

LONDON, ON and WASHINGTON, D.C. – National average prices for diesel are gaining momentum, hitting levels not seen in several weeks in both Canada and the U.S.

In Canada, trucking's main fuel increased \$0.026 over the past week, hitting \$1.055 per liter, according to the petroleum information services provider [The Kent Group Ltd](#) . This marks the second straight weekly hike and is the highest price in two months.

Compared to this week a year ago the average price is still \$0.212 less.

Prices increased in Canada's four main regions from last week, with the biggest gain happening in the Atlantic Province, adding \$0.036 and hitting an average of \$1.086 per liter. The average price increased nearly as much in the Western Provinces, registering \$1.08, while Quebec had the highest average cost at \$1.097, with Ontario coming in nearly the same as a week ago at \$0.996 per liter.

In the U.S. the story was similar, with the average diesel cost increasing for the second consecutive week, jumping US\$0.064 over the past week to US\$2.556 per gallon, the highest level in seven weeks. This is also the largest weekly increase in more than two years, according to the [U.S. Energy Department's Energy Information Administration](#) , and follows a US\$0.016 gain the previous week.

Despite the hike, diesel in the U.S. remains \$1.142 less per gallon on average versus the same time in 2014.

Meantime, the average U.S. cost of regular grade gasoline increased by US\$0.019 to US\$2.337 per gallon, but is still US\$0.87 less than a year earlier.

In Canada, the average cost of regular grade gasoline continued its recent trend of increasing one week only to fall the next. This week it added \$0.01 from last week for a national average of \$1.067 per liter, which is \$0.164 less than compared to this time in 2014.

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