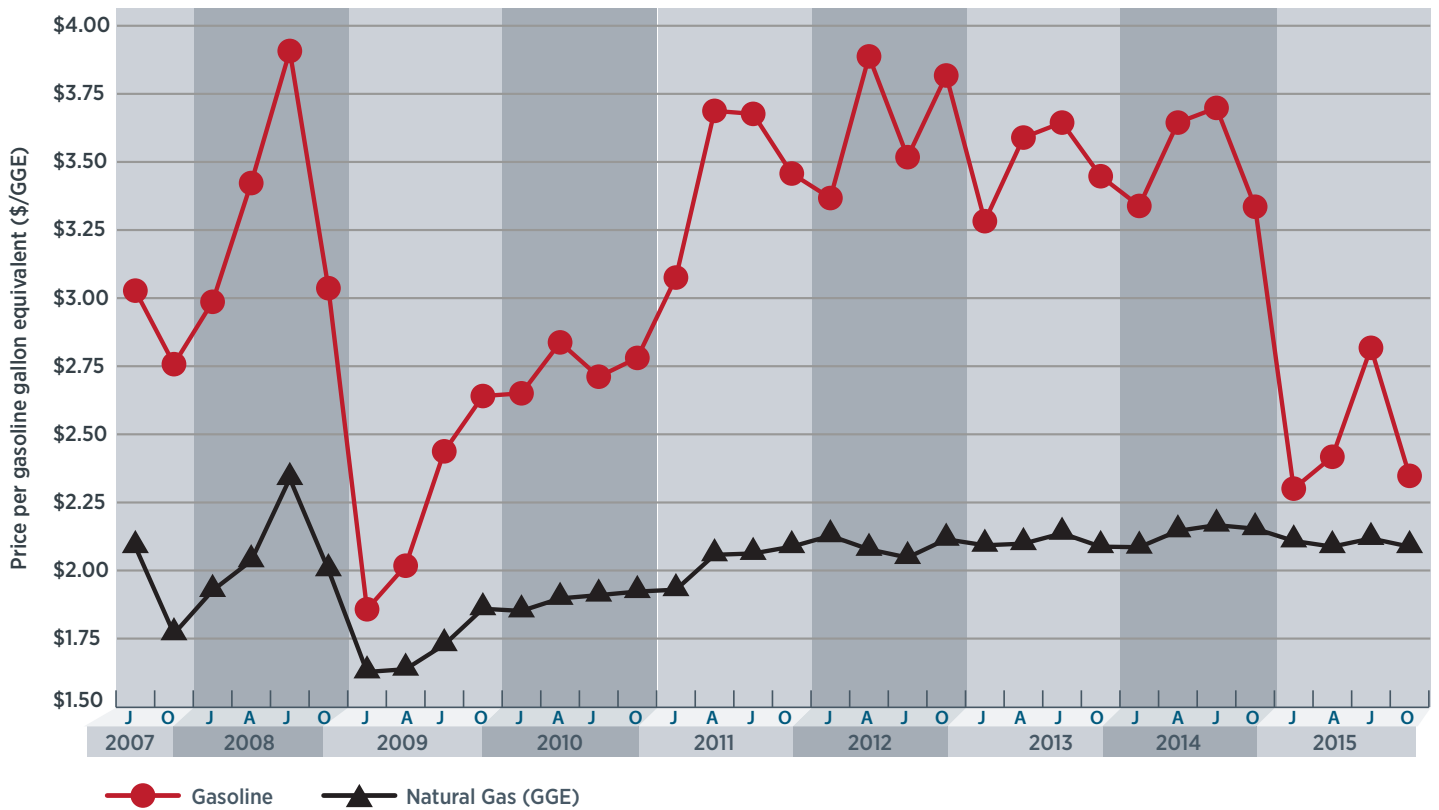


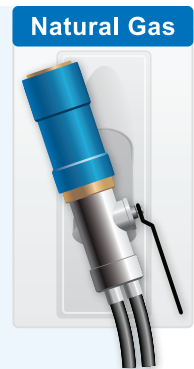
FIGURE 3
HISTORICAL COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) PRICES VERSUS GASOLINE

Compressed Natural Gas (Relative to Diesel)⁷

**TABLE 6
COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) AND DIESEL AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES BY REGION**

Region	CNG Prices (\$/DGE*)	Diesel Prices (\$/gal)	Price Difference**
New England	\$2.75	\$2.72	\$0.03
Central Atlantic	\$2.25	\$2.73	-\$0.48
Lower Atlantic	\$2.33	\$2.48	-\$0.15
Midwest	\$2.29	\$2.47	-\$0.18
Gulf Coast	\$2.30	\$2.27	\$0.03
Rocky Mountain	\$2.13	\$2.46	-\$0.33
West Coast	\$2.68	\$2.80	-\$0.12
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.37	\$2.59	-\$0.22

*DGE = diesel gallon equivalent
 ** Negative numbers represent average CNG prices that are lower than diesel, on a \$/DGE basis.



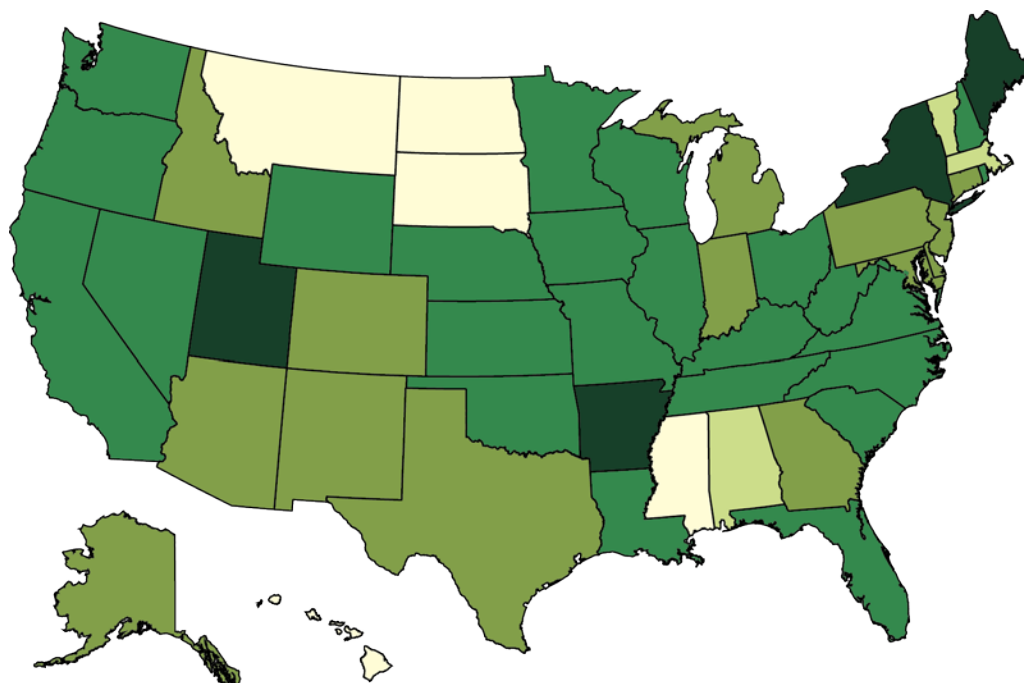
The prices shown in Table 6 were submitted by Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other stakeholders on a voluntary basis, between October 1 and October 15, 2015.

Table 6 shows the prices from Table 5, converted to \$/diesel gallon equivalent (\$/DGE), for easy comparison with diesel prices.

As with other fuels, the energy content of natural gas can vary. CNG dispensers are calibrated for local gas compositions and dispense an accurate GGE for the actual gas being sold.

On average, during this reporting period, CNG cost about \$0.22 less than diesel on a per diesel gallon equivalent basis.

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In this map, negative numbers represent prices for CNG that are lower than diesel, on a per diesel gallon equivalent basis. States not highlighted with a color did not have any CNG data points in the current report.

CNG Price Difference Relative to Diesel

- \$0.90 to -\$0.50
- \$0.49 to \$0.00
- \$0.01 to \$0.30
- \$0.31 to \$0.73
- Insufficient Data

**FIGURE 4
PRICE DIFFERENTIALS BY STATE FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG)
RELATIVE TO DIESEL**

⁷ A total of 46 liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices were submitted, with an average fuel price of \$2.60/DGE. Because of the small number of price points, this data is not reflected in the report.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), cont.

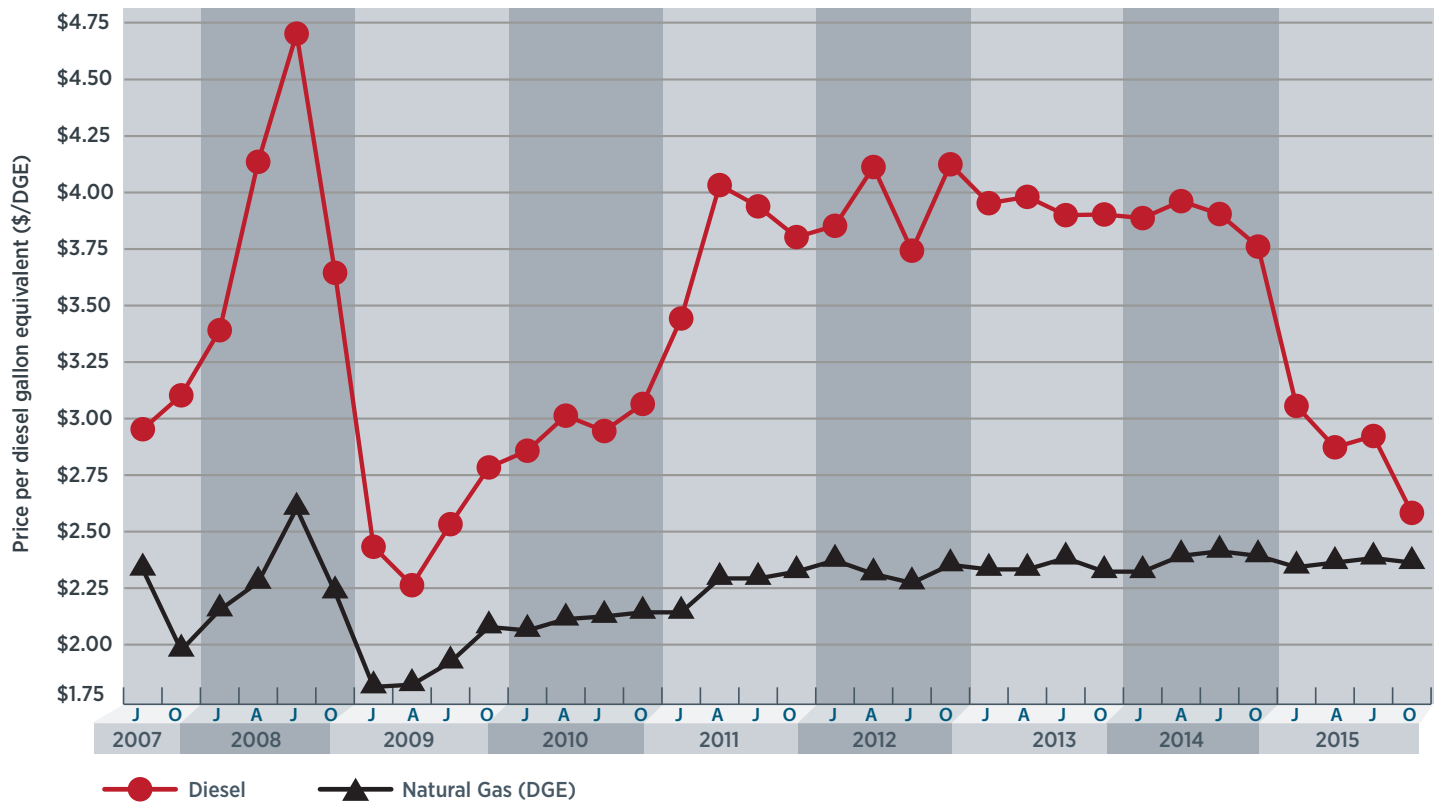


FIGURE 5
HISTORICAL COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) PRICES VERSUS DIESEL

Ethanol (E85)

**TABLE 7
ETHANOL (E85) AND GASOLINE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES BY REGION**

Region	E85 Prices (\$/gal)	Gasoline Prices (\$/gal)	Price Difference*
New England	\$2.78	\$2.41	\$0.37
Central Atlantic	\$2.41	\$2.20	\$0.21
Lower Atlantic	\$2.07	\$2.15	-\$0.08
Midwest	\$2.11	\$2.36	-\$0.25
Gulf Coast	\$1.92	\$1.97	-\$0.05
Rocky Mountain	\$2.20	\$2.35	-\$0.15
West Coast	\$2.62	\$2.76	-\$0.14
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.18	\$2.35	-\$0.17

*Negative numbers represent average E85 prices that are lower than gasoline, on a \$/gal basis.

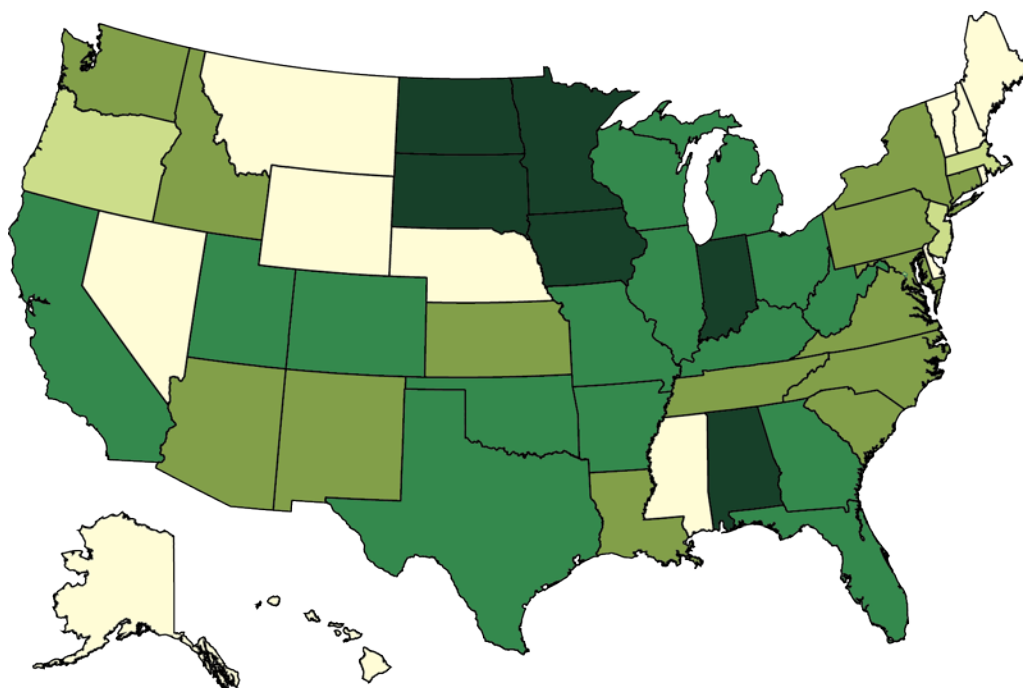


The prices shown in Table 7 were submitted by Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other stakeholders on a voluntary basis, between October 1 and October 15, 2015.

Most gasoline available throughout the United States today is a blend of 90% gasoline and up to 10% ethanol, or E10. Additionally, the E85 that is sold in the United States today actually contains, on average, approximately 70% ethanol.

E85 energy content for this report is therefore calculated as (.70)(E100 energy content) + (.30)(E0 energy content), to more closely reflect the actual energy content of E85 fuel available today.

On average, during this reporting period, E85 cost about \$0.17 less than gasoline on a per gallon basis.



In this map, negative numbers represent prices for E85 that are lower than gasoline, on a per gallon basis. States not highlighted with a color did not have any E85 data points in the current report.

E85 Price Difference Relative to Gasoline

- \$0.84 to -\$0.40
- \$0.39 to \$0.00
- \$0.01 to \$0.50
- \$0.51 to \$1.01
- Insufficient Data

**FIGURE 6
PRICE DIFFERENTIALS BY STATE FOR E85 RELATIVE TO GASOLINE**

Ethanol (E85), cont.

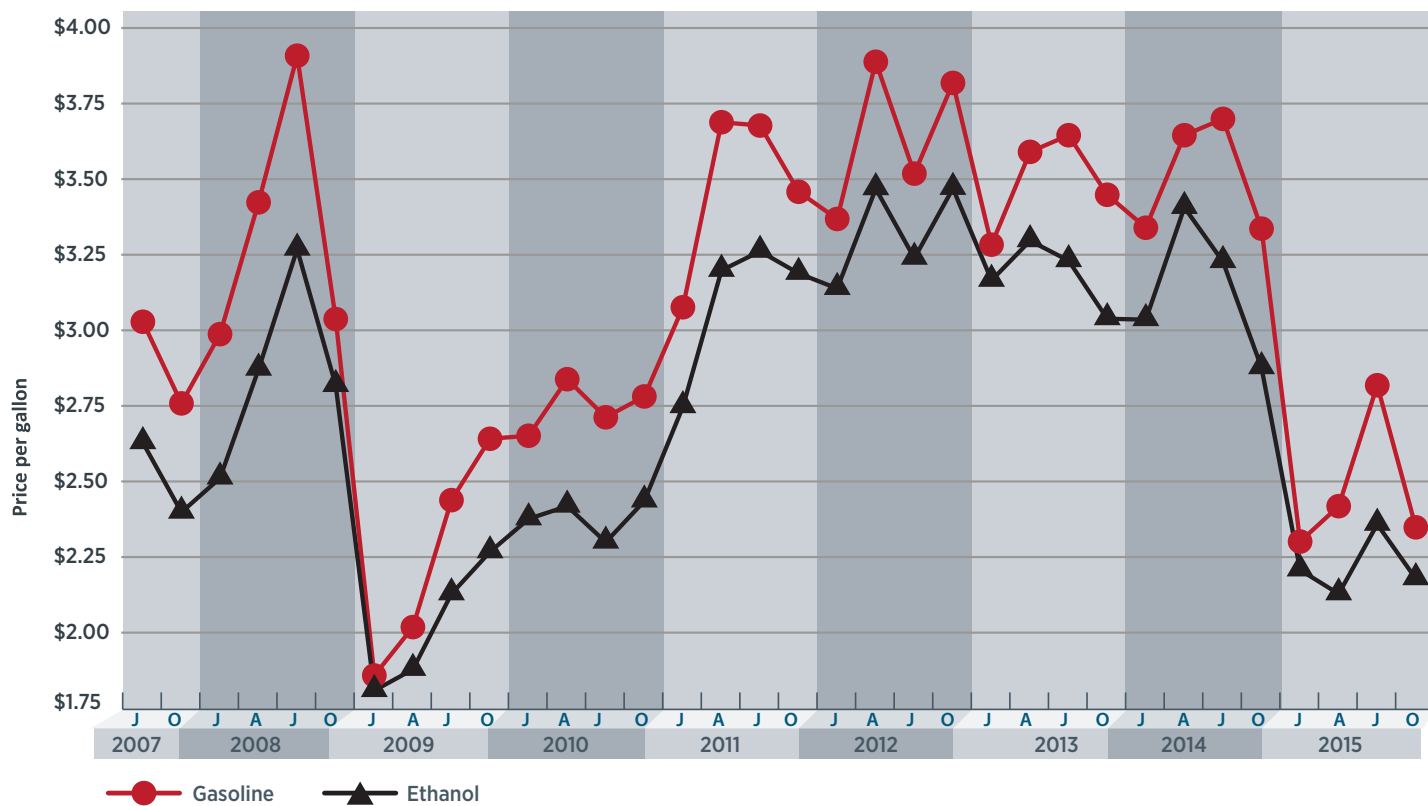


FIGURE 7
HISTORICAL ETHANOL (E85) PRICES VERSUS GASOLINE

Propane (LPG)



The prices shown in Table 8 were submitted by Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other stakeholders on a voluntary basis, between October 1 and October 15, 2015.

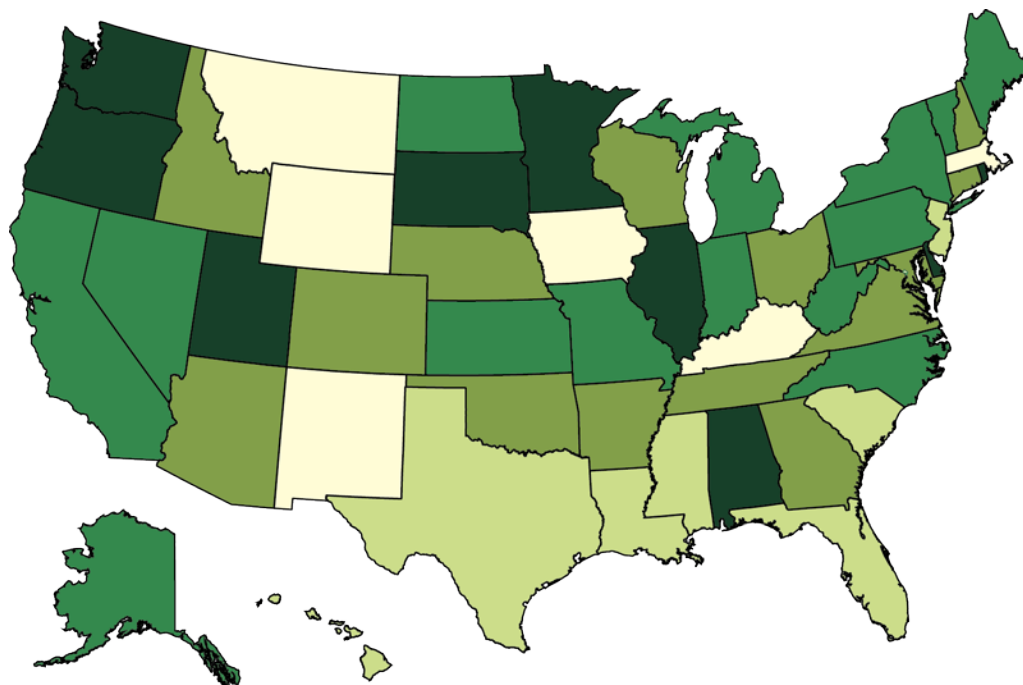
Region	LPG Prices (\$/gal)	Gasoline Prices (\$/gal)	Price Difference*
New England	\$2.84	\$2.41	\$0.43
Central Atlantic	\$2.68	\$2.20	\$0.48
Lower Atlantic	\$2.96	\$2.15	\$0.81
Midwest	\$2.70	\$2.36	\$0.34
Gulf Coast	\$2.99	\$1.97	\$1.02
Rocky Mountain	\$2.91	\$2.35	\$0.56
West Coast	\$2.96	\$2.76	\$0.20
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.90	\$2.35	\$0.55

*Negative numbers represent average propane prices that are lower than gasoline, on a \$/gal basis.

Propane prices in this report are from both private fleet refueling stations and public refueling sites that can provide propane for vehicles and for other uses.⁸

Note: The Alternative Fuel Price Report is a snapshot in time of *retail* fuel prices. Alternative fuel fleets can obtain significantly lower fuel prices than those reported in the AFPR by entering into contracts directly with local fuel suppliers. Contract prices will vary, depending on fleet size and amount of fuel to be purchased, distance from the supplier, region of the country and other factors.

On average, during this reporting period, propane cost about \$0.55 more than gasoline on a per (liquid) gallon basis.



In this map, negative numbers represent prices for propane that are lower than gasoline, on a per gallon basis. States not highlighted with a color did not have any propane data points in the current report.

LPG Price Difference Relative to Gasoline

- \$1.00 to \$0.00
- \$0.01 to \$0.50
- \$0.51 to \$1.00
- \$1.01 to \$2.85
- Insufficient Data

**FIGURE 8
PRICE DIFFERENTIALS BY STATE FOR PROPANE (LPG) RELATIVE TO GASOLINE**

⁸ Because many propane retailers provide fuel for non-vehicle uses (camping stoves, gas grills, etc.), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has worked with suppliers to clarify the differences. On the AFDC Station Locator website (<http://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations/>) each public propane station is designated as a “primary” or “secondary” service type. Both types are able to fuel vehicles; however, stations designated as “primary” have indicated they have facilities and billing procedures specifically designed for vehicle customers. They may also offer special vehicle pricing and most accept major credit cards, similar to traditional gasoline/diesel retailers. Propane pricing reported in this guide reflects a sampling of both primary and secondary stations.

Propane (LPG), cont.

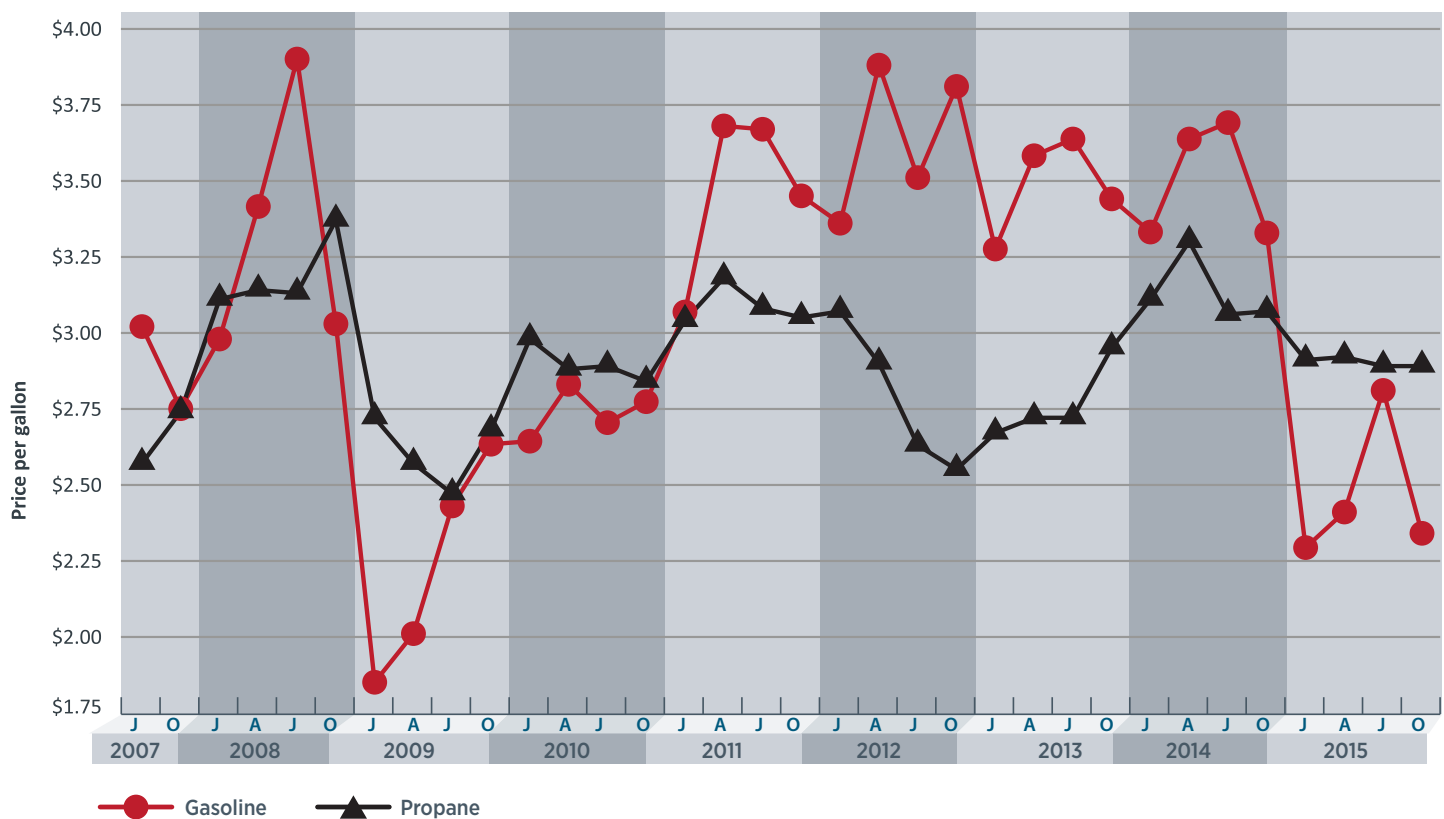


FIGURE 9
HISTORICAL PROPANE (LPG) PRICES VERSUS GASOLINE

Biodiesel Blends: B20

Region	B20 Prices (\$/gal)	Diesel Prices (\$/gal)	Price Difference*
New England	\$2.70	\$2.72	-\$0.02
Central Atlantic	\$2.60	\$2.73	-\$0.13
Lower Atlantic	\$2.56	\$2.48	\$0.08
Midwest	\$2.53	\$2.47	\$0.06
Gulf Coast	\$2.51	\$2.27	\$0.24
Rocky Mountain	\$2.55	\$2.46	\$0.09
West Coast	\$2.96	\$2.80	\$0.16
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.66	\$2.59	\$0.07

*Negative numbers represent average B20 prices that are lower than diesel, on a \$/GAL basis.

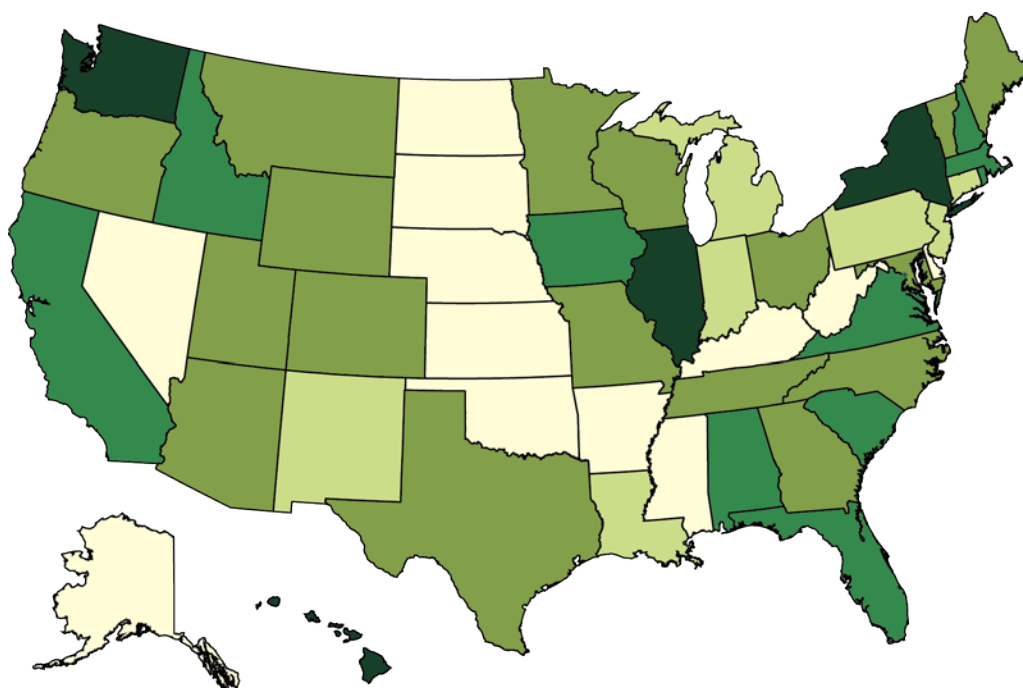
B20 is a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% conventional diesel. B20 contains only about 2% less energy (BTUs) per volume than 100% diesel. The appendix at the end of this report provides conversion factors for calculating B20 prices on a GGE and DGE basis.

Note that B20 prices, in many regions, track very closely with diesel prices.

On a national average basis, during this reporting period, B20 cost about \$0.07 more than diesel on a per gallon basis.



The prices shown in Table 9 were submitted by Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other stakeholders on a voluntary basis, between October 1 and October 15, 2015.



B20 Price Difference Relative to Diesel

- \$0.62 to -\$0.25
- \$0.24 to \$0.00
- \$0.01 to \$0.40
- \$0.41 to \$0.86
- Insufficient Data

In this map, negative numbers represent prices for B20 that are lower than diesel, on a per gallon basis. States not highlighted with a color did not have any B20 data points in the current report.

**FIGURE 10
PRICE DIFFERENTIALS BY STATE FOR B20 RELATIVE TO DIESEL**

Biodiesel Blends: B20, cont.

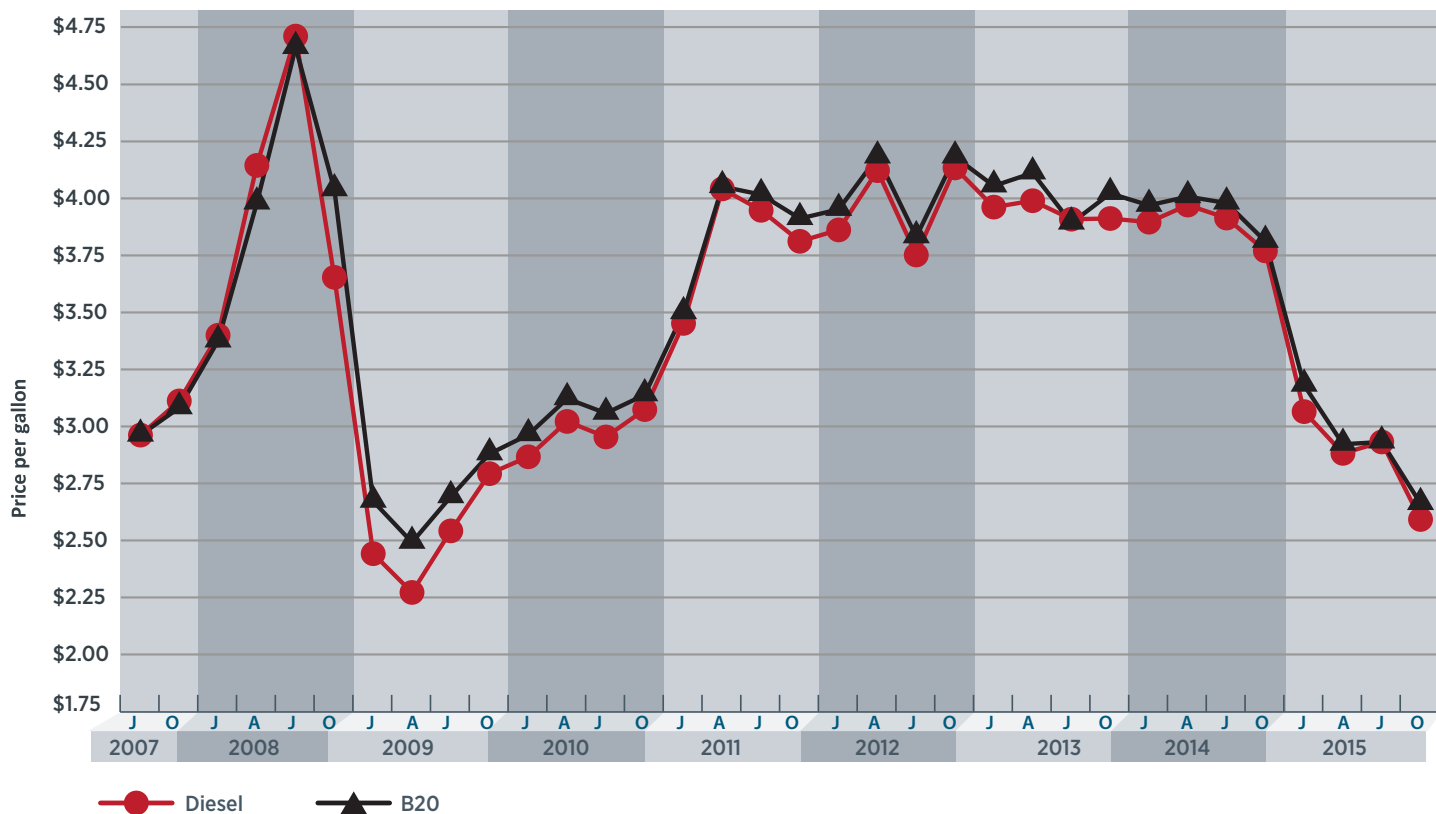
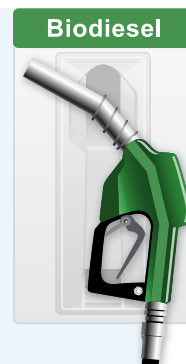


FIGURE 11
HISTORICAL B20 PRICES VERSUS DIESEL

Biodiesel Blends: B99/B100

Region	B99/B100 Prices (\$/gal)	Diesel Prices (\$/gal)	Price Difference*
New England	\$2.62	\$2.72	-\$0.10
Central Atlantic	\$5.82	\$2.73	\$3.09
Lower Atlantic	\$3.33	\$2.48	\$0.85
Midwest	\$2.46	\$2.47	-\$0.01
Gulf Coast	\$2.49	\$2.27	\$0.22
Rocky Mountain	\$2.59	\$2.46	\$0.13
West Coast	\$3.53	\$2.80	\$0.73
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$3.40	\$2.59	\$0.81

*Negative numbers represent average B99/B100 prices that are lower than diesel, on a \$/GAL basis.

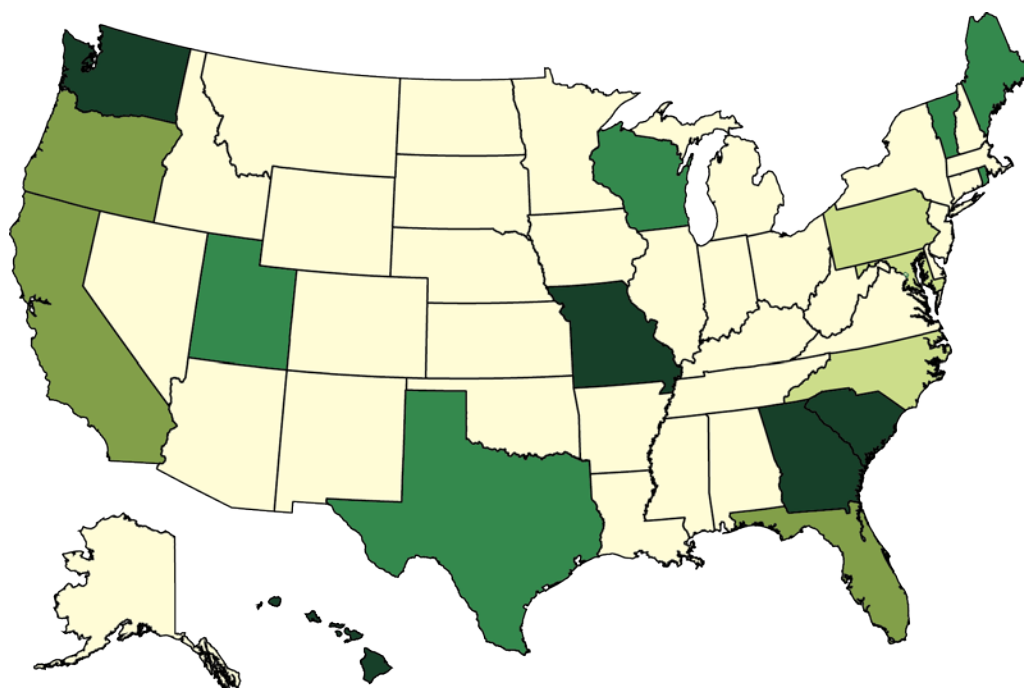


The prices shown in Table 10 were submitted by Clean Cities coordinators, fuel providers, and other stakeholders on a voluntary basis, between October 1 and October 15, 2015.

B100 contains about 10% less energy (BTUs) per volume than 100% diesel.

The appendix at the end of this report provides conversion factors for calculating B100 prices on a GGE and DGE basis.

On average, during this reporting period, B99/B100 cost about \$0.81 more than diesel on a per gallon basis.



In this map, negative numbers represent prices for B99/B100 that are lower than diesel, on a per gallon basis. States not highlighted with a color did not have any B99/B100 data points in the current report.



FIGURE 12
PRICE DIFFERENTIALS BY STATE FOR B99/B100 RELATIVE TO DIESEL

Biodiesel Blends: B99/B100, cont.

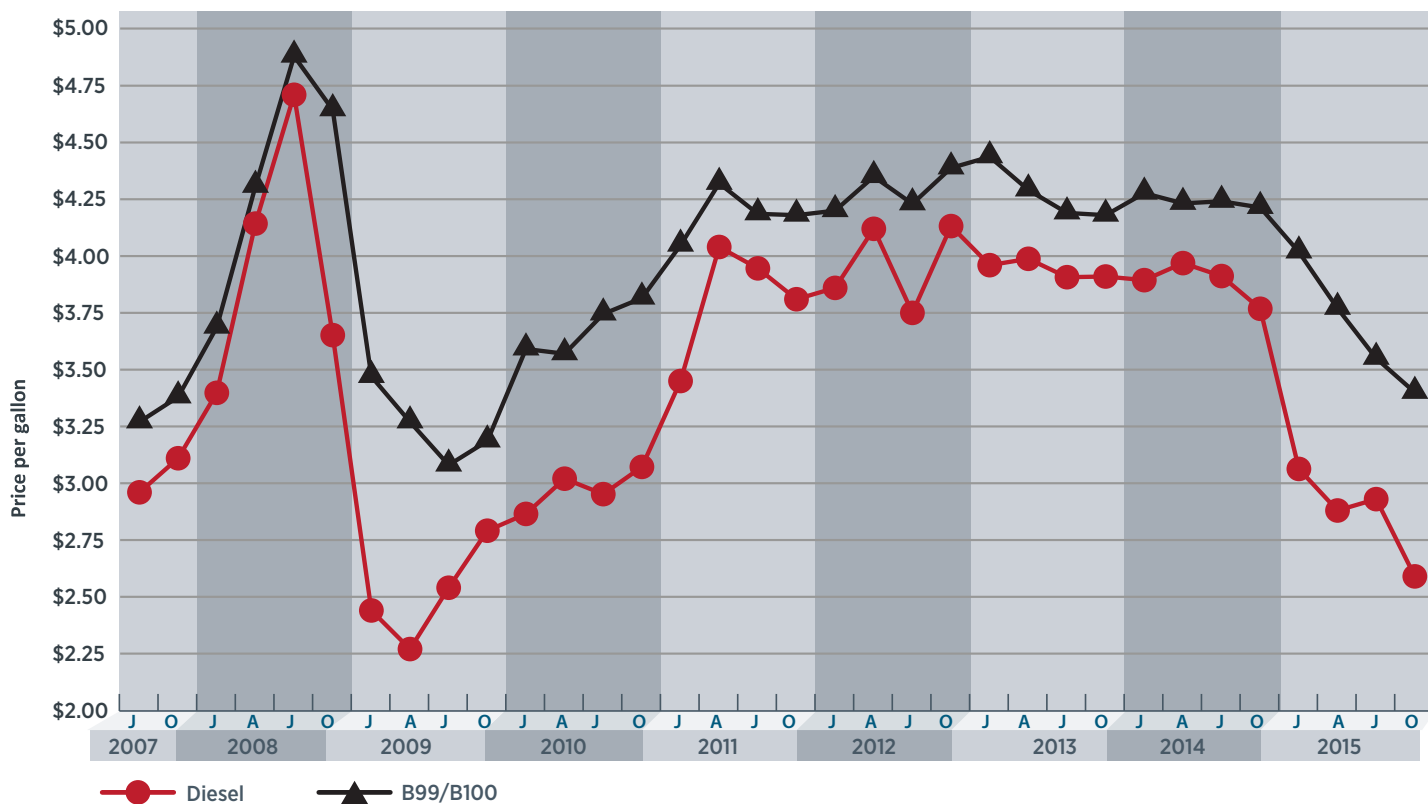
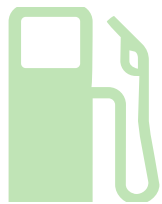


FIGURE 13
HISTORICAL B99/B100 PRICES VERSUS DIESEL

Comparison Of Prices: This Report Versus Last Report

The following tables summarize the average retail prices submitted for this report by region, and compare them to prices submitted for the July 2015 Alternative Fuel Price Report. It should be noted that a portion of the price changes may be attributed to differing sample sizes and locations between the two reports.

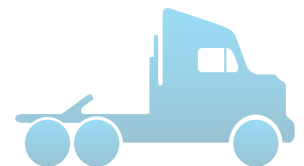
GASOLINE (\$ per gallon)



Region	Price for July 2015	Price for October 2015	Difference in \$	Difference in %
New England	\$2.87	\$2.41	-\$0.46	-16.03%
Central Atlantic	\$2.70	\$2.20	-\$0.50	-18.52%
Lower Atlantic	\$2.63	\$2.15	-\$0.48	-18.25%
Midwest	\$2.70	\$2.36	-\$0.34	-12.59%
Gulf Coast	\$2.55	\$1.97	-\$0.58	-22.75%
Rocky Mountain	\$2.67	\$2.35	-\$0.32	-11.99%
West Coast	\$3.27	\$2.76	-\$0.51	-15.60%
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.82	\$2.35	-\$0.47	-16.67%

Region	Price for July 2015	Price for October 2015	Difference in \$	Difference in %
New England	\$3.15	\$2.72	-\$0.43	-13.65%
Central Atlantic	\$2.99	\$2.73	-\$0.26	-8.70%
Lower Atlantic	\$2.82	\$2.48	-\$0.34	-12.06%
Midwest	\$2.73	\$2.47	-\$0.26	-9.52%
Gulf Coast	\$2.69	\$2.27	-\$0.42	-15.61%
Rocky Mountain	\$2.76	\$2.46	-\$0.30	-10.87%
West Coast	\$3.15	\$2.80	-\$0.35	-11.11%
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.93	\$2.59	-\$0.34	-11.60%

DIESEL (\$ per gallon)



CNG (\$ per GGE)



Region	Price for July 2015	Price for October 2015	Difference in \$	Difference in %
New England	\$2.44	\$2.44	\$0.00	0.00%
Central Atlantic	\$2.13	\$1.99	-\$0.14	-6.57%
Lower Atlantic	\$2.05	\$2.07	\$0.02	0.98%
Midwest	\$2.07	\$2.03	-\$0.04	-1.93%
Gulf Coast	\$2.00	\$2.04	\$0.04	2.00%
Rocky Mountain	\$1.86	\$1.89	\$0.03	1.61%
West Coast	\$2.36	\$2.37	\$0.01	0.42%
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.12	\$2.09	-\$0.03	-1.42%

Comparison Of Prices: This Report Versus Last Report, cont.

TABLE 11 d

Region	Price for July 2015	Price for October 2015	Difference in \$	Difference in %
New England	\$2.74	\$2.78	\$0.04	1.46%
Central Atlantic	\$2.60	\$2.41	-\$0.19	-7.31%
Lower Atlantic	\$2.35	\$2.07	-\$0.28	-11.91%
Midwest	\$2.18	\$2.11	-\$0.07	-3.21%
Gulf Coast	\$2.13	\$1.92	-\$0.21	-9.86%
Rocky Mountain	\$2.23	\$2.20	-\$0.03	-1.35%
West Coast	\$2.81	\$2.62	-\$0.19	-6.76%
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.36	\$2.18	-\$0.18	-7.63%

**ETHANOL
(E85)
(\$ per gallon)**



**PROPANE
(\$ per gallon)**



TABLE 11 e

Region	Price for July 2015	Price for October 2015	Difference in \$	Difference in %
New England	\$3.01	\$2.84	-\$0.17	-5.65%
Central Atlantic	\$2.87	\$2.68	-\$0.19	-6.62%
Lower Atlantic	\$2.92	\$2.96	\$0.04	1.37%
Midwest	\$2.64	\$2.70	\$0.06	2.27%
Gulf Coast	\$2.78	\$2.99	\$0.21	7.55%
Rocky Mountain	\$3.02	\$2.91	-\$0.11	-3.64%
West Coast	\$3.00	\$2.96	-\$0.04	-1.33%
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$0.00	0.00%

TABLE 11 f

Region	Price for July 2015	Price for October 2015	Difference in \$	Difference in %
New England	\$3.02	\$2.70	-\$0.32	-10.60%
Central Atlantic	\$2.80	\$2.60	-\$0.20	-7.14%
Lower Atlantic	\$2.78	\$2.56	-\$0.22	-7.91%
Midwest	\$2.75	\$2.53	-\$0.22	-8.00%
Gulf Coast	\$2.73	\$2.51	-\$0.22	-8.06%
Rocky Mountain	\$2.98	\$2.55	-\$0.43	-14.43%
West Coast	\$3.18	\$2.96	-\$0.22	-6.92%
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.93	\$2.66	-\$0.27	-9.22%

**BIODIESEL
B20
(\$ per gallon)**



**BIODIESEL
B99/B100
(\$ per gallon)**



TABLE 11 g

Region	Price for July 2015	Price for October 2015	Difference in \$	Difference in %
New England	\$2.88	\$2.62	-\$0.26	-9.03%
Central Atlantic	\$4.82	\$5.82	\$1.00	20.75%
Lower Atlantic	\$3.66	\$3.33	-\$0.33	-9.02%
Midwest	\$2.69	\$2.46	-\$0.23	-8.55%
Gulf Coast	\$2.63	\$2.49	-\$0.14	-5.32%
Rocky Mountain	\$2.90	\$2.59	-\$0.31	-10.69%
West Coast	\$3.66	\$3.53	-\$0.13	-3.55%
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$3.55	\$3.40	-\$0.15	-4.23%

Price Comparison By Region For Public & Private Refueling Stations

The tables below summarize average retail fuel prices contained in this report, sorted by type of refueling station, i.e., “private” or “public”. The stations classified as “public” are open to the general public. The majority of the stations classified as “private” are operated by state or local government agencies, transit agencies, utility districts, colleges or universities, or military facilities. They serve the host agency’s fleets, and may have contractual or other arrangements in place to sell fuel to other government agencies and/or selected other fleets. In some cases, contracts may include billing, accounting, or fleet service management fees that are rolled into the price of the fuel.

For this report, there were 3,038 prices submitted from “public” refueling stations, and 366 prices submitted from “private” refueling stations, for a total of 3,404 prices.

As with the other prices in this report, these prices include state and federal taxes, as described in the Methodology section of this document.

Region	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
New England	\$2.31	\$2.41
Central Atlantic	\$2.10	\$2.23
Lower Atlantic	\$2.09	\$2.15
Midwest	\$2.49	\$2.35
Gulf Coast	---	\$1.97
Rocky Mountain	\$2.10	\$2.35
West Coast	\$2.86	\$2.75
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.43	\$2.34

Region	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
New England	\$2.77	\$2.71
Central Atlantic	\$2.59	\$2.78
Lower Atlantic	\$2.10	\$2.48
Midwest	\$2.09	\$2.48
Gulf Coast	---	\$2.27
Rocky Mountain	\$2.14	\$2.47
West Coast	\$2.68	\$2.81
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.58	\$2.59

Region	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
New England	\$1.91	\$2.50
Central Atlantic	\$1.76	\$2.11
Lower Atlantic	\$0.77	\$2.14
Midwest	\$1.94	\$2.05
Gulf Coast	\$1.82	\$2.07
Rocky Mountain	\$1.71	\$2.00
West Coast	\$1.92	\$2.44
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$1.78	\$2.18

Region	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
New England	---	\$2.78
Central Atlantic	\$2.33	\$2.42
Lower Atlantic	\$2.61	\$2.07
Midwest	\$2.35	\$2.09
Gulf Coast	\$2.88	\$1.91
Rocky Mountain	\$2.01	\$2.20
West Coast	\$2.49	\$2.62
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.36	\$2.18

--- indicates no data points were submitted for this region.

Comparison Of Prices By Region For Public & Private Refueling Stations cont.

TABLE 12 e - Propane Average Retail Price by Refueling Station Type (\$/gal)		
Region	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
New England	\$2.49	\$2.85
Central Atlantic	\$1.45	\$3.05
Lower Atlantic	\$1.94	\$2.97
Midwest	\$1.60	\$2.76
Gulf Coast	\$1.31	\$3.10
Rocky Mountain	\$1.89	\$2.94
West Coast	\$3.14	\$2.94
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.00	\$2.96

TABLE 12 f - B20 Average Retail Price by Refueling Station Type (\$/gal)		
Region	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
New England	\$2.47	\$2.83
Central Atlantic	\$2.49	\$2.89
Lower Atlantic	\$2.28	\$2.61
Midwest	\$2.48	\$2.53
Gulf Coast	\$2.85	\$2.45
Rocky Mountain	---	\$2.55
West Coast	\$2.74	\$3.07
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$2.54	\$2.71

TABLE 12 g - B99/B100 Average Retail Price by Refueling Station Type (\$/gal)		
Region	PRIVATE	PUBLIC
New England	---	\$2.62
Central Atlantic	---	\$5.82
Lower Atlantic	\$3.95	\$2.96
Midwest	\$2.19	\$2.73
Gulf Coast	\$2.99	\$2.24
Rocky Mountain	---	\$2.59
West Coast	\$4.21	\$3.45
NATIONAL AVERAGE	\$3.71	\$3.34

--- indicates no data points were submitted for this region.

Historical Alternative Fuel Prices From Previous Reports

The following graphs illustrate historical prices for the alternative fuels included in the Alternative Fuel Price Report from 2007 to the present, relative to gasoline and diesel. Compressed natural gas (in GGE), propane, and ethanol (E85) have been graphed against gasoline prices, while compressed natural gas (in DGE) and biodiesel blends (B20 and B99/B100) have been graphed against diesel prices.

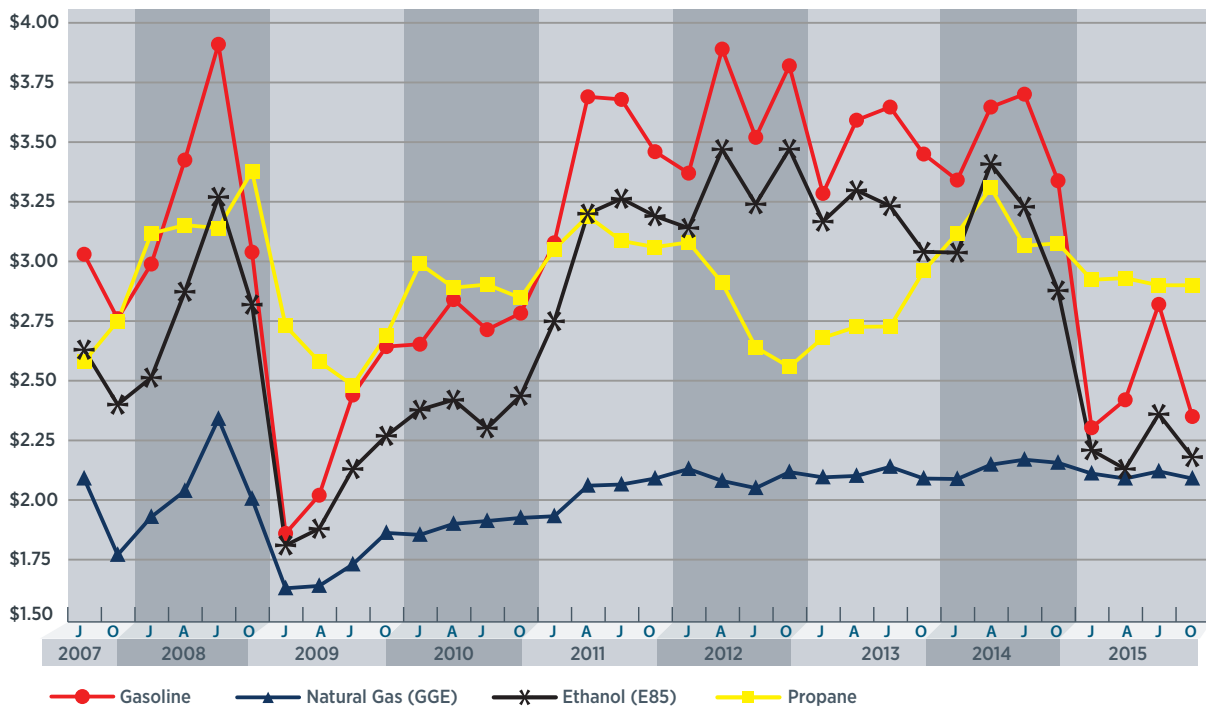


FIGURE 14
ALTERNATIVE FUEL PRICES VERSUS GASOLINE

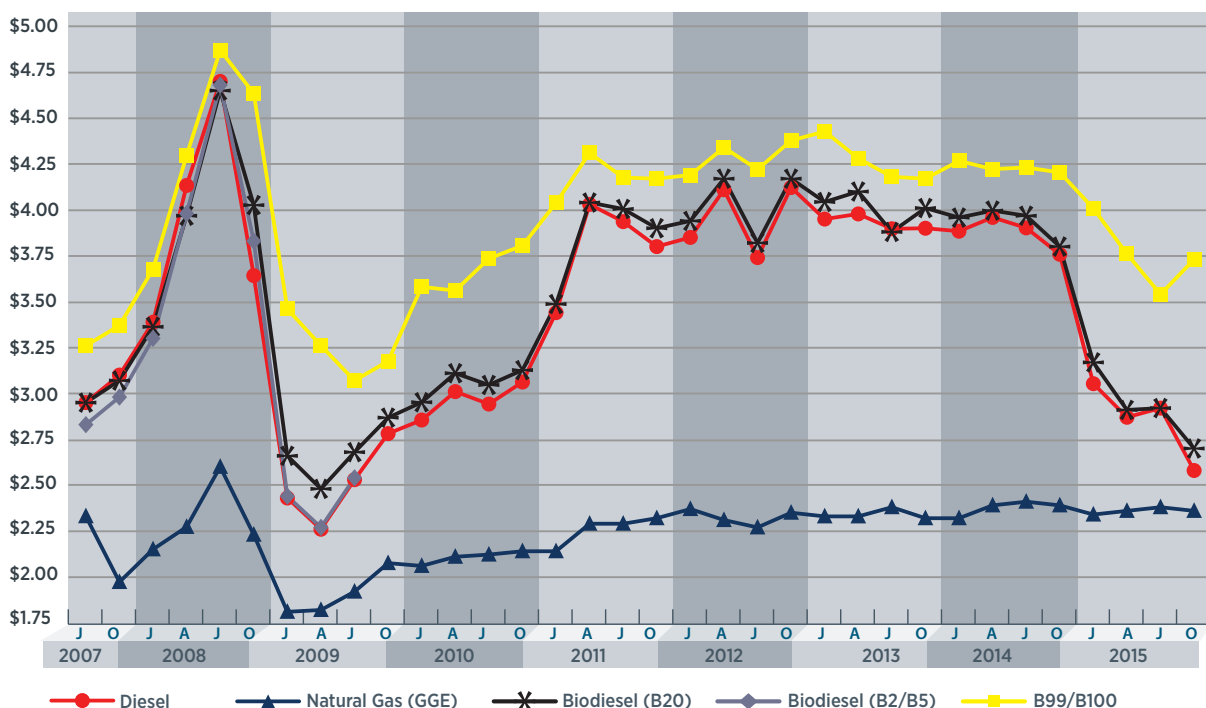


FIGURE 15
ALTERNATIVE FUEL PRICES VERSUS DIESEL

Illustration of Conversion Factors for Fuels

Fuel	Lower Heating Value
Gasoline (E0)	115,400 BTU/gal
Gasoline (E10) ¹⁰	114,300 BTU/gal
Diesel	128,700 BTU/gal
Biodiesel (B100)	117,100 BTU/gal
Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) ¹¹	114,300 BTU/GGE
Ethanol (E100)	75,700 BTU/gal
Propane	83,500 BTU/gal

Conversion factors used to establish prices in dollars per gasoline gallon equivalent (\$/GGE) and dollars per diesel gallon equivalent (\$/DGE) were developed using the lower heating values from the Transportation Energy Data Book Edition 33,⁹ and are listed to the left.

In the case of CNG, prices are provided to us in GGE, so no conversion is necessary. The representative heating value of CNG is provided in Table 13 as a reference.

Conversion to GGE

The conversion factor used to convert the price of an alternative fuel from \$/gallon to \$/GGE is determined as follows:

$$\text{Conversion factor} = \frac{\text{BTU/gal of gasoline (E10)}}{\text{BTU/gal of alternative fuel}}$$

To calculate the price of an alternative fuel in \$/GGE, multiply the price per gallon of the alternative fuel by the relevant conversion factor from Table 14.

Fuel	Conversion Factor
Biodiesel (B20)	0.90
Biodiesel (B100)	0.98
CNG	1.00
Ethanol (E85) ¹²	1.30
Propane	1.37

Conversion to DGE

The conversion factor used to convert the price of an alternative fuel from \$/gallon to \$/DGE is determined as follows:

$$\text{Conversion factor} = \frac{\text{BTU/gal of diesel}}{\text{BTU/gal of alternative fuel}}$$

For example, the conversion factor used to convert a B100 price from \$/gal to \$/DGE is determined as follows:

$$\frac{128,700 \text{ BTU/gal of diesel}}{117,100 \text{ BTU/gal of B100}} = 1.099, \text{ rounded to } 1.10$$

To calculate the price of an alternative fuel in \$/DGE, multiply the price per gallon of the alternative fuel by the relevant conversion factor from Table 15.

For example, if the price of B100 is given as \$3.00/gal, the \$/DGE is determined as follows:

$$(\$3.00/\text{gal}) \times 1.10 = \$3.30/\text{DGE}$$

Fuel	Conversion Factor
Biodiesel (B20)	1.02
Biodiesel (B100)	1.10
CNG	1.13
Ethanol (E85) ¹³	1.47
Propane	1.54

⁹ <http://cta.ornl.gov/data>

¹⁰ According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Alternative Fuels Data Center, the energy content of common gasoline baseline references (E0, E10 and indolene) varies between 112,114 and 116,090 Btu/gal. We chose 114,300 Btu/gal for the E10 energy content, consistent with the Transportation Energy Data Book (TEDB) energy content of CNG, in GGEs. See next footnote.

¹¹ (5.66 lbs. of CNG/GGE) x (20,200 BTU/lb.) = 114,332; rounded to 114,300.

¹² Most gasoline available throughout the United States today is a blend of 90% gasoline and up to 10% ethanol, or E10. Additionally, the E85 that is sold in the United States today actually contains, on average, approximately 70% ethanol. E85 energy content for this report is therefore calculated as [(.70) x (E100 energy content)] + [(.30) x (E0 energy content)], to more closely reflect the actual energy content of E85 fuel available today.

¹³ See footnote 12, above.

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