

Fuel price report

Australia

September 2026

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

Capital cities U91

221.4 c/L

+19.8 c/L on August 2026

Capital cities diesel

268.7 c/L

+22.9 c/L on August 2026

Australia U91 average

225.5 c/L

+18.9 c/L on August 2026

Australia diesel average

272.4 c/L

+21.0 c/L on August 2026

The capital cities and every state and territory, what makes up a litre, wholesale and crude oil prices, excise, and the cheapest and dearest towns we could rank.

Report highlights

- 1 You paid an average of 225.5 c/L for U91 across Australia in September 2026, which was up 18.9 c/L on August 2026.
- 2 We found Adelaide was the cheapest capital city for U91 in September 2026 at 218.8 c/L and Canberra the dearest at 230.4 c/L.
- 3 Heddon Greta (NSW) was the cheapest town in Australia for U91 in September 2026 at 206.0 c/L.
- 4 If you travelled to Moe–Newborough (VIC), you found the cheapest regional centre for U91 in September 2026 at 215.5 c/L.
- 5 Filling a 60-litre tank with U91 in Moe–Newborough (VIC) rather than in Broome (WA) saved \$25.20 on average in September 2026.
- 6 Across Australia, independent service stations averaged 0.7 c/L less than the major brands for U91 in September 2026.
- 7 Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Tuesday has been the cheapest day to buy U91 in Perth and Wednesday the dearest, 12.6 c/L apart on average: \$7.56 on a 60-litre tank.
- 8 Across Australia, diesel cost 46.9 c/L more than U91 in September 2026.

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Key points

- 1 Across Australia, U91 averaged 225.5 c/L in September 2026, up 18.9 c/L on the previous period.
- 2 Diesel averaged 272.4 c/L, which was 21 c/L higher than August 2026.
- 3 In the capital cities, U91 averaged 221.4 c/L, while regional areas averaged 228.3 c/L.
- 4 Adelaide was the cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91, averaging 218.8 c/L.
- 5 Canberra was the eighth cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91 at 230.4 c/L.
- 6 Heddon Greta in NSW was the cheapest town for U91, averaging 206 c/L.
- 7 Gibson Desert North in WA was the dearest town for U91, averaging 380 c/L.
- 8 The national terminal gate price for U91 averaged 216.8 c/L.
- 9 Brent crude oil averaged 101.4 Australian cents a litre.
- 10 E10 averaged 220.3 c/L across the country.
- 11 Premium 95 averaged 240 c/L and Premium 98 averaged 248.3 c/L.
- 12 LPG averaged 108.2 c/L, up 0.4 c/L on the previous period.

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

Every fuel

Across Australia, U91 averaged 225.5 c/L in September 2026, rising 18.9 c/L on the previous period as the terminal gate price and crude oil costs increased. Diesel averaged 272.4 c/L, which was 21 c/L higher than August 2026. E10 averaged 220.3 c/L, P95 averaged 240 c/L, P98 averaged 248.3 c/L and LPG averaged 108.2 c/L.

Fuel	Australia	Change	Capital cities	Rest of Australia	Difference	Stations
Unleaded 91	225.5	+18.9	221.4	228.3	+6.9	7,183
Diesel	272.4	+21.0	268.7	273.8	+5.1	4,676
E10	220.3	+20.5	219.6	221.0	+1.4	2,917
Premium 95	240.0	+19.2	238.4	241.5	+3.1	4,406
Premium 98	248.3	+19.4	246.9	249.5	+2.6	6,144
LPG	108.2	+0.4	104.5	114.3	+9.8	889

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

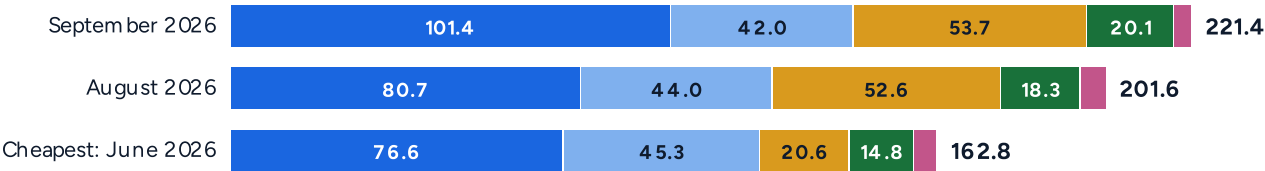
In the capital cities, U91 averaged 221.4 c/L, while the rest of the country averaged 228.3 c/L. This meant regional drivers paid 6.9 c/L more than those in the capitals.

What makes up a litre in the capital cities

A litre of U91 in the capital cities was made up of 101.4 c/L for crude oil, 42 c/L for wholesale, 53.7 c/L for excise and 20.1 c/L for GST, leaving a retail difference of 4.2 c/L this period against 6 c/L in August 2026. For diesel, crude oil was 101.4 c/L, wholesale was 77.9 c/L, excise was 53.7 c/L and GST was 24.4 c/L, leaving a retail difference of 11.3 c/L against 6.8 c/L in the previous period.

Unleaded 91

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

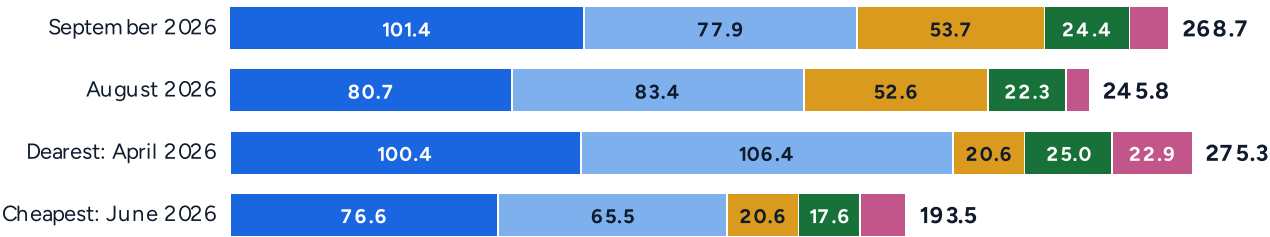


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Cents a litre	September 2026			
	dearest since our records began	August 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A\$)	101.4	80.7	67.5	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	42.0	44.0	29.7	45.3
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6
GST	20.1	18.3	—	14.8
Retail difference	4.2	6.0	—	5.5
Retail price	221.4	201.6	—	162.8
Terminal gate price	216.8	195.0	163.1	156.7
Indicative margin (retail less TGP)	4.6	6.6	—	6.1

Diesel

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

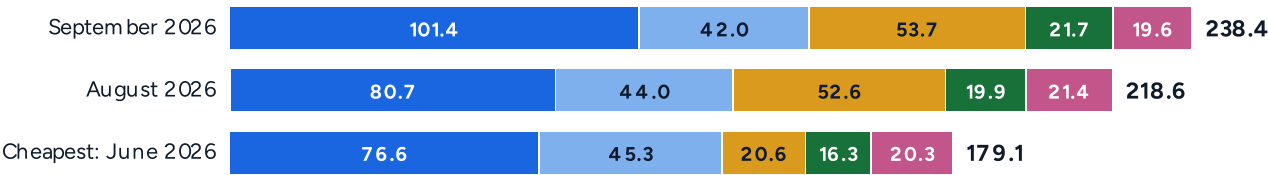


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Cents a litre	September 2026	August 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Dearest: April 2026 (part)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A\$)	101.4	80.7	67.5	100.4	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	77.9	83.4	34.0	106.4	65.5
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6	20.6
GST	24.4	22.3	—	25.0	17.6
Retail difference	11.3	6.8	—	22.9	13.2
Retail price	268.7	245.8	—	275.3	193.5
Terminal gate price	256.3	238.4	167.9	250.1	179.0
Indicative margin (retail less TGP)	12.4	7.4	—	25.2	14.5

Premium 95

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	42.0	44.0	29.7	45.3
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6
GST	21.7	19.9	—	16.3
Retail difference	19.6	21.4	—	20.3
Retail price	238.4	218.6	—	179.1
Terminal gate price (unleaded)	216.8	195.0	163.1	156.7

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 the capital cities together; 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, national average, 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 158.987 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

The national U91 average rose 18.9 c/L from August 2026 to September 2026. Over the same time, the national diesel average increased by 21 c/L.

Area	U91, cents a litre		Diesel, cents a litre	
	Sep	Month	Sep	Month
Australia	225.5	225.5	272.4	272.4
Capital cities	221.4	221.4	268.7	268.7
Rest of Australia	228.3	228.3	273.8	273.8

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.

Gross indicative retail margins

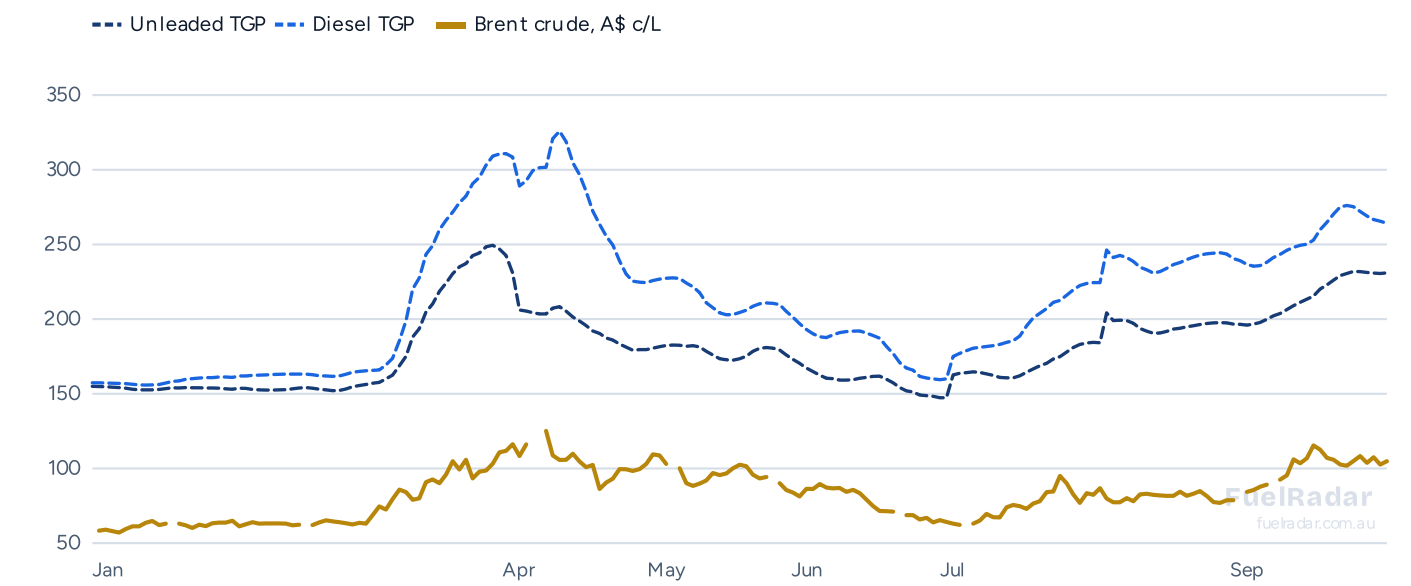
The gross indicative retail margin in the capital cities was 4.2 c/L for U91, which was lower than the 6 c/L in August 2026. For diesel, the indicative margin was 11.3 c/L, compared to 6.8 c/L in the previous period, before the retailer's own costs.

Area	U91 margin, cents a litre		Diesel margin, cents a litre	
	Sep	Month	Sep	Month
Terminal gate price (national)	216.8	216.8	256.3	256.3
Australia	8.7	8.7	16.1	16.1
Capital cities	4.6	4.6	12.4	12.4
Rest of Australia	11.5	11.5	17.5	17.5

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 its national average. 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 prices at the National terminal averaged 216.8 c/L for unleaded and 256.3 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, from 13 April 2026 when our records begin. Terminal gate prices (dashed): AIP, national average, 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.

Excise

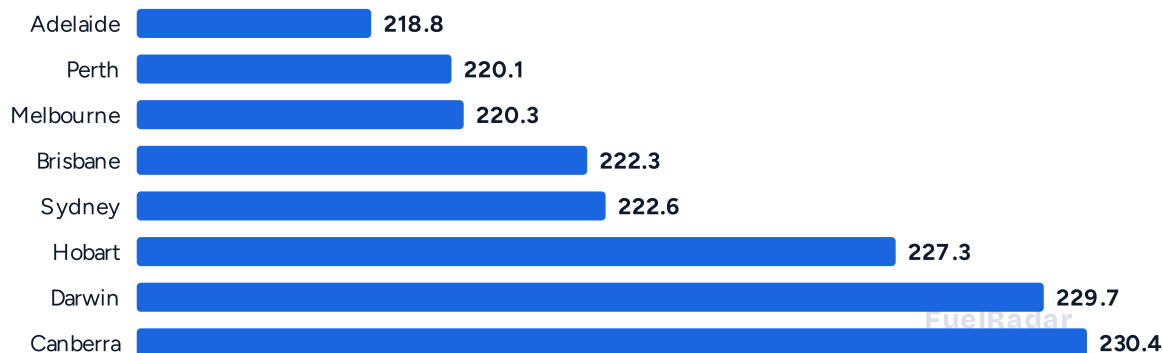
The fuel excise rate stayed at 53.7 c/L throughout the period.

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

Adelaide was the cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91 at 218.8 c/L, while Canberra was the eighth cheapest of the 8 capital cities at 230.4 c/L. For diesel, Perth was the cheapest of the 8 capital cities at 262.9 c/L and Canberra was the eighth cheapest of the 8 capital cities at 282.6 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

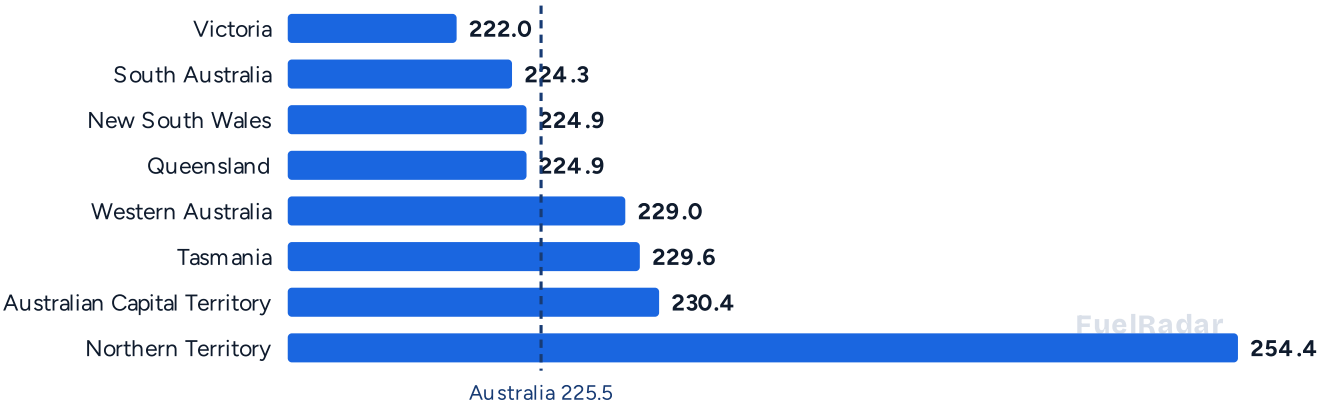
Diesel, cents a litre

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.

States and territories

Victoria was the cheapest state for U91, averaging 222 c/L, and the Northern Territory was the dearest at 254.4 c/L. For diesel, Victoria was again the cheapest state at 269.9 c/L, while the Northern Territory was the dearest at 297.6 c/L.



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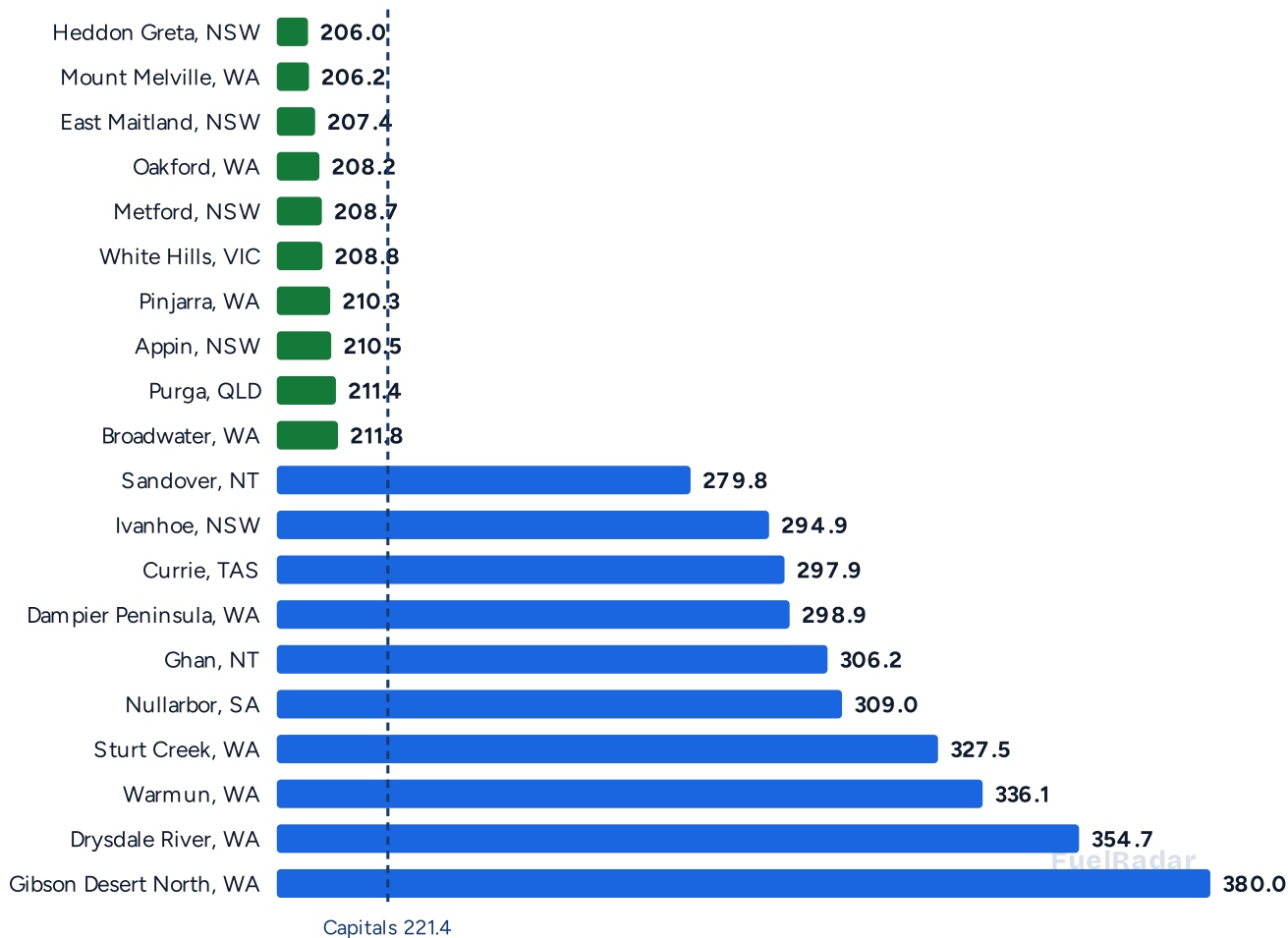
State or territory	Average	Change	Capital	Rest of state	Difference	Stations
Victoria	222.0	+17.8	220.3	223.8	+3.5	1,645
South Australia	224.3	+17.0	218.8	228.8	+10.0	627
New South Wales	224.9	+21.0	222.6	226.2	+3.6	1,962
Queensland	224.9	+19.4	222.3	226.2	+3.9	1,557
Western Australia	229.0	+18.1	220.1	237.1	+17.0	929
Tasmania	229.6	+19.9	227.3	230.3	+3.0	265
Australian Capital Territory	230.4	+23.7	230.4	—	—	38
Northern Territory	254.4	+13.7	229.7	266.6	+36.9	160

Diesel

State or territory	Average	Change	Capital	Rest of state	Difference	Stations
Victoria	269.9	+20.0	269.6	270.0	+0.4	1,046
New South Wales	270.5	+22.1	266.3	271.6	+5.3	1,177
Queensland	272.0	+22.2	271.8	272.1	+0.3	1,012
Western Australia	273.0	+19.1	262.9	277.5	+14.6	655
Tasmania	273.3	+19.8	272.5	273.5	+1.0	220
South Australia	273.9	+22.8	269.2	274.9	+5.7	371
Australian Capital Territory	282.6	+30.8	282.6	—	—	13
Northern Territory	297.6	+21.0	276.3	306.6	+30.3	182

Cheapest and dearest towns

Heddon Greta in NSW was the cheapest town for U91 at 206 c/L, while Gibson Desert North in WA was the dearest at 380 c/L. For diesel, Oakford in WA was the cheapest town at 248.1 c/L and Gibson Desert North in WA was the dearest at 399.5 c/L.



U91 average over the period; the dashed line is the capitals' average and green bars are towns at or below it.

Cheapest towns, U91

Town	State	Average	Change	Stations
Heddon Greta	NSW	206.0	+7.7	2
Mount Melville	WA	206.2	+6.1	3
East Maitland	NSW	207.4	+12.2	5
Oakford	WA	208.2	+21.3	2
Metford	NSW	208.7	+9.0	2
White Hills	VIC	208.8	+17.3	2
Pinjarra	WA	210.3	+18.9	3
Appin	NSW	210.5	+17.5	3
Purga	QLD	211.4	+14.2	2
Broadwater	WA	211.8	+19.3	2

Dearest towns, U91

Town	State	Average	Change	Stations
Gibson Desert North	WA	380.0	+0.6	2
Drysdale River	WA	354.7	+11.6	2
Warmun	WA	336.1	+24.9	2
Sturt Creek	WA	327.5	0.0	2
Nullarbor	SA	309.0	+15.2	2
Ghan	NT	306.2	+12.8	2
Dampier Peninsula	WA	298.9	+11.7	5
Currie	TAS	297.9	+32.6	2
Ivanhoe	NSW	294.9	—	2
Sandover	NT	279.8	—	2

Cheapest towns, diesel

Town	State	Average	Change	Stations
Oakford	WA	248.1	+19.6	2
Mount Melville	WA	251.3	+11.8	2
Williamstown	NSW	252.0	—	2
Broadwater	WA	252.6	+19.4	2
Pinjarra	WA	253.0	+17.0	3
West Busselton	WA	255.2	+19.1	2
Kemps Creek	NSW	255.5	+17.4	3
Yarraman	QLD	255.8	+21.9	2
East Bunbury	WA	256.0	+16.7	2
Nanango	QLD	256.0	+21.1	2

Dearest towns, diesel

Town	State	Average	Change	Stations
Gibson Desert North	WA	399.5	+2.1	2
Maningrida	NT	393.7	+4.5	2
Warmun	WA	386.7	+52.5	2
Drysdale River	WA	362.2	+12.7	2
Nullarbor	SA	344.6	+27.2	2
Ghan	NT	343.4	+25.0	2
Petermann	NT	343.0	+13.8	2
Sturt Creek	WA	340.0	0.0	2
Ivanhoe	NSW	339.9	—	2
Anatye	NT	336.1	+8.1	2

Regional centres

Moe–Newborough, with 10,000 to 19,999 people, was the cheapest regional centre for U91 at 215.5 c/L. Broome, with 10,000 to 19,999 people, was the dearest at 257.5 c/L, while several centres averaged less than their capital city.

#	Centre	State	Size	U91	vs Capital cities	Change	Diesel	Stations
1	Moe–Newborough	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	215.5	-4.8	+18.6	263.7	8
2	Muswellbrook	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	216.4	-6.2	+17.8	—	7
3	Albany	WA	20,000 to 49,999 people	216.9	-3.2	+15.4	258.0	15
4	Cessnock	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	216.9	-5.7	+23.7	256.4	10
5	Geelong	VIC	100,000 to 249,999 people	217.3	-3.0	+15.6	263.4	48
6	Maitland	NSW	50,000 to 99,999 people	217.3	-5.3	+18.5	265.5	26
7	Ocean Grove – Barwon Heads	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	217.3	-3.0	+15.9	260.9	5
8	Leopold	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	217.4	-2.9	+16.2	—	2
9	Torquay – Jan Juc	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	217.5	-2.8	+15.0	264.9	5
10	Victor Harbor	SA	10,000 to 19,999 people	217.7	-1.1	+14.0	266.5	7
11	Bunbury	WA	50,000 to 99,999 people	217.8	-2.3	+16.4	258.8	27
12	Drysdale – Clifton Springs	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	217.9	-2.4	+17.4	264.9	3
13	Kurri Kurri	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	218.2	-4.4	+15.0	259.2	13
14	Lara	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	218.2	-2.1	+14.1	266.8	2
15	Busselton	WA	20,000 to 49,999 people	218.4	-1.7	+18.4	258.9	14
16	Dalby	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	218.6	-3.7	+18.0	266.6	11
17	Ballarat	VIC	100,000 to 249,999 people	218.7	-1.6	+18.2	266.2	39
18	Medowie	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	218.8	-3.8	+20.8	—	3
19	Warwick	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	218.8	-3.5	+18.8	265.5	10
20	Kingaroy	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	219.0	-3.3	+17.4	263.5	5
21	Nowra–Bomaderry	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	219.0	-3.6	+22.5	261.4	17
22	Morisset–Cooranbong	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	219.1	-3.5	+18.9	267.1	9
23	Wagga Wagga	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	219.1	-3.5	+22.4	263.6	22
24	Raymond Terrace	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	219.2	-3.4	+22.8	266.9	6
25	Bacchus Marsh	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	219.6	-0.7	+16.0	268.9	7
26	Portland	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	219.6	-0.7	+18.9	262.4	5
27	Traralgon	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	219.6	-0.7	+16.2	265.6	13
28	Bundaberg	QLD	50,000 to 99,999 people	220.0	-2.3	+19.4	266.0	21
29	Warrnambool	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	220.1	-0.2	+16.0	269.9	12
30	Albury	NSW	50,000 to 99,999 people	220.2	-2.4	+20.2	268.4	19
31	Geraldton	WA	20,000 to 49,999 people	220.2	+0.1	+16.1	263.0	17
32	Bairnsdale	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	220.4	+0.1	+18.6	269.0	8

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33	Gawler	SA	20,000 to 49,999 people	220.4	+1.6	+17.1	—	7
34	Morwell	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	220.4	+0.1	+19.3	269.3	7
35	Mount Gambier	SA	20,000 to 49,999 people	220.4	+1.6	+19.1	264.5	16
36	Bathurst	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	220.5	-2.1	+16.7	268.0	12
37	Toowoomba	QLD	100,000 to 249,999 people	220.6	-1.7	+18.7	266.3	37
38	Gympie	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	220.7	-1.6	+19.9	264.4	16
39	Hervey Bay	QLD	50,000 to 99,999 people	220.7	-1.6	+19.9	266.1	13
40	Maryborough	QLD	20,000 to 49,999 people	220.7	-1.6	+20.1	264.1	12
41	Bendigo	VIC	100,000 to 249,999 people	220.8	+0.5	+18.3	268.2	29
42	Echuca	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	220.8	+0.5	+19.7	269.8	9
43	Sunbury	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	220.9	+0.6	+18.5	—	7
44	Crafers–Bridgewater	SA	10,000 to 19,999 people	221.1	+2.3	+17.2	271.8	5
45	Kempsey	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	221.2	-1.4	+20.0	264.6	8
46	St Georges Basin – Sanctuary Point	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	221.2	-1.4	+21.6	267.1	2
47	Taree	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	221.3	-1.3	+19.9	274.3	7
48	Gold Coast	QLD	250,000 to 999,999 people	221.4	-0.9	+20.0	271.6	136
49	Warragul	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	221.8	+1.5	+19.6	273.6	8
50	Airlie Beach – Cannonvale	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	222.1	-0.2	+19.7	268.3	6
51	Yanchep	WA	10,000 to 19,999 people	222.1	+2.0	+19.9	—	3
52	Port Macquarie	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	222.5	-0.1	+18.8	272.6	10
53	Shepparton–Mooroopna	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	222.6	+2.3	+17.9	269.8	21
54	Port Augusta	SA	10,000 to 19,999 people	222.7	+3.9	+16.1	270.4	10
55	Ballina	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	222.8	+0.2	+18.8	280.9	7
56	Cairns	QLD	100,000 to 249,999 people	222.8	+0.5	+17.7	268.4	42
57	Tamworth	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	222.8	+0.2	+20.6	268.4	17
58	Goulburn	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	223.0	+0.4	+22.5	263.7	14
59	Wangaratta	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	223.1	+2.8	+17.2	271.2	7
60	Wallan	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	223.2	+2.9	+16.4	268.1	7
61	Mildura	VIC	20,000 to 49,999 people	223.4	+3.1	+19.0	270.7	16
62	Sunshine Coast	QLD	250,000 to 999,999 people	223.4	+1.1	+19.8	273.4	54
63	Gladstone	QLD	20,000 to 49,999 people	223.5	+1.2	+18.9	271.1	14
64	Melton	VIC	50,000 to 99,999 people	223.5	+3.2	+19.5	275.7	13
65	Newcastle	NSW	250,000 to 999,999 people	223.5	+0.9	+22.9	268.6	79
66	Colac	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	223.6	+3.3	+16.5	272.8	6
67	Kalgoorlie–Boulder	WA	20,000 to 49,999 people	223.6	+3.5	+18.3	264.9	11

#	Centre	State	Size	U91	vs Capital cities	Change	Diesel	Stations
68	Bongaree–Woorim	QLD	20,000 to 49,999 people	223.7	+1.4	+20.7	—	2
69	Horsham	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	223.8	+3.5	+18.3	269.2	12
70	Singleton	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	223.8	+1.2	+21.3	272.4	7
71	Wodonga	VIC	50,000 to 99,999 people	223.9	+3.6	+17.3	269.0	15
72	Central Coast	NSW	250,000 to 999,999 people	224.2	+1.6	+21.3	271.0	69
73	Swan Hill	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	224.2	+3.9	+19.7	269.4	8
74	Drouin	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	224.3	+4.0	+19.3	274.8	2
75	Orange	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	224.4	+1.8	+17.5	268.7	10
76	Forster–Tuncurry	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	224.5	+1.9	+17.8	273.6	7
77	Townsville	QLD	100,000 to 249,999 people	224.5	+2.2	+19.6	270.2	52
78	Mount Barker	SA	20,000 to 49,999 people	224.6	+5.8	+17.8	272.1	9
79	Nelson Bay	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	224.9	+2.3	+26.0	—	3
80	Tweed Heads	NSW	250,000 to 999,999 people	224.9	+2.3	+22.4	274.5	12
81	Burnie–Somerset	TAS	20,000 to 49,999 people	225.0	-2.3	+19.9	268.0	10
82	Broken Hill	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	225.2	+2.6	+18.8	269.1	9
83	Mackay	QLD	50,000 to 99,999 people	225.2	+2.9	+18.2	271.4	29
84	Devonport	TAS	20,000 to 49,999 people	225.4	-1.9	+20.9	270.0	14
85	Wollongong	NSW	250,000 to 999,999 people	225.6	+3.0	+22.1	269.7	65
86	Queanbeyan	NSW	250,000 to 999,999 people	225.7	+3.1	+18.8	—	2
87	Grafton	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	227.1	+4.5	+19.0	270.1	10
88	Bowral–Mittagong	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	227.3	+4.7	+20.6	274.7	10
89	Murray Bridge	SA	10,000 to 19,999 people	227.4	+8.6	+18.9	276.0	9
90	Port Lincoln	SA	10,000 to 19,999 people	227.4	+8.6	+17.1	274.2	8
91	Batemans Bay	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	228.3	+5.7	+22.1	274.7	5
92	Coffs Harbour	NSW	50,000 to 99,999 people	228.3	+5.7	+16.7	276.9	17
93	Launceston	TAS	50,000 to 99,999 people	228.3	+1.0	+20.5	272.6	22
94	Yarrabilba	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	228.3	+6.0	+23.3	—	2
95	Nambour	QLD	20,000 to 49,999 people	228.5	+6.2	+19.6	274.2	9
96	Dubbo	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	228.8	+6.2	+21.9	274.9	13
97	Esperance	WA	10,000 to 19,999 people	228.8	+8.7	+18.5	265.0	7
98	Gracemere	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	228.9	+6.6	+20.9	272.0	4
99	Port Pirie	SA	10,000 to 19,999 people	229.0	+10.2	+17.3	276.7	7
100	Yeppoon	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	229.0	+6.7	+12.0	271.3	7
101	Armidale	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	229.3	+6.7	+21.8	276.7	6
102	Whyalla	SA	20,000 to 49,999 people	229.5	+10.7	+17.0	277.2	7

#	Centre	State	Size	U91	vs Capital cities	Change	Diesel	Stations
103	Lithgow	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	229.6	+7.0	+19.8	276.2	5
104	Blue Mountains	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	229.7	+7.1	+22.9	274.2	5
105	Griffith	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	229.9	+7.3	+22.1	271.6	11
106	Highfields	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	230.0	+7.7	+23.9	274.4	5
107	Gisborne	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	230.3	+10.0	+23.3	—	2
108	Rockhampton	QLD	50,000 to 99,999 people	230.3	+8.0	+21.9	272.4	28
109	Ulverstone	TAS	10,000 to 19,999 people	231.1	+3.8	+20.4	275.5	7
110	Karratha	WA	10,000 to 19,999 people	231.6	+11.5	+13.0	271.6	7
111	Sale	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	231.6	+11.3	+16.0	279.4	8
112	Lismore	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	231.9	+9.3	+19.7	278.5	17
113	Yarrawonga	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	233.0	+12.7	+15.1	283.6	4
114	Byron Bay	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	233.2	+10.6	+17.4	278.0	3
115	Mudgee	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	233.3	+10.7	+17.7	268.6	5
116	Kiama	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	233.8	+11.2	+23.5	—	2
117	Bargara – Innes Park	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	234.8	+12.5	+21.0	—	2
118	Castlemaine	VIC	10,000 to 19,999 people	234.8	+14.5	+13.3	281.2	4
119	Ulladulla	NSW	10,000 to 19,999 people	236.7	+14.1	+25.8	—	4
120	Emerald	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	240.6	+18.3	+13.9	276.3	5
121	Moama	NSW	20,000 to 49,999 people	243.0	+20.4	+24.1	277.0	3
122	Mount Isa	QLD	10,000 to 19,999 people	243.8	+21.5	+20.5	279.5	5
123	Alice Springs	NT	20,000 to 49,999 people	246.1	+16.4	+17.3	280.3	14
124	Port Hedland	WA	10,000 to 19,999 people	254.0	+33.9	+16.4	276.1	9
125	Broome	WA	10,000 to 19,999 people	257.5	+37.4	+20.7	279.0	6

A regional centre is a large regional city we map on its own, or an ABS urban centre of 10,000 people or more (2021 Census) outside the capitals. It is ranked by the town rule. Cents a litre; vs its capital and change are differences of the published averages.

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 national average for U91 was 194.8 c/L, with the capital cities averaging 189 c/L and regional areas averaging 198.8 c/L. Oakford in WA was the cheapest town over that time at 174.3 c/L, and Maningrida in NT was the dearest at 365.1 c/L.

State or territory	Average	Capital	Capital average	Rest
Victoria	191.6	Melbourne	189.0	194.5
New South Wales	193.0	Sydney	188.8	195.2
South Australia	193.1	Adelaide	185.4	199.6
Queensland	194.0	Brisbane	190.5	195.7
Australian Capital Territory	195.1	Canberra	195.1	—
Western Australia	199.3	Perth	187.6	210.8
Tasmania	199.4	Hobart	193.7	201.1
Northern Territory	233.9	Darwin	197.8	251.1

Cheapest towns (744 ranked)

Oakford	WA	174.3
White Hills	VIC	178.2
Yarraman	QLD	178.9
Pinjarra	WA	179.8
Broadwater	WA	181.3
Williamstown	NSW	181.6
Boggabilla	NSW	183.4
Bullsbrook	WA	183.6
Appin	NSW	183.7
Epsom	VIC	183.7

Dearest towns (744 ranked)

Maningrida	NT	365.1
Gibson Desert North	WA	364.1
Drysdale River	WA	345.2
Anatye	NT	329.4
Sturt Creek	WA	323.7
Warmun	WA	316.0
Petermann	NT	305.7
Anmatjere	NT	291.2
Davenport	NT	285.8
Ghan	NT	285.7

The day of the week to buy

Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Tuesday has been the cheapest day to buy U91 in Perth and Wednesday the dearest. Filling up on the cheapest day saved 12.6 c/L on average, which is \$7.56 on a 60-litre tank.

U91	Cheapest day	Dearest day	Apart	60 litres	Since records began	Apart
Canberra (ACT)	—	—	—	—	Friday / Thursday	0.4
Sydney (NSW)	—	—	—	—	Tuesday / Thursday	0.3
Darwin (NT)	—	—	—	—	Monday / Saturday	0.7
Brisbane (QLD)	—	—	—	—	Tuesday / Thursday	0.2
Adelaide (SA)	—	—	—	—	Wednesday / Saturday	0.8
Hobart (TAS)	—	—	—	—	Sunday / Thursday	0.4
Melbourne (VIC)	—	—	—	—	Tuesday / Sunday	1.0
Perth (WA)	—	—	—	—	Tuesday / Wednesday	12.6

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

A 60-litre tank of U91 in the cheapest town of Heddon Greta saved \$104.4 against the dearest town of Gibson Desert North, while the cheapest regional centre of Moe–Newborough saved \$25.2 against Broome. Filling up at the cheapest station, AMPM Highway in Mount Melville, saved \$29.76 against the national average.

U91, September 2026	Cheaper	Dearer	A litre	A 60-litre tank
Cheapest and dearest town	Heddon Greta 206.0	Gibson Desert North 380.0	174.0	\$104.40
Cheapest and dearest regional centre	Moe–Newborough 215.5	Broome 257.5	42.0	\$25.20
Cheapest station and the national average	AMPM Highway 175.9	Australia 225.5	49.6	\$29.76

The U91 average rose most in Williamtown, increasing by 32.7 c/L on the previous period.

Rose most on August 2026, U91

Williamtown (NSW)	185.6 to 218.3	+32.7
Currie (TAS)	265.3 to 297.9	+32.6
Maffra (VIC)	218.3 to 250.4	+32.1
Wellington (NSW)	207.4 to 235.6	+28.2
Oberon (NSW)	195.1 to 222.1	+27.0

Independents and the major brands

Across the country, independent service stations averaged 225 c/L for U91, while the major brands averaged 225.7 c/L. This meant independents were 0.7 c/L cheaper than the major brands on average.

U91	Major brands	Independents	Difference
Australia	225.7 (5,041)	225.0 (2,116)	-0.7

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 service station we ranked for U91 was AMPM Highway in Mount Melville at 175.9 c/L. The dearest was Kunawarritji Store in Gibson Desert North, which averaged 450 c/L.

Cheapest, U91	Place	Average	Dearest, U91	Place	Average
AMPM Highway	Mount Melville (WA)	175.9	Kunawarritji Store	Gibson Desert North (WA)	450.0
METRO HEDDON GRETA	Heddon Greta (NSW)	179.9	Yakanarra Community Store	St George Ranges (WA)	410.0
Independent Alyangula Township Service Station	Alyangula (NT)	194.1	Ramingining Xpress	Ramingining (NT)	402.5
Billabong Roadhouse	Meadow (WA)	195.0	Independent Elcho Fuel	Galiwinku (NT)	380.0
7-Eleven Noble Park	Noble Park (VIC)	195.9	Kalumburu Mission	Drysdale River (WA)	375.0
Ampol Smeaton Grange	Smeaton Grange (NSW)	197.4	Jameson Store	(WA)	374.0
Reflections Holiday Parks	Copeton (NSW)	199.3	Tjukayirla Roadhouse	Lake Wells (WA)	374.0
Tanwar Petroleum	Lewisham (NSW)	199.4	Tjukurla Store	Tjukurla (WA)	374.0
Ampol Seven Mile Beach Store	Seven Mile Beach (TAS)	200.9	Wanarn Store	(WA)	374.0
7-Eleven Mornington Tyabb	Mornington (VIC)	202.4	Warakurna Roadhouse	Ngaanyatjarra-Giles (WA)	374.0

7,125 stations with a price on half the days or more, by their own average over the period.

Diesel against U91

Across Australia, diesel cost 46.9 c/L more than U91, a gap that widened by 2.1 c/L. The premium was narrowest in Perth at 42.8 c/L and widest in Canberra at 52.2 c/L.

	Diesel less U91	Month	Change
Australia	46.9	44.8	+2.1
Perth	42.8	40.9	+1.9
Sydney	43.7	43.6	+0.1
Hobart	45.2	44.5	+0.7
Darwin	46.6	41.5	+5.1
Melbourne	49.3	46.1	+3.2
Brisbane	49.5	45.4	+4.1
Adelaide	50.4	38.7	+11.7
Canberra	52.2	45.1	+7.1

Crude oil and the dollar

Brent crude averaged 114.2 US dollars a barrel and 161.2 Australian dollars a barrel in September 2026, with an exchange rate of 71.15 US cents per Australian dollar. In August 2026, it was 91.1 US dollars a barrel and 128.3 Australian dollars a barrel at 71.03 US cents per Australian dollar.

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/australia/2026-09.

Data quality, method and sources

We saw 7,905 service stations report a price this period, with our price records starting on 13 April 2026.

Service stations listed	8,077
Stations that reported a price in the period	7,905
Station-days counted (every fuel)	772,124
Days covered	1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026
Our price records begin	13 April 2026

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

Each state's report ranks its regional towns and its capital's areas; this report adds their station-days together, so a national figure is the average of every station-day in the country. 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 national average. 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/australia/2026-09.

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Next reports

October 2026 report	from 4 November 2026
The December quarter 2026 report	from 4 January 2027
The 2026 annual report	from 4 January 2027

The commentary in this report was written from FuelRadar’s figures for the period and checked against them.