

Fuel price report

Australian Capital Territory

September 2026

Average prices from 1 September to 30 September 2026, from every service station reporting a price

Canberra U91

230.4 c/L

+23.7 c/L on August 2026

Canberra diesel

282.6 c/L

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Australian Capital Territory U91 average

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Canberra month by month, what makes up a litre, margins, the price cycle, excise, how Canberra compares with the other capitals, its areas, and every regional town we could rank.

Report highlights

- 1 You paid an average of 230.4 c/L for U91 in Canberra during September 2026, which was up 23.7 c/L on August 2026.
- 2 The day of the week made little difference to U91 prices in Canberra since our records began on 13 April 2026, with the cheapest and dearest days sitting just 0.4 c/L apart on average.
- 3 If you visited independent service stations in Australian Capital Territory, they averaged 7.7 c/L less than the major brands for U91 in September 2026, and 7.7 c/L less in Canberra.
- 4 Drivers found that diesel cost 52.2 c/L more than U91 in Canberra in September 2026, climbing from a gap of 45.1 c/L in August 2026.
- 5 At 230.4 c/L, Canberra was the dearest of the 8 capital cities for U91 in September 2026.

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Key points

- 1 Canberra drivers paid an average of 230.4 c/L for U91 in September 2026.
- 2 Diesel prices in the capital averaged 282.6 c/L for the month.
- 3 The cheapest station for U91 was 7-Eleven Fyshwick at 208.7 c/L.
- 4 Filling a 60-litre tank at 7-Eleven Fyshwick saved you \$13.02 compared to the state average.
- 5 Fyshwick was the cheapest suburb in the territory for U91, averaging 225.8 c/L.
- 6 Independent service stations in Canberra were 7.7 c/L cheaper than the major brands.
- 7 Canberra was eighth cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91.
- 8 No regular price cycle ran in Canberra, with prices broadly following wholesale costs.
- 9 The gross indicative retail margin for U91 in Canberra was 12.2 c/L.
- 10 Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Friday has been the cheapest day of the week to buy U91 in Canberra.
- 11 Diesel cost 52.2 c/L more than U91 in the capital.

Written from FuelRadar's station-day averages for September 2026 and checked against them.

Every fuel

Canberra drivers paid an average of 230.4 c/L for U91 in September 2026, up 23.7 c/L on the previous period as the terminal gate price rose. Diesel averaged 282.6 c/L, an increase of 30.8 c/L. Across the other fuels, E10 averaged 228.8 c/L, P95 averaged 249.5 c/L and P98 averaged 256.4 c/L.

Fuel	Australian Capital Territory	Change	Canberra	Rest of state	Difference	Stations
Unleaded 91	230.4	+23.7	230.4	—	—	38
Diesel	282.6	+30.8	282.6	—	—	13
E10	228.8	+23.8	228.8	—	—	29
Premium 95	249.5	+23.8	249.5	—	—	22
Premium 98	256.4	+23.0	256.4	—	—	43

Cents a litre. Change is on August 2026. Difference is the rest against Canberra.

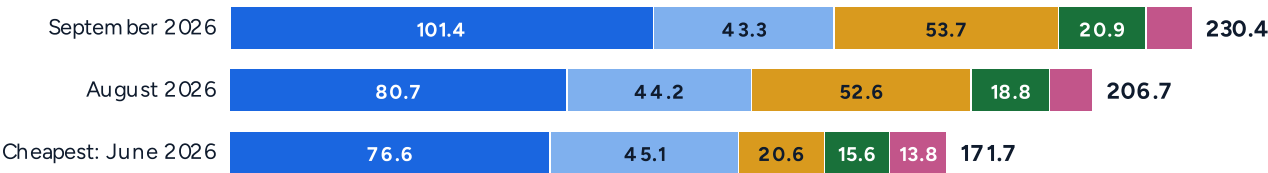
Drivers in Canberra paid an average of 230.4 c/L for U91 in September 2026. This matched the broader state average of 230.4 c/L, as the capital covers the entire reporting area for the territory.

What makes up a litre in Canberra

A litre of U91 in Canberra was made up of 101.4 cents for crude oil, 43.3 cents for wholesale costs, 53.7 cents for excise and 20.9 cents for GST, leaving a retail difference of 11.1 cents this period against 10.4 cents in the previous one. A litre of diesel consisted of 101.4 cents for crude oil, 79.7 cents for wholesale, 53.7 cents for excise and 25.7 cents for GST, leaving a retail difference of 22.1 cents compared to 11.3 cents last period.

Unleaded 91

Crude oil (Brent) Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal Excise GST Retail difference

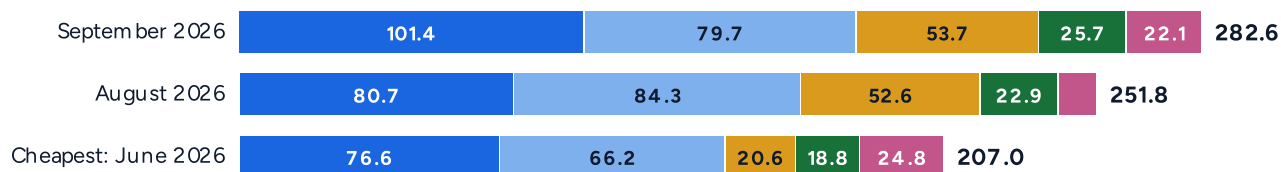


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Cents a litre	September 2026			
	dearest since our records began	August 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A\$)	101.4	80.7	67.5	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	43.3	44.2	29.5	45.1
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6
GST	20.9	18.8	—	15.6
Retail difference	11.1	10.4	—	13.8
Retail price	230.4	206.7	—	171.7
Terminal gate price	218.2	195.3	162.9	156.5
Indicative margin (retail less TGP)	12.2	11.4	—	15.2

Diesel

■ Crude oil (Brent) ■ Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal ■ Excise ■ GST ■ Retail difference

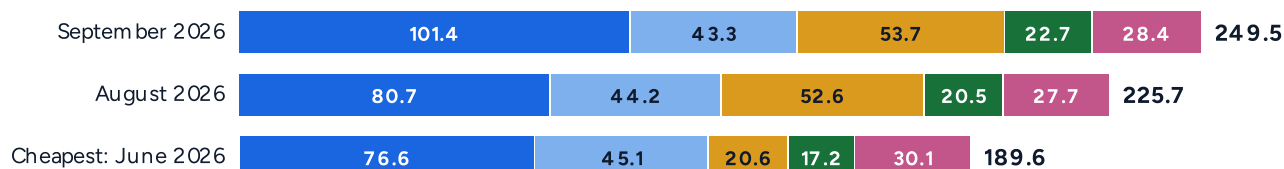


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Cents a litre	September 2026 dearest since our records began	August 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A\$)	101.4	80.7	67.5	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	79.7	84.3	34.1	66.2
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6
GST	25.7	22.9	—	18.8
Retail difference	22.1	11.3	—	24.8
Retail price	282.6	251.8	—	207.0
Terminal gate price	258.3	239.4	168.0	179.7
Indicative margin (retail less TGP)	24.3	12.4	—	27.3

Premium 95

■ Crude oil (Brent) ■ Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal ■ Excise ■ GST ■ Retail difference



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Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	43.3	44.2	29.5	45.1
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6
GST	22.7	20.5	—	17.2
Retail difference	28.4	27.7	—	30.1
Retail price	249.5	225.7	—	189.6
Terminal gate price (unleaded)	218.2	195.3	162.9	156.5

Premium 95 has no terminal gate price of its own. We use the unleaded price, so the premium grade's extra wholesale cost sits in its retail difference, and we give no margin for it.

Retail: FuelRadar station-day averages for Canberra; our retail records begin on 13 April 2026, so a period before then has the wholesale side only, and "dearest" and "cheapest" compare the periods since our records began. Last year's average is the previous calendar year. Until we have a full calendar year of retail prices it shows the wholesale side only: the terminal gate price, crude oil and excise. Its GST, retail difference and margin need a retail price, so they are left out. Terminal gate price: AIP, Sydney terminal, carried over weekends. Crude oil is the US Energy Information Administration Brent spot price (FRED series DCOILBRENTU), converted to Australian cents a litre at each day's exchange rate (FRED series DEXUSAL) and 158987 litres a barrel, then

averaged over the days both are published. Excise: ATO, averaged over the period's days. Wholesale is the terminal gate price without GST and excise, less crude oil. GST is one eleventh of the retail price. The retail difference is what is left: the retailer's costs and margin, without its GST. Bands are rounded so they add up to the retail price.

Month by month

Canberra's U91 average started the month at 207.3 c/L, peaked at 247.1 c/L on 23 September 2026, and ended at 244.8 c/L. Diesel opened at 259.7 c/L, reached its highest day at 298.4 c/L on 20 September 2026, and closed the month at 295.4 c/L.

Area	U91, cents a litre		Diesel, cents a litre	
	Sep	Month	Sep	Month
Australian Capital Territory	230.4	230.4	282.6	282.6
Canberra	230.4	230.4	282.6	282.6

Each month is the station-day average of the days it has in the period. An area's months count the same stations as its month. Every regional town, month by month, is in the regional towns section.

Gross indicative retail margins

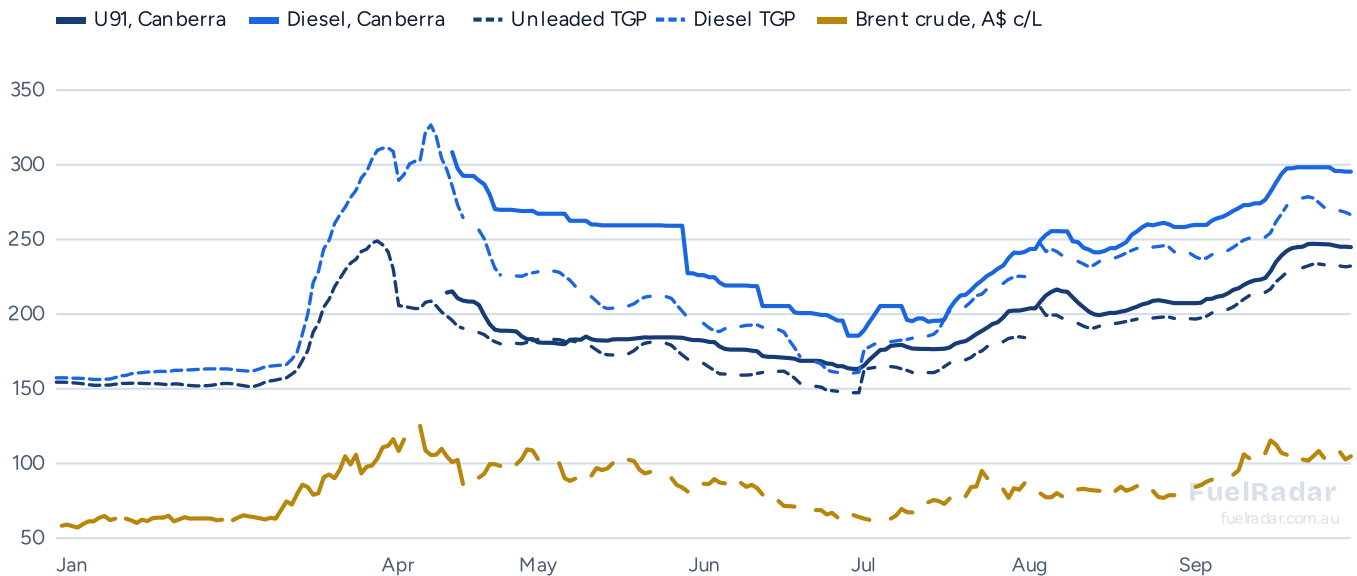
The gross indicative retail margin for U91 in Canberra was 12.2 c/L in September 2026, up 0.8 c/L on the previous period. For diesel, the indicative margin rose by 11.9 c/L to 24.3 c/L, before the retailer's own costs are taken out.

Area	U91 margin, cents a litre		Diesel margin, cents a litre	
	Sep	Month	Sep	Month
Terminal gate price (Sydney)	218.2	218.2	258.3	258.3
Australian Capital Territory	12.2	12.2	24.3	24.3
Canberra	12.2	12.2	24.3	24.3

The gross indicative retail margin is the retail average less the terminal gate price, both with GST. It is before the retailer's own costs (rent, wages, freight to the site, card fees), so it is not profit. The terminal gate price is AIP's price at the Sydney terminal (Canberra has no terminal, so we use Sydney's). AIP publishes terminal gate prices for the capital-city terminals only, so a regional town is measured against the capital's terminal, and its margin includes the cost of getting fuel there. Weekday prices are carried over weekends and public holidays.

Market trends this year

The terminal gate price at the Sydney terminal averaged 218.2 c/L for unleaded and 258.3 c/L for diesel. Brent crude oil averaged 101.4 Australian cents a litre, with the exchange rate at 71.15 US cents per Australian dollar.



Retail: FuelRadar daily averages for Canberra, from 13 April 2026 when our records begin. Terminal gate prices (dashed): AIP, Sydney terminal, weekdays. Brent crude: US EIA spot price via FRED, converted at each day's exchange rate and 158.987 litres a barrel.



US cents per Australian dollar, the Federal Reserve's noon buying rate in New York, via FRED.

The price cycle and excise

No regular price cycle ran in Canberra in the period and prices followed wholesale costs. The sharp rise of 35.5 c/L between 5 September 2026 and 23 September 2026 came with the terminal gate price.



How we count a price-cycle hike: Canberra's daily U91 average less the Sydney terminal gate price (the indicative margin) rises by at least 8.0 c/L within 5 days, the retail average rises as much, stations making up at least 25% of Canberra's raise their price by 5.0 c/L or more in a day, and the margin then eases back by half within 21 days. A rise within 3 days of an excise change, or one the terminal gate price explains, is not a hike. With no hike, no regular price cycle ran and prices followed wholesale costs.

Fuel excise

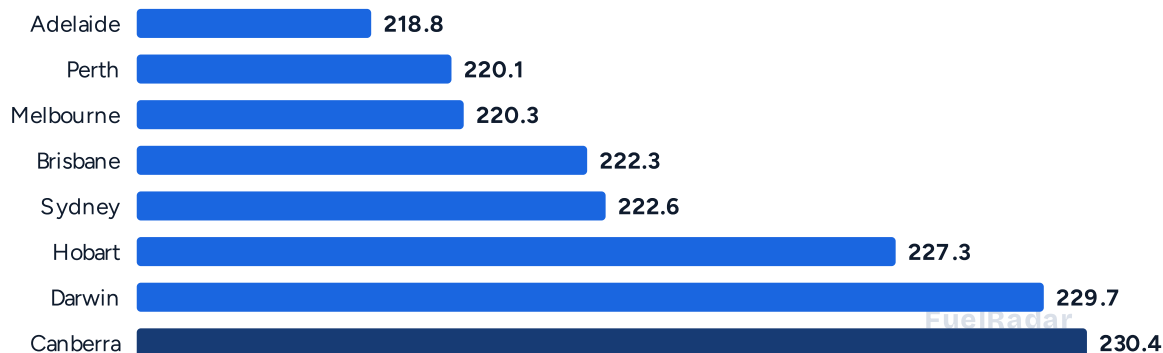
The federal fuel excise rate stayed at 53.7 c/L throughout September 2026.

Petrol and diesel excise	Rate (c/L, before GST)	Change
In force on 1 September 2026	53.7	
Average over the days of 1 September to 30 September 2026	53.7	

Source: Australian Taxation Office, <https://www.ato.gov.au/businesses-and-organisations/gst-excise-and-indirect-taxes/excise-on-fuel-and-petroleum-products/excise-duty-rates-for-fuel-and-petroleum-products>. Excise is charged on fuel as it leaves the terminal, so it is already in the terminal gate price; GST is then charged on top.

The capital cities

Canberra was eighth cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91, while Adelaide was the cheapest of the 8 capital cities at 218.8 c/L. For diesel, Canberra was eighth cheapest of the 8 capital cities, and Perth was the cheapest of the 8 capital cities at 262.9 c/L.



U91, cents a litre

Rank	Capital	Sep	Month	Change	Margin	Stations
1	Adelaide	218.8	218.8	+16.7	3.3	278
2	Perth	220.1	220.1	+19.8	5.3	439
3	Melbourne	220.3	220.3	+18.4	4.5	857
4	Brisbane	222.3	222.3	+20.1	4.2	501
5	Sydney	222.6	222.6	+22.6	4.4	675
6	Hobart	227.3	227.3	+20.8	7.3	59
7	Darwin	229.7	229.7	+19.4	5.7	46
8	Canberra	230.4	230.4	+23.7	12.2	38

Diesel, cents a litre

Rank	Capital	Sep	Month	Change	Margin	Stations
1	Perth	262.9	262.9	+21.7	12.7	200
2	Sydney	266.3	266.3	+22.7	8.0	248
3	Adelaide	269.2	269.2	+28.4	13.8	61
4	Melbourne	269.6	269.6	+21.6	12.9	414
5	Brisbane	271.8	271.8	+24.2	13.0	193
6	Hobart	272.5	272.5	+21.5	15.0	37
7	Darwin	276.3	276.3	+24.5	10.3	48
8	Canberra	282.6	282.6	+30.8	24.3	13

Each capital is its ABS urban area, worked out exactly as in its own state's report. The margin is against its own terminal's gate price (Canberra uses Sydney's). Green is the cheapest capital and red the dearest.

Against Canberra, month by month

The Australian Capital Territory area averaged 195.1 c/L for U91 since our records began on 13 April 2026, matching the Canberra average of 195.1 c/L. It was cheaper than the capital in 0 of 6 months compared.

U91	Month	vs Canberra	Year so far	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Months cheaper
Australian Capital Territory	—	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0 of 6

Each area's U91 average less Canberra's, in cents a litre: this period, since our records began on 13 April 2026 to 30 September 2026, and each month of it (Apr from 13 April). Negative (green) is cheaper than Canberra. The areas are Canberra's ABS SA4s and the regional centres of 50,000 people or more.

Cheapest and dearest in each area

Within the Australian Capital Territory, Fyshwick was the cheapest suburb for U91 at an average of 225.8 c/L. Weston was the dearest suburb in the area, averaging 236.5 c/L for the month.

Area (ABS SA4), U91	Cheapest suburb or town	Dearest	Cheapest town outside Canberra	Cheapest since records began
Australian Capital Territory (Canberra area)	Fyshwick 225.8	Weston 236.5	—	Canberra Airport 191.1

A suburb or town is the ABS locality a station sits in, ranked within its ABS Statistical Area Level 4 by the town rule. A town outside Canberra is one of this report's towns (outside Canberra's urban area) in that SA4.

The year so far

Since our records began on 13 April 2026 to 30 September 2026: every station-day of U91.

Since our records began on 13 April 2026, the state average for U91 was 195.1 c/L and the Canberra average was 195.1 c/L. Canberra Airport was the cheapest suburb over that time at 191.1 c/L.

	Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	Rest of Australian Capital Territory
U91	195.1	195.1	—
Diesel	246.4	246.4	—

The day of the week to buy

Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Friday was the cheapest day of the week to buy U91 in Canberra and Thursday was the dearest. Filling a 60-litre tank on a Friday saved you 0.4 c/L, or \$0.24 at the bowser.

U91	Cheapest day	Dearest day	Apart	60 litres	Since records began	Apart
Canberra	—	—	—	—	Friday / Thursday	0.4

Each day's average against the seven days centred on it, averaged by weekday, so a steady rise or fall over the period does not favour one end of the week. A place needs four of each weekday with prices from 5 stations or more; a month usually has too few, so it shows the year so far only.

A 60-litre tank, and the towns that moved most

Filling a 60-litre tank at 7-Eleven Fyshwick, the cheapest station, saved you 21.7 c/L or \$13.02 against the state average.

U91, September 2026	Cheaper	Dearer	A litre	A 60-litre tank
Cheapest station and the state average	7-Eleven Fyshwick 208.7	Australian Capital Territory 230.4	21.7	\$13.02

Independents and the major brands

Independent service stations across the Australian Capital Territory averaged 7.7 c/L less than the major brands for U91. In Canberra, independent servos were also 7.7 c/L cheaper than the majors.

U91	Major brands	Independents	Difference
Australian Capital Territory	231.6 (32)	223.9 (6)	- 7.7
Canberra	231.6	223.9	- 7.7

Metro 225.8 · 5	Reddy Express 232.7 · 12
7-Eleven 227.9 · 7	Ampol 233.0 · 12

The major brands are 7-Eleven, Ampol, BP, Caltex, EG, Mobil, On The Run (OTR), Reddy Express, Shell, United; every other brand, and a station without one, is independent. Stations with a price on a quarter of the days; a brand is listed with five or more.

Cheapest and dearest service stations

The cheapest station for U91 was 7-Eleven Fyshwick at 208.7 c/L, followed by Costco Canberra Airport (Members Only) at 214.5 c/L. The dearest stations were Ampol Foodary Weston Creek and Ampol Foodary Weston, both averaging 236.5 c/L.

Cheapest, U91	Place	Average	Dearest, U91	Place	Average
7-Eleven Fyshwick	Fyshwick	208.7	Ampol Foodary Weston Creek	Weston	236.5
Costco Canberra Airport (Members Only)	Canberra Airport	214.5	Ampol Foodary Weston	Weston	236.5
METRO PETROLEUM FYSHWICK	Fyshwick	218.1	EG Ampol Dickson	Dickson	235.8
Metro Petroleum Scullin	Scullin	226.1	Shell Reddy Express Dickson	Dickson	235.7
EG Ampol Canberra Gateway	Watson	227.0	Ampol Foodary Kaleen	Kaleen	235.6
METRO FYSHWICK WHYALLA	Fyshwick	227.0	Shell Reddy Express Phillip	Phillip	235.5
EG Ampol Belconnen	Belconnen	227.8	Shell Reddy Express Braddon	Braddon	235.5
Metro Farrer	Farrer	228.3	Ampol Fyshwick	Fyshwick	235.2
7-Eleven Melba	Melba	228.9	Shell Reddy Express Curtin	Curtin	234.8
BP Fyshwick	Fyshwick	229.2	Ampol Foodary Braddon	Braddon	234.0

38 stations with a price on half the days or more, by their own average over the period.

Diesel against U91

Diesel cost 52.2 c/L more than U91 in Canberra during September 2026, up 7.1 c/L on the previous period.

	Diesel less U91	Month	Change
Canberra	52.2	45.1	+7.1
Australian Capital Territory	52.2	45.1	+7.1

Crude oil and the dollar

Brent crude oil averaged \$114.20 US a barrel or \$161.20 Australian a barrel in September 2026. The exchange rate averaged 71.15 US cents per Australian dollar, compared to 71.03 US cents in August 2026.

Period	Brent, US\$a barrel	US cents per A\$	Brent, A\$a barrel	Brent, A\$cents a litre	Trading days
September 2026	114.2	71.15	161.2	101.4	22
August 2026	91.1	71.03	128.3	80.7	20
July 2026	83.8	69.71	121.1	76.2	23
June 2026	85.4	70.25	121.8	76.6	22

Brent: Europe Brent spot price FOB (US Energy Information Administration). Exchange rate: the Federal Reserve's noon buying rate in New York. Both via FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, averaged over the days each is published; the Australian-dollar figures use each day's rate. A litre is a barrel ÷ 158.987. We use these free benchmarks because the refined-petrol and diesel benchmarks Australian wholesale prices follow (Singapore) are sold by subscription.

Outlook

An estimate, not a guarantee. Our outlook describes the days after the period ended. Prices can move quickly; check the live price at the station before you fill.

We give our outlook only in the days after a period ends, when it still describes the days ahead. See today's forecast for your area in the FuelRadar app or at fuelradar.com.au/fuel-price-reports/act/2026-09.

Data quality, method and sources

We analysed prices from 43 service stations across the territory, with our price records starting on 13 April 2026.

Service stations listed	82
Stations that reported a price in the period	43
Station-days counted (every fuel)	4,347
Days covered	1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026
Our price records begin	13 April 2026
Towns ranked for U91 (left out: too few steady stations)	0 (0)

LPG had too few stations to report.

The station-day average

Each day, every service station counts once at its latest price as of the end of that day, in the state's own time. A price is carried forward for at most 30 days, and each average is taken over every station-day in the period. Prices held for checking, prices a station reported as unavailable and implausible prices are left out (we count U91 between 100.0 and 450.0 c/L).

Places

Canberra is its ABS urban area, split into ABS SA4 areas. Outside it, a town is the ABS locality a station sits in. A town or area counts its stations that report on at least a quarter of the days and is ranked with at least 2 of them and a price on 60% of the days.

Wholesale, margins and the cost of a litre

The terminal gate price is AIP's weekday price at the nearest terminal: the Sydney terminal (Canberra has no terminal). AIP publishes the capital-city terminals only. Weekday prices are carried over weekends, and a period's price is the mean of its calendar days. The margin is the retail average less the terminal gate price. Crude oil is the US Energy Information Administration Brent spot price (FRED series DCOILBRENT EU), converted to Australian cents a litre at each day's exchange rate (FRED series DEXUSAL) and 158.987 litres a barrel, then averaged over the days both are published. In the cost of a litre, wholesale is the terminal gate price without GST and excise less crude oil, excise is the ATO rate averaged over the days, GST is one eleventh of the retail price, and the retail difference is the rest. Last year's average is the previous calendar year. Until we have a full calendar year of retail prices it shows the wholesale side only: the terminal gate price, crude oil and excise. Its GST, retail difference and margin need a retail price, so they are left out.

About these prices

These are averages over the whole period, not today's prices. Check the station price and its update time before you fill. The full report, with every town linked to its live prices, is at fuelradar.com.au/fuel-price-reports/act/2026-09.

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