

Average Residential Propane Prices in Nebraska

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Analysis

On December 19, 2005, the average residential [propane](#) price had increased five cents from last week to \$1.51 per gallon (see the [table](#) at the end of this report). The [graph](#) below this text shows the spread in prices from month to month and from this year compared to previous years. This week's average price was 26 cents (or 21 percent) higher than the price at this time last year.

Other [states](#) in the Midwest Region had higher prices ranging from \$1.54 to \$2.13 with the region averaging \$1.83 per gallon. Kentucky and Ohio continue to have average prices over \$2 per gallon. Ohio's average has been over \$2 a gallon for the tenth consecutive week. States adjacent to Nebraska, such as South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri, had prices of \$1.56, \$1.54, and \$1.71, respectively.

While wholesale prices rose almost four cents per gallon this week and the [rack](#)-to-retail margin increased to 34 cents, Nebraska retail prices continue to be the lowest of the surveyed states in the region. (Nebraska does not have the lowest wholesale prices of the surveyed states in the region.)

On the supply side, the Midwest Region inventory level was at the bottom boundary of the normal range for this time of year with 20.4 million barrels in storage on December 16. The Midwest reported the largest regional decrease in inventories this week. Inventories dropped 1.9 million barrels due to cold temperatures in the Midwest. The Energy Information Administration projects that, even if this trend of sharp declines continued each week through the end of the month, propane inventories would still maintain the modest inventory cushion that was built up during the months of October and November.

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

	Heating Season						Off Season					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
First Monday	\$0.815	\$0.771	\$0.768	\$0.769	\$0.773	\$0.736	\$0.736	\$0.733	\$0.720	\$0.708	\$0.693	\$0.714
Second Monday	\$0.797	\$0.772	\$0.777	\$0.770	\$0.735	\$0.739						
Third Monday	\$0.798	\$0.779	\$0.773	\$0.770	\$0.735	\$0.734						
Fourth Monday	\$0.786	\$0.770	\$0.773	\$0.773	\$0.734							
Fifth Monday	\$0.774		\$0.769									
2002/2003												
First Monday	\$0.721	\$0.743	\$0.744	\$0.806	\$0.901	\$1.181	\$0.886	\$0.849	\$0.845	\$0.882	\$0.899	\$0.934
Second Monday	\$0.734	\$0.743	\$0.747	\$0.806	\$0.973	\$0.975						
Third Monday	\$0.736	\$0.743	\$0.784	\$0.843	\$0.943	\$0.966						
Fourth Monday	\$0.739	\$0.743	\$0.793	\$0.855	\$0.948							
Fifth Monday			\$0.799									
2003/2004												
First Monday	\$0.925	\$0.964	\$0.945	\$0.959	\$0.990	\$0.984	\$0.981	\$0.971	\$0.982	\$0.974	\$1.038	\$1.143
Second Monday	\$0.960	\$0.955	\$0.942	\$1.027	\$1.011	\$0.983						
Third Monday	\$0.966	\$0.952	\$0.957	\$1.008	\$0.993	\$0.984						
Fourth Monday	\$0.968	\$0.952	\$0.956	\$1.006	\$0.992							
Fifth Monday			\$0.959									
	Heating Season						Off Season					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
2004/2005												
First Monday	\$1.158	\$1.290	\$1.265	\$1.237	\$1.220	\$1.194	\$1.220	\$1.209	\$1.202	\$1.225	\$1.232	\$1.415
Second Monday	\$1.195	\$1.297	\$1.248	\$1.236	\$1.196	\$1.218						
Third Monday	\$1.227	\$1.290	\$1.251	\$1.228	\$1.190							
Fourth Monday	\$1.312	\$1.278	\$1.251	\$1.228	\$1.194							
Fifth Monday		\$1.288		\$1.224								
2005/2006												
First Monday	\$1.475	\$1.490	\$1.440	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Second Monday	\$1.469	\$1.468	\$1.455	NA	NA	NA						
Third Monday	\$1.474	\$1.460	\$1.508	NA	NA							
Fourth Monday	\$1.479	\$1.458	NA	NA	NA							
Fifth Monday	\$1.493			NA								

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 December 22, 2005.
Typically, there is one week between updates during the heating season and
one month between updates during the cooling season.*

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