

Fuel price report

Northern Territory

September 2026

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

Darwin U91

229.7 c/L

+19.4 c/L on August 2026

Darwin diesel

276.3 c/L

+24.5 c/L on August 2026

Northern Territory U91 average

254.4 c/L

+13.7 c/L on August 2026

Northern Territory diesel average

297.6 c/L

+21.0 c/L on August 2026

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

Report highlights

- 1 You paid an average of 229.7 c/L for U91 in Darwin in September 2026, which was up 19.4 c/L on August 2026.
- 2 Cossack ranked as the cheapest town in Outback Northern Territory for U91 in September 2026 at 224.3 c/L, sitting 5.4 c/L below Darwin.
- 3 Since our records began on 13 April 2026, the day of the week has made little difference to U91 prices in Darwin, with the cheapest and dearest days just 0.7 c/L apart on average.
- 4 Fuelling a 60-litre tank with U91 in Cossack rather than in Ghan saved you \$49.14 on average in September 2026.
- 5 Independent service stations across the Northern Territory averaged 41.7 c/L more than the major brands for U91 in September 2026, but they were 3.4 c/L cheaper in Darwin.
- 6 Diesel cost 46.6 c/L more than U91 in Darwin in September 2026, which was up from 41.5 c/L in August 2026.
- 7 Darwin stood as the second dearest of the 8 capital cities for U91 in September 2026 at 229.7 c/L.
- 8 Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Alice Springs has stood as the cheapest regional centre in the Northern Territory for U91, averaging 220.2 c/L.

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Key points

- 1 Darwin drivers paid an average of 229.7 c/L for U91 in September 2026, up 19.4 c/L on August 2026.
- 2 Diesel across the state averaged 297.6 c/L, a rise of 21 c/L on the previous month.
- 3 Darwin was the seventh cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91, while Adelaide was the cheapest at 218.8 c/L.
- 4 Cossack was the cheapest town outside the capital for U91, averaging 224.3 c/L.
- 5 Filling a 60-litre tank with U91 in Cossack rather than Ghan saved you \$49.14 on average.
- 6 Independent service stations in Darwin averaged 226.6 c/L for U91, which was 3.4 c/L less than the major brands.
- 7 Diesel cost 46.6 c/L more than U91 in Darwin, widening the gap from 41.5 c/L in August 2026.
- 8 The wholesale terminal gate price for U91 in Darwin averaged 224 c/L, up 20.8 c/L on the previous month.
- 9 No regular price cycle ran in Darwin for U91 during the month, with prices following wholesale costs instead.
- 10 Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Alice Springs has been the cheapest regional centre for U91 at 220.2 c/L.

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

Every fuel

U91 averaged 254.4 c/L across the Northern Territory in September 2026, up 13.7 c/L on the previous month. Diesel rose 21 c/L to average 297.6 c/L. P95 averaged 254 c/L and P98 averaged 269 c/L for the month.

Fuel	Northern Territory	Change	Darwin	Rest of state	Difference	Stations
Unleaded 91	254.4	+13.7	229.7	266.6	+36.9	160
Diesel	297.6	+21.0	276.3	306.6	+30.3	182
Premium 95	254.0	+15.0	245.9	260.7	+14.8	108
Premium 98	269.0	+19.4	263.9	277.1	+13.2	41

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

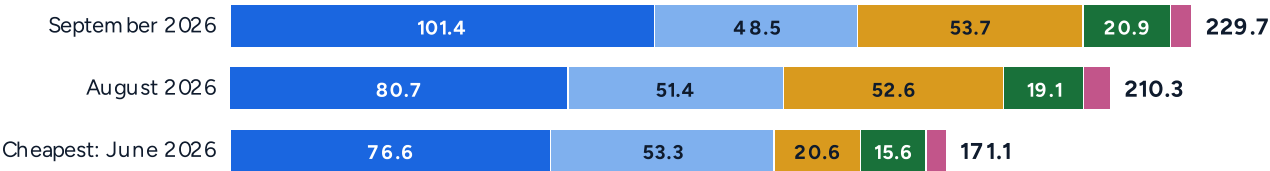
Darwin drivers paid an average of 229.7 c/L for U91, while the rest of the state averaged 266.6 c/L. This means those outside the capital paid 36.9 c/L more for U91.

What makes up a litre in Darwin

A litre of U91 in Darwin was made up of 101.4 c/L for crude oil, 48.5 c/L for wholesale costs, 53.7 c/L for excise and 20.9 c/L for GST, leaving a retail difference of 5.2 c/L that fell from 6.5 c/L in August 2026. A litre of diesel included 101.4 c/L for crude oil, 86.7 c/L for wholesale, 53.7 c/L for excise and 25.1 c/L for GST, with a retail difference of 9.4 c/L that rose from 2.1 c/L in the previous month.

Unleaded 91

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

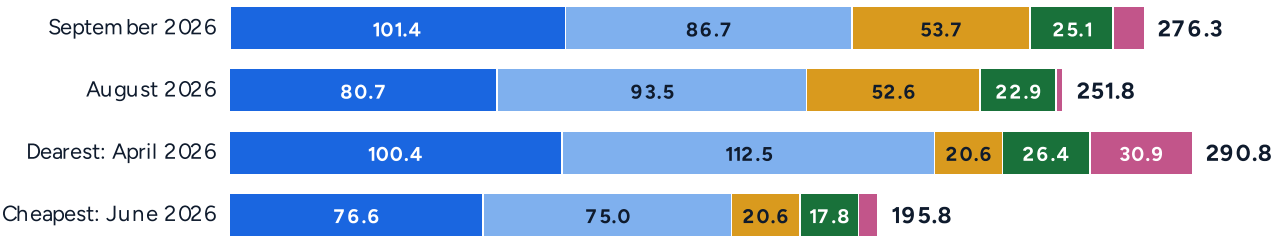


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Cents a litre	September 2026			
	dearest since our records began	August 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A\$)	101.4	80.7	67.5	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	48.5	51.4	33.7	53.3
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6
GST	20.9	19.1	—	15.6
Retail difference	5.2	6.5	—	5.0
Retail price	229.7	210.3	—	171.1
Terminal gate price	224.0	203.2	167.5	165.5
Indicative margin (retail less TGP)	5.7	7.1	—	5.6

Diesel

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

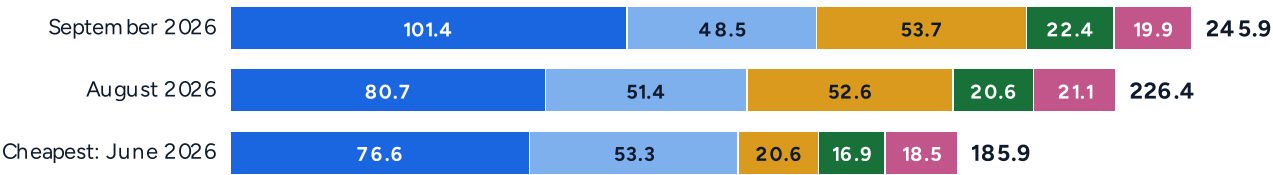


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Cents a litre	September 2026	August 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Dearest: April 2026 (part)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A\$)	101.4	80.7	67.5	100.4	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	86.7	93.5	38.2	112.5	75.0
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6	20.6
GST	25.1	22.9	—	26.4	17.8
Retail difference	9.4	2.1	—	30.9	5.8
Retail price	276.3	251.8	—	290.8	195.8
Terminal gate price	266.0	249.5	172.5	256.9	189.4
Indicative margin (retail less TGP)	10.3	2.3	—	33.9	6.4

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	48.5	51.4	33.7	53.3
Excise	53.7	52.6	51.1	20.6
GST	22.4	20.6	—	16.9
Retail difference	19.9	21.1	—	18.5
Retail price	245.9	226.4	—	185.9
Terminal gate price (unleaded)	224.0	203.2	167.5	165.5

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 Darwin; 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, Darwin 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 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

Darwin's U91 average started the month at 212 c/L, peaked at 245.8 c/L on 25 September 2026, and ended at 245.2 c/L. Diesel opened at 256.7 c/L, reached its highest day at 295 c/L on 23 September 2026, and closed the month at 292.8 c/L.

Area	U91, cents a litre		Diesel, cents a litre	
	Sep	Month	Sep	Month
Northern Territory	254.4	254.4	297.6	297.6
Darwin	229.7	229.7	276.3	276.3
Rest of Northern Territory	266.6	266.6	306.6	306.6
Darwin	229.7	229.7	276.3	276.3

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

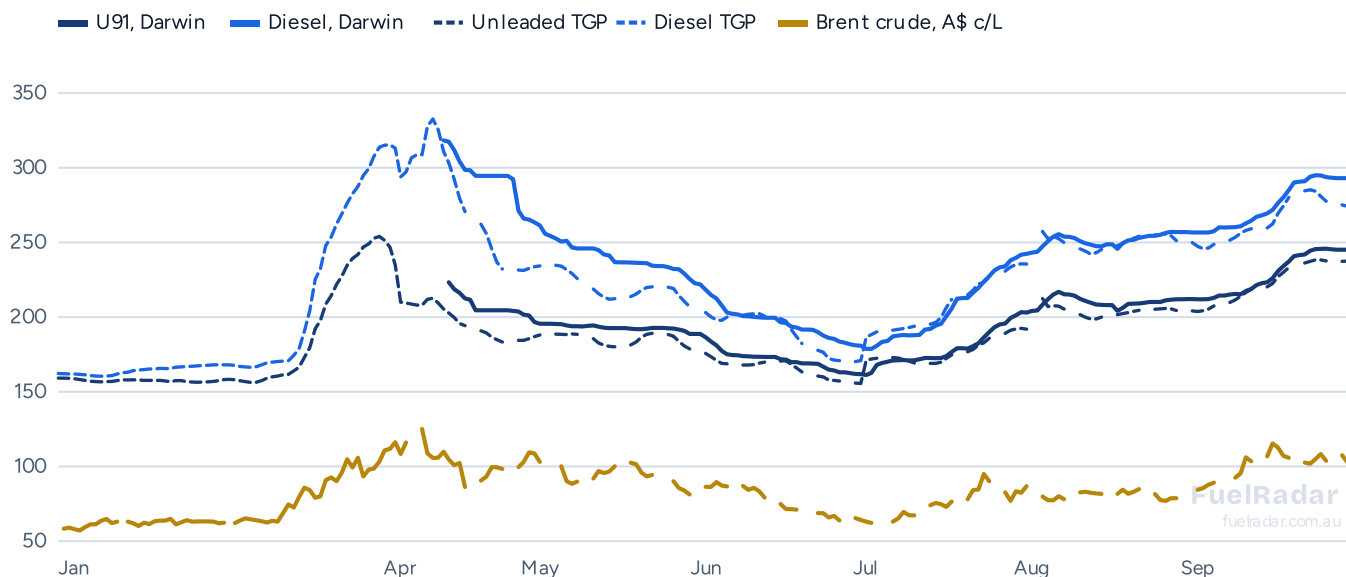
The indicative retail margin for U91 in Darwin averaged 5.7 c/L in September 2026, down 1.4 c/L on the previous month. The diesel margin averaged 10.3 c/L, which was 8 c/L higher than August 2026.

Area	U91 margin, cents a litre		Diesel margin, cents a litre	
	Sep	Month	Sep	Month
Terminal gate price (Darwin)	224.0	224.0	266.0	266.0
Northern Territory	30.4	30.4	31.6	31.6
Darwin	5.7	5.7	10.3	10.3
Rest of Northern Territory	42.6	42.6	40.6	40.6
Darwin	5.7	5.7	10.3	10.3

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 Darwin terminal. 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 in Darwin averaged 224 c/L for U91 and 266 c/L for diesel. Brent crude oil averaged 101.4 Australian cents a litre with an exchange rate of 71.15 US cents per Australian dollar.



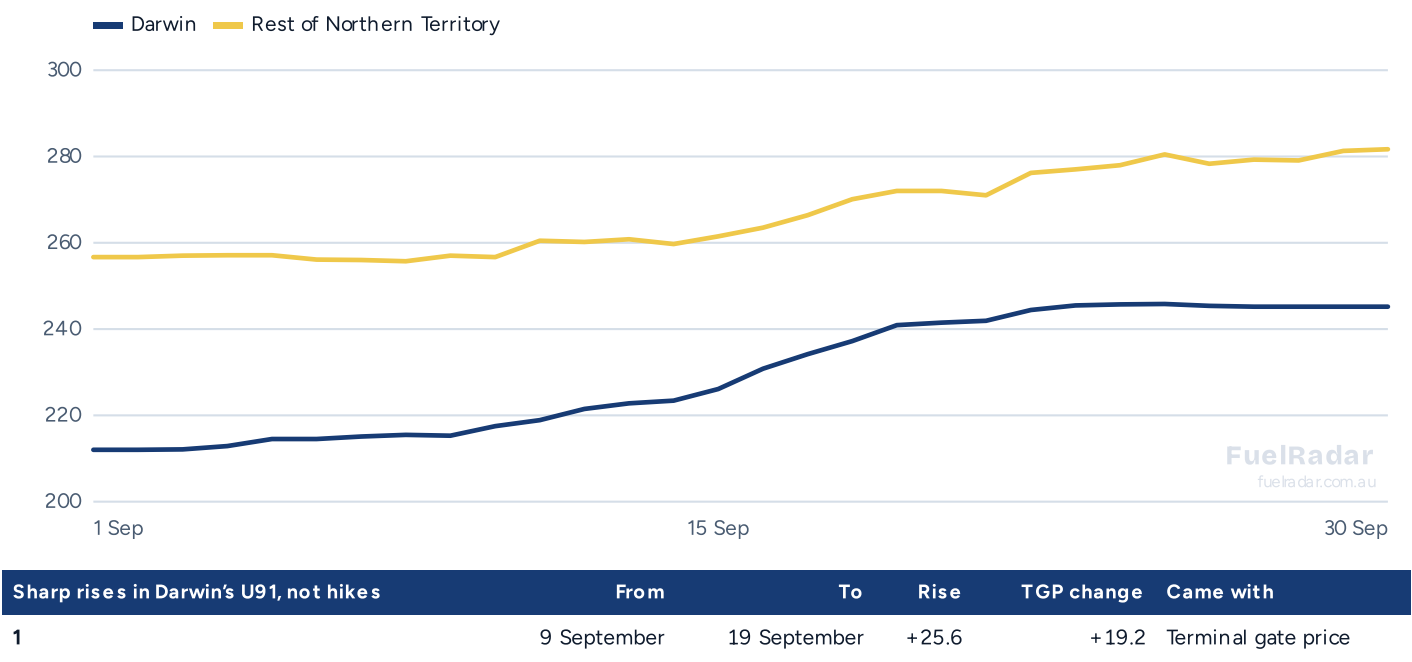
Retail: FuelRadar daily averages for Darwin, from 13 April 2026 when our records begin. Terminal gate prices (dashed): AIP, Darwin terminal, weekdays. Brent crude: US EIA spot price via FRED, converted at each day's exchange rate and 158.987 litres a barrel.



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 Darwin in the period, so prices followed wholesale costs. The sharp rise of 25.6 c/L came with the terminal gate price.



How we count a price-cycle hike: Darwin's daily U91 average less the Darwin 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 Darwin'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

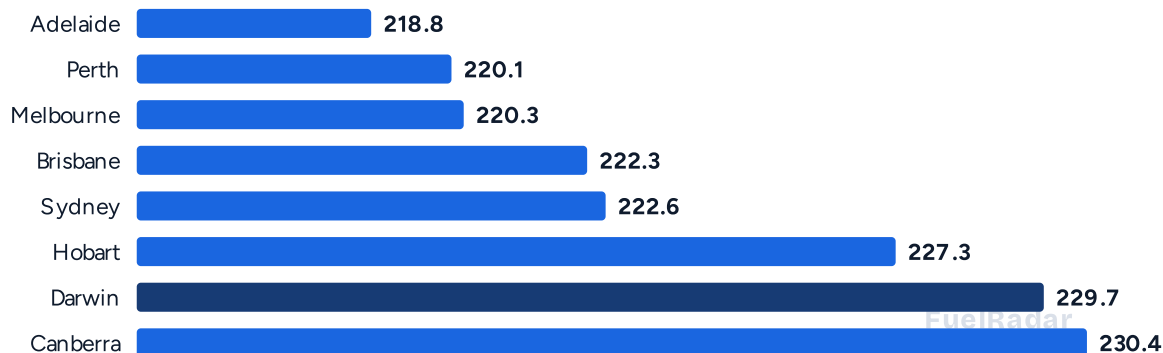
The fuel excise rate stayed at 53.7 c/L throughout the month.

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

For U91, Darwin was the seventh cheapest of the 8 capital cities, while Adelaide was the cheapest and Canberra was the dearest. For diesel, Darwin was the seventh cheapest of the 8 capital cities, with Perth the cheapest and Canberra the dearest.



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

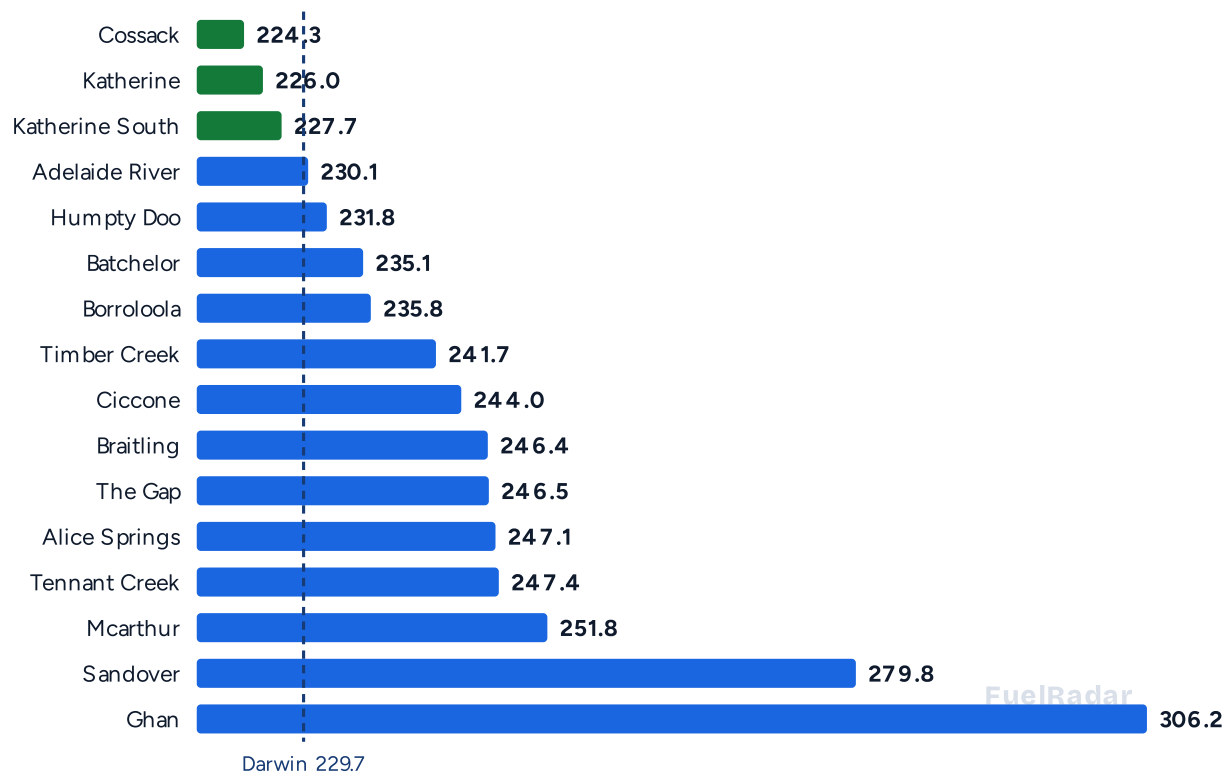
Diesel, cents a litre

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.

Regional towns

Cossack was the cheapest town for U91 at 224.3 c/L, while Ghan was the dearest at 306.2 c/L, creating a spread of 81.9 c/L. For diesel, Emungalan was the cheapest at 266.9 c/L and Maningrida was the dearest at 393.7 c/L. We found 3 towns cheaper than Darwin for U91 out of the 16 we ranked, and 7 towns cheaper for diesel out of 23.



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

3 towns cheaper than Darwin for U91

Cossack 224.3	Katherine 226.0	Katherine South 227.7
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Every ranked town, U91 (16 towns), cheapest first

Town	Month	vs Darwin	Margin	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Cossack	224.3	-5.4	0.3	2	Liberty Katherine (223.0)
Katherine	226.0	-3.7	2.0	2	United Katherine Pieface (224.6)
Katherine South	227.7	-2.0	3.7	5	United Katherine South (224.6)
Adelaide River	230.1	+0.4	6.1	2	Adelaide River Mobil (230.1)
Humpty Doo	231.8	+2.1	7.8	2	United Humpty Doo (230.8)
Batchelor	235.1	+5.4	11.1	3	Independent Batchelor General Store & Fuel (232.5)
Borroloola	235.8	+6.1	11.8	3	Malandari Store (228.4)
Timber Creek	241.7	+12.0	17.7	2	United Timber Creek Supermarket (241.6)
Ciccone	244.0	+14.3	20.0	3	Refuel Depot Ghan Road (239.6)
Braitling	246.4	+16.7	22.4	2	Alice Springs Depot (245.4)
The Gap	246.5	+16.8	22.5	2	Bp Gap Road (245.7)
Alice Springs	247.1	+17.4	23.1	3	Bp Alice Springs Truckstop (245.7)

Town	Month	vs Darwin	Margin	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Tennant Creek	247.4	+17.7	23.4	4	Independent Red Shop (240.4)
Mcarthur	251.8	+22.1	27.8	2	Heartbreak Hotel (250.0)
Sandover	279.8	+50.1	55.8	2	Arlparra Community Store (270.0)
Ghan	306.2	+76.5	82.2	2	Independent Kulgera Roadhouse Hotel (304.3)

Every ranked town, diesel (23 towns), cheapest first

Town	Month	vs Darwin	Margin	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Emungalan	266.9	-9.4	0.9	2	Katherine Depot (266.7)
Cossack	268.3	-8.0	2.3	2	Liberty Katherine (266.9)
Batchelor	268.4	-7.9	2.4	3	Batchelor Service Centre (265.4)
Katherine South	270.9	-5.4	4.9	6	Refuel Australia Katherine Opt (267.0)
Katherine	271.3	-5.0	5.3	2	United Katherine Pieface (269.1)
Pine Creek	271.5	-4.8	5.5	2	United Pine Creek Holiday Park & Roadhouse (269.7)
Adelaide River	275.6	-0.7	9.6	2	Adelaide River Mobil (275.6)
Ciccone	276.5	+0.2	10.5	5	Alice Springs Opt (273.9)
Humpty Doo	278.6	+2.3	12.6	2	United Humpty Doo (277.7)
Borroloola	279.2	+2.9	13.2	3	Malandari Store (273.1)
Mataranka	279.3	+3.0	13.3	3	Independent Mataranka Central (272.9)
Alice Springs	280.1	+3.8	14.1	4	Bp Alice Springs Truckstop (276.1)
Braitling	280.6	+4.3	14.6	2	Alice Springs Depot (277.7)
The Gap	284.3	+8.0	18.3	2	Bp Gap Road (283.4)
Timber Creek	285.0	+8.7	19.0	3	United Timber Creek Supermarket (281.0)
Tennant Creek	288.5	+12.2	22.5	5	Refuel Australia Tennant Creek (282.0)
Sandover	289.3	+13.0	23.3	2	Arlparra Community Store (270.0)
Ti Tree	294.8	+18.5	28.8	2	Independent Ti Tree Farm Garden (289.0)
Elliott	301.0	+24.7	35.0	3	The Elliott Store Nt (296.2)
Anatye	336.1	+59.8	70.1	2	Independent Jervois Station (320.0)
Petermann	343.0	+66.7	77.0	2	Independent Kings Canyon Resort General Store And 24/7 Fuel (338.6)
Ghan	343.4	+67.1	77.4	2	Independent Kulgera Roadhouse Hotel (340.0)
Maningrida	393.7	+117.4	127.7	2	Independent Mpa Fuel Station (389.5)

Other fuels: cheapest and dearest towns

Fuel	Cheapest town	Average	Dearest town	Average	Towns ranked
Premium 95	Cossack	236.8	Petermann	329.7	13
Premium 98	Cossack	255.3	Alice Springs	271.4	2

A town is the ABS locality a station sits in; a station in a large regional city (marked "city") counts in that city as one place. A town is ranked with at least 2 stations that reported on a quarter of the days and a price on 60% of the days. Its margin is against Darwin's terminal gate price, so it includes the cost of carrying fuel to the town.

Regional centres

Alice Springs, with 20,000 to 49,999 people, was the only regional centre we ranked for U91 and averaged 246.1 c/L. No regional centres averaged less than Darwin.

#	Centre	Size	U91	vs Darwin	Change	Diesel	Stations
1	Alice Springs	20,000 to 49,999 people	246.1	+16.4	+17.3	280.3	14

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 Darwin. It is ranked by the town rule. Cents a litre; vs Darwin and change are differences of the published averages.

Against Darwin, month by month

The Darwin area averaged 229.7 c/L for U91 in September 2026, matching the capital average. Since our records began on 13 April 2026, the area has matched the capital, being cheaper in 0 of 6 months.

U91	Month	vs Darwin	Year so far	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Months cheaper
Darwin	229.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0 of 6

Each area's U91 average less Darwin'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 Darwin. The areas are Darwin's ABS SA4s and the regional centres of 50,000 people or more.

Cheapest and dearest in each area

Humpty Doo was the cheapest town in Darwin for U91, averaging 231.8 c/L. In Outback Northern Territory, Cossack was the cheapest town at 224.3 c/L, while Ghan was the dearest at 306.2 c/L.

Area (ABS SA4), U91	Cheapest suburb or town	Dearest	Cheapest town outside Darwin	Cheapest since records began
Darwin (Darwin area)	Darwin 226.9	Humpty Doo 231.8	Humpty Doo 231.8	Darwin 194.8
Out back Northern Territory	Cossack 224.3	Ghan 306.2	Cossack 224.3	Cossack 195.9

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 Darwin is one of this report's towns (outside Darwin'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, U91 has averaged 233.9 c/L across the state and 197.8 c/L in Darwin. Cossack has been the cheapest town over that time at 195.9 c/L, while Maningrida has been the dearest at 365.1 c/L.

	Northern Territory	Darwin	Rest of Northern Territory
U91	233.9	197.8	251.1
Diesel	273.3	238.1	287.2

Towns, U91 (22 ranked; 2 cheaper than Darwin)

Cheapest	Average	vs Darwin	Dearest	Average	vs Darwin
Cossack	195.9	- 1.9	Maningrida	365.1	+ 167.3
Katherine	197.0	- 0.8	Anatye	329.4	+ 131.6
Humpty Doo	199.3	+ 1.5	Petermann	305.7	+ 107.9
Katherine South	201.6	+ 3.8	Anmatjere	291.2	+ 93.4
Adelaide River	208.3	+ 10.5	Davenport	285.8	+ 88.0
Pine Creek	216.8	+ 19.0	Ghan	285.7	+ 87.9
Ciccone	217.8	+ 20.0	Elliott	272.2	+ 74.4
Timber Creek	219.7	+ 21.9	Mcart hur	240.7	+ 42.9
Braitling	220.6	+ 22.8	Bat chelor	236.0	+ 38.2
Alice Springs	220.7	+ 22.9	Borrooloola	226.0	+ 28.2

Regional centres, U91

1 Alice Springs	220.2	+ 22.4
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The day of the week to buy

Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Monday has been the cheapest day to buy U91 in Darwin and Saturday has been the dearest. Filling a 60-litre tank on a Monday rather than a Saturday saved you 0.7 c/L or 42 cents in Darwin, and 0.4 c/L or 24 cents in Alice Springs.

U91	Cheapest day	Dearest day	Apart	60 litres	Since records began	Apart
Darwin	—	—	—	—	Monday / Saturday	0.7
Alice Springs	—	—	—	—	Monday / Saturday	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 with U91 in Cossack rather than Ghan saved you \$49.14 on average, and saved \$3.24 against the Darwin average. Choosing the cheapest station, Independent Alyangula Township Service Station in Alyangula, saved you \$36.18 against the state average.

U91, September 2026	Cheaper	Dearer	A litre	A 60-litre tank
Cheapest and dearest town	Cossack 224.3	Ghan 306.2	81.9	\$49.14
Cheapest town and Darwin	Cossack 224.3	Darwin 229.7	5.4	\$3.24
Cheapest station and the state average	Independent Alyangula Township Service Station 194.1	Northern Territory 254.4	60.3	\$36.18

Tennant Creek saw the largest U91 rise, jumping 21.7 c/L on the previous month. No towns recorded a fall in their U91 average.

Rose most on August 2026, U91

Tennant Creek	225.7 to 247.4	+ 21.7
Borrooloola	216.0 to 235.8	+ 19.8
Humpty Doo	212.0 to 231.8	+ 19.8
Katherine	207.2 to 226.0	+ 18.8
Katherine South	209.1 to 227.7	+ 18.6

Independents and the major brands

Independent service stations across the state averaged 41.7 c/L more than the major brands for U91. However, in Darwin, independents were 3.4 c/L cheaper than the majors.

U91	Major brands	Independents	Difference
Northern Territory	237.9 (88)	279.6 (64)	+ 41.7
Darwin	230.0	226.6	- 3.4

United 229.8 · 20	Ampol 240.5 · 18	Independent 289.7 · 30
On The Run (OTR) 233.3 · 15	BP 243.2 · 19	Puma 295.6 · 21
Reddy Express 235.9 · 9	Ausfuel 248.1 · 6	

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

Independent Alyangula Township Service Station in Alyangula was the cheapest station we ranked for U91 at 194.1 c/L. Ramingining Xpress in Ramingining was the dearest at 402.5 c/L.

Cheapest, U91	Place	Average	Dearest, U91	Place	Average
Independent Alyangula Township Service Station	Alyangula	194.1	Ramingining Xpress	Ramingining	402.5
Belyuen Store	Belyuen	210.7	Independent Elcho Fuel	Galiwinku	380.0
Independent Mataranka Central	Mataranka	219.9	Independent Warc Minjilang Fuel	Minjilang	370.0
Liberty Katherine	Cossack	223.0	Independent Nyirripi Store	Nyirripi	367.5
United Katherine Depot	Emungalan	223.0	Milingimbi Store	Milingimbi	359.0
Independent Army & Airforce Canteen Service Tindal	Tindal	224.1	Pirlangimpi Community Store	Pirlangimpi	349.4
United Katherine Pieface	Katherine	224.6	Nguru Walalja Store	Yuendumu	347.4
United Katherine South	Katherine South	224.6	Ajurumu Self Service Store	Warruwi	341.9
Fuelxpress Winnellie	Winnellie	224.9	Independent Mpa Fuel Station	Maningrida	338.6
Solo Casuarina	Casuarina	224.9	Independent Aputula Store	Finke	338.0

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

Diesel against U91

Diesel cost 46.6 c/L more than U91 in Darwin, widening the gap from 41.5 c/L in August 2026. The gap was narrowest in Sandover at 9.5 c/L and widest in Humpty Doo at 46.8 c/L.

	Diesel less U91	Month	Change
Darwin	46.6	41.5	+5.1
Northern Territory	43.2	35.9	+7.3
Rest of Northern Territory	40.0	32.6	+7.4

Sandover 9.5	Braitling 34.2	Cossack 44.0
Ciccone 32.5	Humpty Doo 46.8	Borrooloola 43.4
Alice Springs 33.0	Adelaide River 45.5	
Batchelor 33.3	Katherine 45.3	

The five towns with the narrowest and the five with the widest gap, of 15 ranked for both fuels.

Crude oil and the dollar

Brent crude oil averaged \$114.20 US a barrel in September 2026, which was \$161.20 Australian dollars a barrel. The exchange rate averaged 71.15 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/nt/2026-09.

Data quality, method and sources

We analysed prices from 186 service stations across the state, with our price records starting on 13 April 2026.

Service stations listed	215
Stations that reported a price in the period	186
Station-days counted (every fuel)	13,154
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)	16 (70)

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

Darwin 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 Darwin 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/nt/2026-09.

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