

# Average Residential Propane Prices in Nebraska

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## Analysis

On October 17, 2005, the average residential [propane](#) price had increased almost one cent from last week to \$1.47 a gallon (see the [table](#) at the end of this report). The [graph](#) below the text shows the spread in prices from month to month and from this year compared to the previous years. The price was 25 cents (or 20 percent) higher than the price at this time last year. Other [states](#) in the Midwest Region had higher prices ranging from \$1.52 to \$2.01 with the region averaging \$1.77 per gallon. Kentucky is the state in the Midwest Region that went over \$2 a gallon this week. (In a later report, this statement was revised to say that Ohio was the state whose average went over \$2 per gallon.) States adjacent to Nebraska, such as South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri, had prices of \$1.53, \$1.56, and \$1.67, respectively.

On the supply side, the Midwest Region inventory level was in the normal range for this time of year with 23.8 million barrels in storage on October 14.

Notes: The [annual report](#) for the 2004-2005 winter season is available. The [archive](#) houses annual reports from previous years.

## Heating Season

The Nebraska Energy Office has participated in the State Heating Oil and Propane Program for five years. During the heating season (October to March), the staff contact companies each week who supply propane to Nebraska, collect Monday's retail price, and submit the data to the [Energy Information Administration](#). The Energy Information Administration calculates the average price shown in the [table](#) below.

In the Midwest Region, Nebraska's average residential propane price was the lowest price each week during the last five heating seasons. The Energy Information Administration theorized that this was due to minimal transportation costs since Nebraska's [wholesale](#) prices were not the lowest in the region each week. Another reason would be the number of participating states. Since state participation in the program is voluntary, propane prices were not surveyed in each state in the Midwest Region. Kansas and Oklahoma might also have had low prices--possibly lower than Nebraska's because the two states are closer to production, refinery, and storage areas.

## Off Season

During the off season (April through September), the Nebraska Energy Office staff continue to contact the same suppliers who were contacted during the heating season. Staff contact suppliers once a month instead of once a week since the price of propane is usually not as volatile during the off season. The Nebraska Energy Office staff calculate the average price, shown in the [table](#) below, from the suppliers' retail prices on the first Monday of the month.

## State Heating Oil and Propane Program



	Heating Season						Off Season					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>2002/2003</b>												
<b>First Monday</b>	\$0.721	\$0.743	\$0.744	\$0.806	\$0.901	\$1.181	\$0.886	\$0.849	\$0.845	\$0.882	\$0.899	\$0.934
<b>Second Monday</b>	\$0.734	\$0.743	\$0.747	\$0.806	\$0.973	\$0.975						
<b>Third Monday</b>	\$0.736	\$0.743	\$0.784	\$0.843	\$0.943	\$0.966						
<b>Fourth Monday</b>	\$0.739	\$0.743	\$0.793	\$0.855	\$0.948							
<b>Fifth Monday</b>			\$0.799									
<b>2003/2004</b>												
<b>First Monday</b>	\$0.925	\$0.964	\$0.945	\$0.959	\$0.990	\$0.984	\$0.981	\$0.971	\$0.982	\$0.974	\$1.038	\$1.143
<b>Second Monday</b>	\$0.960	\$0.955	\$0.942	\$1.027	\$1.011	\$0.983						
<b>Third Monday</b>	\$0.966	\$0.952	\$0.957	\$1.008	\$0.993	\$0.984						
<b>Fourth Monday</b>	\$0.968	\$0.952	\$0.956	\$1.006	\$0.992							
<b>Fifth Monday</b>			\$0.959									
	Heating Season						Off Season					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>2004/2005</b>												
<b>First Monday</b>	\$1.158	\$1.290	\$1.265	\$1.237	\$1.220	\$1.194	\$1.220	\$1.209	\$1.202	\$1.225	\$1.232	\$1.415
<b>Second Monday</b>	\$1.195	\$1.297	\$1.248	\$1.236	\$1.196	\$1.218						
<b>Third Monday</b>	\$1.227	\$1.290	\$1.251	\$1.228	\$1.190							
<b>Fourth Monday</b>	\$1.312	\$1.278	\$1.251	\$1.228	\$1.194							
<b>Fifth Monday</b>		\$1.288		\$1.224								
<b>2005/2006</b>												
<b>First Monday</b>	\$1.475	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Second Monday</b>	\$1.469	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA						
<b>Third Monday</b>	\$1.474	NA	NA	NA	NA							
<b>Fourth Monday</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA							
<b>Fifth Monday</b>	NA			NA								

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Sources: State Heating Oil and Propane Survey and the Weekly Petroleum Status Report. Energy Information Administration, Office of Oil and Gas, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC. Nebraska Energy Office, Lincoln, NE.

Note: NA = Not Available.

*This report was updated on October 19, 2005.  
Typically, there is one week between updates during the heating season and one month between updates during the cooling season.*

