

Fuel price report

Northern Territory

September quarter 2026

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

Darwin U91

206.4 c/L

+19.1 c/L on the June quarter 2026

Darwin diesel

244.7 c/L

+15.5 c/L on the June quarter 2026

Northern Territory U91 average

239.3 c/L

+13.5 c/L on the June quarter 2026

Northern Territory diesel average

273.7 c/L

+1.1 c/L on the June quarter 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 Darwin drivers paid an average of 206.4 c/L for U91 in the September quarter 2026, up 19.1 c/L on the June quarter 2026.
- 2 Cossack was the cheapest town in Outback Northern Territory for U91 in the September quarter 2026 at 203.0 c/L, 3.4 c/L below Darwin.
- 3 In the September quarter 2026, Monday was the cheapest day to buy U91 in Darwin and Saturday the dearest, 1.4 c/L apart on average: \$0.84 on a 60-litre tank.
- 4 Filling a 60-litre tank with U91 in Cossack rather than in Maningrida saved \$83.40 on average in the September quarter 2026.
- 5 Independent service stations in Northern Territory averaged 49.9 c/L more than the major brands for U91 in the September quarter 2026, and 2.7 c/L less in Darwin.
- 6 Diesel cost 38.3 c/L more than U91 in Darwin in the September quarter 2026, down from 41.9 c/L in the June quarter 2026.
- 7 Darwin was the second dearest of the 8 capital cities for U91 in the September quarter 2026 at 206.4 c/L.
- 8 Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Alice Springs has been Northern Territory's cheapest regional centre for U91, averaging 220.2 c/L.

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Key points

- 1 Darwin drivers paid an average of 206.4 c/L for U91 in the September quarter 2026, up 19.1 c/L on the previous period.
- 2 Diesel in Darwin averaged 244.7 c/L, an increase of 15.5 c/L.
- 3 Cossack was the state's cheapest town for U91, averaging 203.0 c/L.
- 4 Maningrida was the dearest town for U91 at 342.0 c/L.
- 5 Across the Northern Territory, U91 averaged 239.3 c/L and diesel averaged 273.7 c/L.
- 6 Monday was the cheapest day to buy U91 in Darwin, saving you 1.4 c/L compared to Saturday.
- 7 Filling a 60-litre tank in Cossack rather than Maningrida saved \$83.40 on average.
- 8 Independent service stations in the Northern Territory averaged 49.9 c/L more than major brands for U91.
- 9 Darwin was the seventh cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91.
- 10 Diesel cost 38.3 c/L more than U91 in Darwin, down 3.6 c/L on the previous period.
- 11 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 the September quarter 2026 and checked against them.

Every fuel

Darwin's U91 average rose 19.1 c/L to 206.4 c/L in the September quarter 2026, while diesel rose 15.5 c/L to 244.7 c/L. Across the state, P95 averaged 235.9 c/L and P98 averaged 246.2 c/L.

Fuel	Northern Territory	Change	Darwin	Rest of state	Difference	Stations
Unleaded 91	239.3	+13.5	206.4	253.1	+46.7	190
Diesel	273.7	+1.1	244.7	284.4	+39.7	212
Premium 95	235.9	+15.2	222.4	245.9	+23.5	116
Premium 98	246.2	+17.4	240.3	255.5	+15.2	41

Cents a litre. Change is on the June quarter 2026, which covers the days from 13 April, when our full price history starts. Difference is the rest against Darwin.

Drivers in Darwin paid an average of 206.4 c/L for U91 over the period. This was 46.7 c/L less than the rest of the Northern Territory, where the average was 253.1 c/L.

What makes up a litre in Darwin

A litre of U91 in Darwin was made up of 86.0 c/L for crude oil, 49.3 c/L for wholesale, 47.6 c/L for excise, 18.8 c/L for GST and a retail difference of 4.7 c/L. For diesel, the costs were 86.0 c/L for crude oil, 85.5 c/L for wholesale, 47.6 c/L for excise, 22.2 c/L for GST and a retail difference of 3.4 c/L, with the U91 retail difference falling from 7.7 c/L and diesel falling from 11.3 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 quarter 2026	June quarter 2026 (part)	2025 average (wholesale only)
Crude oil (Brent, A\$)	86.0	88.8	67.5
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	49.3	53.2	33.7
Excise	47.6	20.6	51.1
GST	18.8	17.0	—
Retail difference	4.7	7.7	—
Retail price	206.4	187.3	—
Terminal gate price	201.2	178.9	167.5
Indicative margin (retail less TGP)	5.2	8.4	—

Diesel

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



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Cents a litre	September quarter 2026	June quarter 2026 (part)	2025 average (wholesale only)
Crude oil (Brent, A\$)	86.0	88.8	67.5
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	85.5	87.7	38.2
Excise	47.6	20.6	51.1
GST	22.2	20.8	—
Retail difference	3.4	11.3	—
Retail price	244.7	229.2	—
Terminal gate price	241.0	216.8	172.5
Indicative margin (retail less TGP)	3.7	12.4	—

Premium 95

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



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Cents a litre	September quarter 2026	June quarter 2026 (part)	2025 average (wholesale only)
Crude oil (Brent , A\$)	86.0	88.8	67.5
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	49.3	53.2	33.7
Excise	47.6	20.6	51.1
GST	20.2	18.4	—
Retail difference	19.3	21.4	—
Retail price	222.4	202.4	—
Terminal gate price (unleaded)	201.2	178.9	167.5

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. 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 DCOILBRETEU), 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 moved from 179.7 c/L in July to 210.3 c/L in August and 229.7 c/L in September, while diesel went from 206.6 c/L to 251.8 c/L and 276.3 c/L. The U91 average started the period at 161.2 c/L on 1 July 2026, peaked at 245.8 c/L on 25 September 2026, and ended at 245.2 c/L on 30 September 2026.

Area	U91, cents a litre				Diesel, cents a litre			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter
Northern Territory	226.0	240.7	254.4	239.3	251.2	276.6	297.6	273.7
Darwin	179.7	210.3	229.7	206.4	206.6	251.8	276.3	244.7
Rest of Northern Territory	243.2	253.1	266.6	253.1	266.1	285.7	306.6	284.4
Darwin	179.7	210.3	229.7	206.4	206.6	251.8	276.3	244.7

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 quarter. Every regional town, month by month, is in the regional towns section.

Gross indicative retail margins

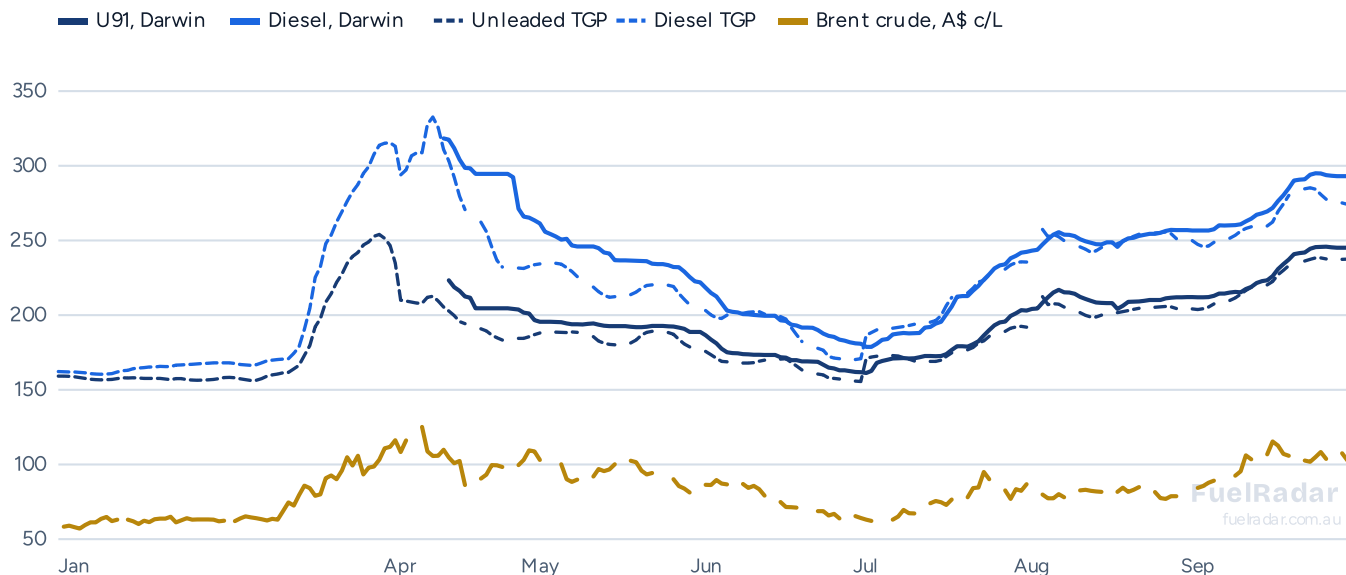
The gross indicative retail margin for U91 in Darwin was 5.2 c/L, down 3.2 c/L on the previous period, while the diesel margin fell 8.7 c/L to 3.7 c/L. By month, the U91 margin was 2.5 c/L in July, 7.1 c/L in August and 5.7 c/L in September, while diesel saw margins of -1.7 c/L, 2.3 c/L and 10.3 c/L.

Area	U91 margin, cents a litre				Diesel margin, cents a litre			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter
Terminal gate price (Darwin)	177.2	203.2	224.0	201.2	208.3	249.5	266.0	241.0
Northern Territory	48.8	37.5	30.4	38.1	42.9	27.1	31.6	32.7
Darwin	2.5	7.1	5.7	5.2	-1.7	2.3	10.3	3.7
Rest of Northern Territory	66.0	49.9	42.6	51.9	57.8	36.2	40.6	43.4
Darwin	2.5	7.1	5.7	5.2	-1.7	2.3	10.3	3.7

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

Terminal gate prices in Darwin averaged 201.2 c/L for unleaded and 241.0 c/L for diesel. Brent crude oil averaged 86.0 Australian cents a litre in the September quarter 2026, with an exchange rate of 70.62 US cents per Australian dollar.



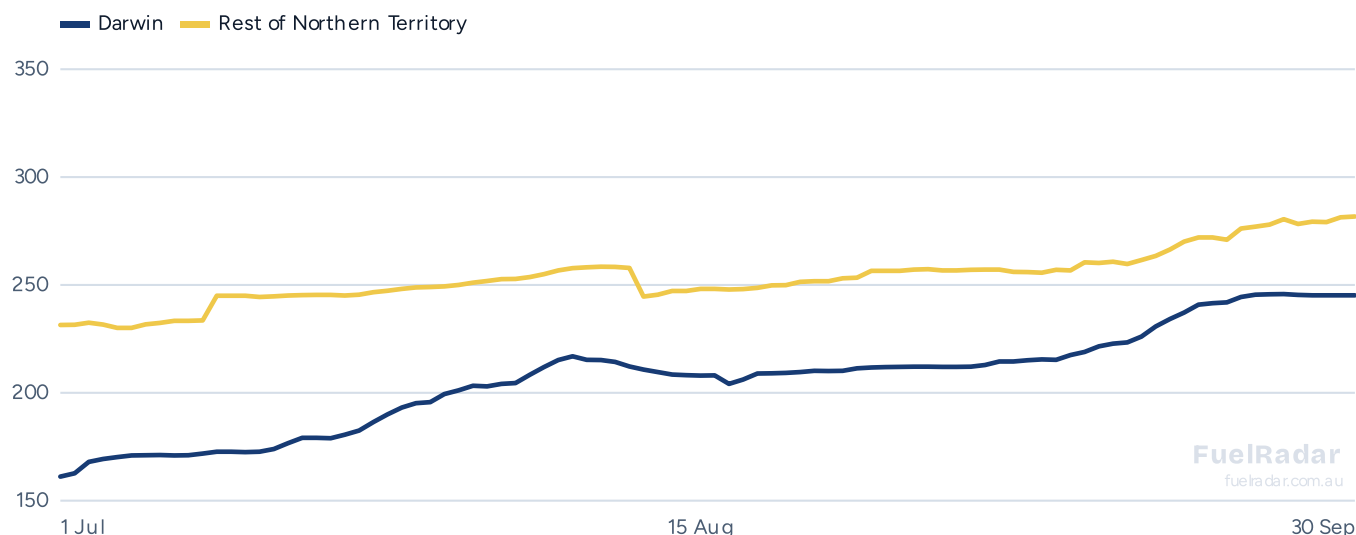
Retail: FuelRadar daily averages for Darwin, from 13 April 2026 when our records begin. Terminal gate prices (dashed): AIP, Darwin terminal, weekdays. Brent crude: US EIA spot price via FRED, converted at each day's exchange rate and 158.987 litres a barrel.



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

The price cycle and excise

Darwin saw one price-cycle hike during the period, lifting the average margin by 8.3 c/L. Sharp rises that were not hikes came with the excise change on 1 July 2026, the excise change on 3 August 2026, and the terminal gate price.



Price-cycle hikes in Darwin's U91	From	c/L	To	c/L	Rise	Margin rise
1	22 July	182.5	26 July	195.2	+12.7	+8.3

Other sharp rises in Darwin's U91, not hikes	From	To	Rise	TGP change	Came with
1	1 July	11 July	+10.6	-1.8	Excise change, 1 July
2	31 July	6 August	+13.9	+15.3	Excise change, 3 August
3	9 September	19 September	+25.6	+19.2	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

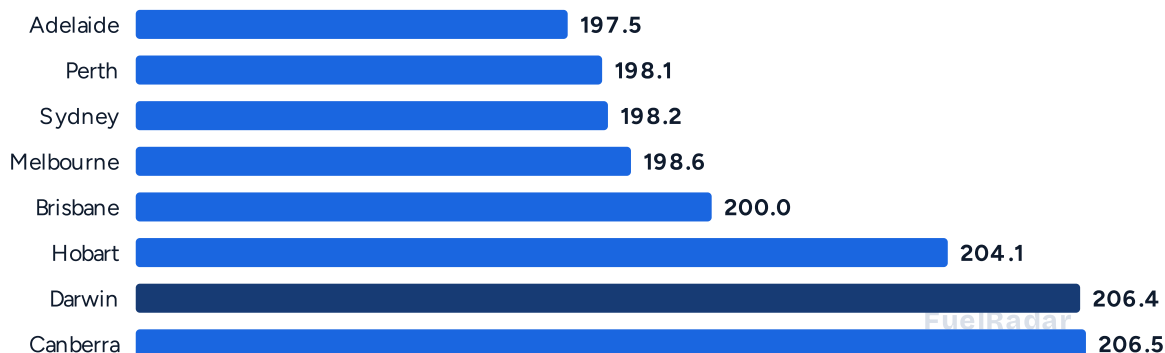
The fuel excise rate changed twice during the period, rising by 16.0 c/L to 36.6 c/L on 1 July 2026. It then increased by 17.1 c/L to 53.7 c/L on 3 August 2026.

Petrol and diesel excise	Rate (c/L, before GST)	Change
In force on 1 July 2026	36.6	
From 1 July 2026 (Partial restoration; still a temporarily reduced rate, 1 July to 2 August 2026)	36.6	+16.0
From 3 August 2026 (Full rate restored, indexed by the CPI factor of 1.020)	53.7	+17.1
Average over the days of 1 July to 30 September 2026	47.6	

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

Darwin was seventh cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91 and sixth cheapest of the 8 capital cities for diesel. Adelaide was the cheapest capital for both U91 and diesel, while Canberra was the dearest for both fuels.



U91, cents a litre

Rank	Capital	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter	Change	Margin	Stations
1	Adelaide	172.1	202.1	218.8	197.5	+26.4	4.9	278
2	Perth	174.7	200.3	220.1	198.1	+23.0	5.9	439
3	Sydney	173.1	200.0	222.6	198.2	+20.7	4.2	677
4	Melbourne	174.1	201.9	220.3	198.6	+21.2	6.1	858
5	Brisbane	176.4	202.2	222.3	200.0	+20.7	5.8	504
6	Hobart	179.3	206.5	227.3	204.1	+23.0	7.2	59
7	Darwin	179.7	210.3	229.7	206.4	+19.1	5.2	46
8	Canberra	183.2	206.7	230.4	206.5	+25.2	12.5	38

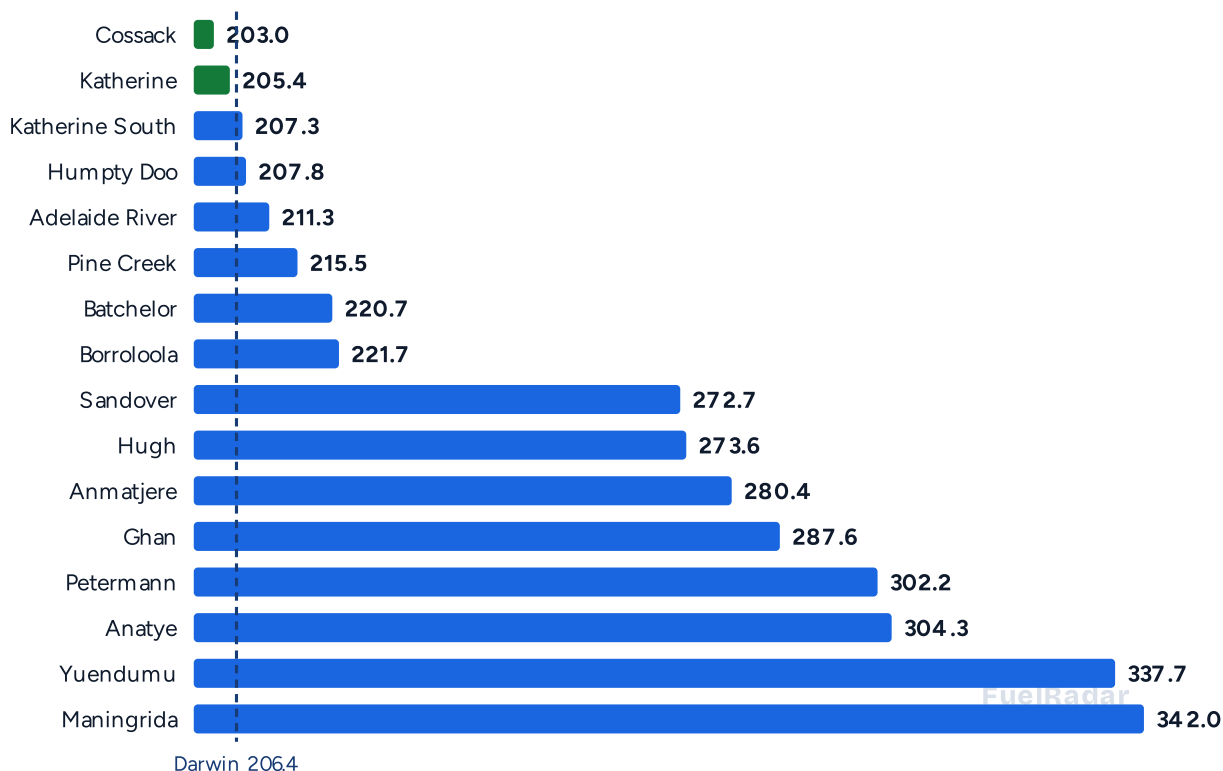
Diesel, cents a litre

Rank	Capital	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter	Change	Margin	Stations
1	Adelaide	200.4	240.8	269.2	233.9	+12.7	4.0	76
2	Perth	198.6	241.2	262.9	234.1	+14.5	8.7	201
3	Sydney	203.1	243.6	266.3	237.0	+13.2	5.3	253
4	Melbourne	204.0	248.0	269.6	240.5	+10.5	9.1	416
5	Brisbane	205.2	247.6	271.8	241.2	+13.8	9.3	198
6	Darwin	206.6	251.8	276.3	244.7	+15.5	3.7	48
7	Hobart	211.9	251.0	272.5	244.9	+11.2	12.4	37
8	Canberra	211.4	251.8	282.6	248.2	+4.0	16.5	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 203.0 c/L, while Maningrida was the dearest at 342.0 c/L, creating a spread of 139.0 c/L. For diesel, Emungalan was the cheapest town at 235.7 c/L and Maningrida the dearest at 377.6 c/L. Out of 27 towns ranked for U91, 2 were cheaper than the capital.



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

2 towns cheaper than Darwin for U91

Cossack 203.0

Katherine 205.4

Every ranked town, U91 (27 towns), cheapest first

Town	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter	vs Darwin	Margin	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Cossack	178.9	206.4	224.3	203.0	-3.4	1.8	2	Liberty Katherine (201.5)
Katherine	183.7	207.2	226.0	205.4	-1.0	4.2	2	United Katherine Pieface (203.6)
Katherine South	184.1	209.1	227.7	207.3	+0.9	6.1	5	United Katherine South (203.6)
Humpty Doo	180.5	212.0	231.8	207.8	+1.4	6.6	2	United Humpty Doo (207.2)
Adelaide River	189.5	214.9	230.1	211.3	+4.9	10.1	2	Adelaide River Mobil (211.3)
Pine Creek	208.2	213.5	227.9	215.5	+9.1	14.3	2	Independent Lazy Lizard Caravan Park (213.9)
Batchelor	207.0	222.9	235.1	220.7	+14.3	19.5	3	Independent Batchelor General Store & Fuel (220.1)
Borrooloola	214.3	216.0	235.8	221.7	+15.3	20.5	3	Malandari Store (219.1)
Timber Creek	199.6	226.6	241.7	222.6	+16.2	21.4	2	United Timber Creek Supermarket (222.3)
Ciccone	199.6	226.1	244.0	223.0	+16.6	21.8	3	Refuel Depot Ghan Road (219.0)
Mataranka	223.6	220.3	230.1	223.7	+17.3	22.5	2	Independent Mataranka Central (211.9)
Tennant Creek	201.9	225.7	247.4	224.6	+18.2	23.4	4	Lone Star Service Station (223.9)

Town	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter	vs Darwin	Margin	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Braitling	200.8	229.7	246.4	225.4	+19.0	24.2	2	Alice Springs Depot (224.5)
The Gap	201.8	229.4	246.5	225.7	+19.3	24.5	2	Bp Gap Road (225.3)
Alice Springs	202.5	229.6	247.1	226.2	+19.8	25.0	3	Bp Alice Springs Truckstop (225.3)
Birdum	237.0	230.3	255.9	238.8	+32.4	37.6	2	Daly Waters Hi-way Inn (226.7)
Mcarthur	238.8	237.5	251.8	241.8	+35.4	40.6	2	Independent King Ash Bay Service Station (239.0)
Davenport	270.8	238.6	250.0	253.3	+46.9	52.1	3	Murray Downs Station Store (229.2)
Elliott	259.3	265.0	268.6	263.1	+56.7	61.9	2	The Elliott Store Nt (257.6)
Sandover	268.5	266.9	279.8	272.7	+66.3	71.5	2	Arlparra Community Store (270.0)
Hugh	258.1	274.5	304.0	273.6	+67.2	72.4	2	Maryvale Store (250.0)
Anmatjere	278.3	278.0	290.0	280.4	+74.0	79.2	2	Gemtree Caravan Park (278.7)
Ghan	266.2	293.4	306.2	287.6	+81.2	86.4	2	Independent Kulgera Roadhouse Hotel (286.6)
Petermann	292.3	308.0	312.5	302.2	+95.8	101.0	2	Independent Kings Creek Station (297.7)
Anatye	299.2	299.2	326.2	304.3	+97.9	103.1	3	Independent Jervois Station (276.5)
Yuendumu	334.2	335.0	347.4	337.7	+131.3	136.5	2	Nguru Walalja Store (322.3)
Maningrida	339.0	349.7	338.6	342.0	+135.6	140.8	2	Independent Mpa Fuel Station (327.9)

Every ranked town, diesel (29 towns), cheapest first

Town	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter	vs Darwin	Margin	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Emungalan	198.3	242.8	266.9	235.7	-9.0	-5.3	2	United Katherine Depot (235.5)
Cossack	197.5	243.7	268.3	236.2	-8.5	-4.8	2	Liberty Katherine (234.7)
Katherine	206.3	247.2	271.3	241.3	-3.4	0.3	2	United Katherine Pieface (237.6)
Katherine South	208.7	246.6	270.9	243.2	-1.5	2.2	6	United Katherine South (237.4)
Humpty Doo	208.0	252.9	278.6	246.1	+1.4	5.1	2	United Humpty Doo (245.6)
Batchelor	217.1	254.1	268.4	246.3	+1.6	5.3	3	Batchelor Service Centre (244.3)
Pine Creek	220.6	254.3	271.5	248.5	+3.8	7.5	2	United Pine Creek Holiday Park & Roadhouse (246.1)
Adelaide River	222.9	253.6	275.6	250.4	+5.7	9.4	2	Adelaide River Mobil (250.4)
Ciccone	218.0	258.3	276.5	250.7	+6.0	9.7	5	Alice Springs Opt (247.5)
Timber Creek	213.5	265.6	285.0	253.1	+8.4	12.1	3	United Timber Creek Supermarket (250.0)
Braitling	220.7	260.7	280.6	253.7	+9.0	12.7	2	Alice Springs Depot (251.2)
Borrooloola	227.2	259.6	279.2	254.0	+9.3	13.0	3	Tjs One Stop (251.6)
Alice Springs	221.7	262.2	280.1	254.4	+9.7	13.4	4	Bp Alice Springs Depot (recharge Petroleum) (249.9)
The Gap	223.1	263.8	284.3	256.8	+12.1	15.8	2	Bp Gap Road (256.3)
Tennant Creek	225.3	266.2	288.5	260.5	+15.8	19.5	5	Refuel Australia Tennant Creek (255.7)
Mataranka	240.2	266.1	279.3	260.9	+16.2	19.9	3	Independent Mataranka Central (258.5)
Mcarthur	256.4	279.3	290.7	271.0	+26.3	30.0	2	Independent King Ash Bay Service Station (266.1)
Birdum	260.8	277.9	289.9	272.6	+27.9	31.6	2	Independent Dunmarra Roadhouse (272.0)
Sandover	288.1	273.1	289.3	285.5	+40.8	44.5	2	Arlparra Community Store (270.0)
Ti Tree	280.0	285.8	294.8	286.8	+42.1	45.8	2	Ti Tree Roadhouse (286.7)
Hugh	278.0	294.8	331.1	295.8	+51.1	54.8	2	Maryvale Store (250.0)

Town	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarter	vs Darwin	Margin	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Anmatjere	291.0	298.4	330.0	298.7	+54.0	57.7	4	Independent Red Centre Farm (260.0)
Elliott	295.3	300.6	301.0	298.8	+54.1	57.8	3	The Elliott Store Nt (283.2)
Davenport	325.3	294.4	280.0	305.1	+60.4	64.1	4	Murray Downs Station Store (264.2)
Ghan	296.6	318.4	343.4	319.2	+74.5	78.2	2	Independent Kulgera Roadhouse Hotel (317.3)
Anatye	332.5	328.0	336.1	332.1	+87.4	91.1	3	Independent Jervois Station (300.4)
Petermann	332.4	329.2	343.0	333.8	+89.1	92.8	3	Independent Kings Canyon Resort General Store And 24/7 Fuel (321.1)
Yuendumu	332.5	344.1	361.6	343.6	+98.9	102.6	2	Nguru Walalja Store (330.1)
Maningrida	351.0	389.2	393.7	377.6	+132.9	136.6	2	Independent Mpa Fuel Station (366.5)

Other fuels: cheapest and dearest towns

Fuel	Cheapest town	Average	Dearest town	Average	Towns ranked
Premium 95	Cossack	215.4	Petermann	310.1	16
Premium 98	Cossack	234.0	Alice Springs	250.5	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 was the only regional centre ranked for U91, averaging 225.2 c/L. No regional centres averaged less than the capital.

#	Centre	Size	U91	vs Darwin	Change	Diesel	Stations
1	Alice Springs	20,000 to 49,999 people	225.2	+18.8	+11.3	253.9	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

Darwin averaged 206.4 c/L for U91 this period and 197.8 c/L since our records began on 13 April 2026. It was cheaper than the capital in 0 of 6 months compared.

U91	Quarter	vs Darwin	Year so far	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Months cheaper
Darwin	206.4	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 outside the capital in Darwin for U91 at 207.8 c/L. In Outback Northern Territory, Cossack was the cheapest suburb or town at 203.0 c/L, while Maningrida was the dearest at 342.0 c/L.

Area (ABS SA4), U91	Cheapest suburb or town	Dearest	Cheapest town outside Darwin	Cheapest since records began
Darwin (Darwin area)	Darwin 203.8	Holtze 209.8	Humpty Doo 207.8	Darwin 194.8
Out back North ern Territory	Cossack 203.0	Maningrida 342.0	Cossack 203.0	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, the state average for U91 has been 233.9 c/L, while Darwin has averaged 197.8 c/L. Cossack has been the cheapest town over that time at 195.9 c/L, and Maningrida 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

Monday was the cheapest day of the week to buy U91 in Darwin, while Saturday was the dearest. Filling a 60-litre tank on Monday saved you 1.4 c/L or \$0.84 compared to Saturday, while in Alice Springs, Monday was the cheapest day and Thursday the dearest, saving you 0.9 c/L or \$0.54 a tank.

U91	Cheapest day	Dearest day	Apart	60 litres	Since records began	Apart
Darwin	Monday	Saturday	1.4	\$0.84	Monday / Saturday	0.7
Alice Springs	Monday	Thursday	0.9	\$0.54	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 Maningrida saved you \$83.40 on average. Buying in Cossack instead of Darwin saved \$2.04, while finding the cheapest station at Independent Alyangula Township Service Station saved \$30.12 against the state average.

U91, the September quarter 2026	Cheaper	Dearer	A litre	A 60-litre tank
Cheapest and dearest town	Cossack 203.0	Maningrida 342.0	139.0	\$83.40
Cheapest town and Darwin	Cossack 203.0	Darwin 206.4	3.4	\$2.04
Cheapest station and the state average	Independent Alyangula Township Service Station 189.1	Northern Territory 239.3	50.2	\$30.12

Humpty Doo saw the largest U91 average rise on the previous period, climbing 18.7 c/L. Davenport had the biggest fall, dropping 76.9 c/L.

Rose most on the June quarter 2026, U91

Humpty Doo	189.1 to 207.8	+ 18.7
Katherine	187.1 to 205.4	+ 18.3
Cossack	187.5 to 203.0	+ 15.5
Katherine South	194.4 to 207.3	+ 12.9
Alice Springs	214.1 to 226.2	+ 12.1

Fell most on the June quarter 2026, U91

Davenport	330.2 to 253.3	- 76.9
Anatye	367.4 to 304.3	- 63.1
Batchelor	259.9 to 220.7	- 39.2
Borrooloola	234.9 to 221.7	- 13.2
Pine Creek	218.0 to 215.5	- 2.5

Independents and the major brands

Independent service stations averaged 267.1 c/L for U91 across the state, which was 49.9 c/L more than the major brands. In Darwin, independents averaged 204.0 c/L, coming in 2.7 c/L cheaper than the majors.

U91	Major brands	Independents	Difference
Northern Territory	217.2 (90)	267.1 (100)	+49.9
Darwin	206.7	204.0	-2.7

United 208.7 · 20	Ampol 218.8 · 18	Independent 277.7 · 52
On The Run (OTR) 209.7 · 15	BP 225.7 · 21	Puma 279.3 · 33
Reddy Express 213.4 · 9	Ausfuel 228.0 · 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

Independent Alyangula Township Service Station in Alyangula was the cheapest service station for U91, averaging 189.1 c/L. Ramininging Xpress in Ramininging was the dearest at 384.1 c/L.

Cheapest, U91	Place	Average	Dearest, U91	Place	Average
Independent Alyangula Township Service Station	Alyangula	189.1	Ramininging Xpress	Ramininging	384.1
Liberty Katherine	Cossack	201.5	Independent Elcho Fuel	Galiwinku	366.8
Belyuen Store	Belyuen	201.6	Independent Warc Minjilang Fuel	Minjilang	358.0
United Katherine Depot	Emungalan	201.7	Independent Nyirripi Store	Nyirripi	343.5
Fuelxpress Winnellie	Winnellie	202.2	Milingimbi Store	Milingimbi	342.0
Solo Stuart Park	Stuart Park	202.2	Pirlangimpi Community Store	Pirlangimpi	337.5
Solo Casuarina	Casuarina	202.3	Independent Alpirakina Store (yuelamu Store)	Yuelamu	329.7
United Darwin (smith Street) Pieface	Darwin	202.5	Independent Mpa Fuel Station	Maningrida	327.9
United Parap Pieface	Parap	202.6	Independent Aputula Store	Finke	324.8
United Casuarina Pieface	Wanguri	202.7	Independent Tobermorey Roadhouse	Anatye	324.2

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

Diesel against U91

Diesel cost 38.3 c/L more than U91 in Darwin, a gap that narrowed from 41.9 c/L in the previous period. The premium was narrowest in Yuendumu at 5.9 c/L and widest in Davenport at 51.8 c/L.

	Diesel less U91	Quarter	Change
Darwin	38.3	41.9	- 3.6
Northern Territory	34.4	46.8	- 12.4
Rest of Northern Territory	31.3	44.0	- 12.7

Yuendumu 5.9	Batchelor 25.6	Mataranka 37.2
Sandover 12.8	Davenport 51.8	Tennant Creek 35.9
Anmatjere 18.3	Adelaide River 39.1	
Hugh 22.2	Humpty Doo 38.3	

The five towns with the narrowest and the five with the widest gap, of 27 ranked for both fuels.

Crude oil and the dollar

Brent crude oil averaged \$96.30 US a barrel or \$136.70 Australian a barrel in the September quarter 2026, with the exchange rate at 70.62 US cents. This compared to \$102.60 US and \$144.80 Australian in the June quarter 2026.

Period	Brent, US\$ a barrel	US cents per A\$	Brent, A\$ a barrel	Brent, A\$ cents a litre	Trading days
September quarter 2026	96.3	70.62	136.7	86.0	65
June quarter 2026	102.6	71.01	144.8	91.1	61
March quarter 2026	80.7	69.56	116.5	73.3	63
December quarter 2025	63.7	65.68	96.9	61.0	64

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-q3.

Data quality, method and sources

We collected prices from 214 service stations across the Northern Territory, with our price records starting on 13 April 2026.

Service stations listed	215
Stations that reported a price in the period	214
Station-days counted (every fuel)	43,890
Days covered	1 July 2026 to 30 September 2026
Our price records begin	13 April 2026
Towns ranked for U91 (left out: too few steady stations)	27 (79)

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

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-q3.

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