

A Comparison of EIA-782 Petroleum Product Price and Volume Data with Other Sources, 1998 to 2007

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Highlights

This article compares annual average prices reported from the EIA-782 survey series for residential No. 2 distillate, on-highway diesel fuel, retail regular motor gasoline, refiner No. 2 fuel oil for resale, refiner No. 2 diesel fuel for resale, refiner regular motor gasoline for resale, and refiner kerosene-type jet fuel for resale with annual average prices reported by other sources. In terms of volume, it compares EIA-782C Prime Supplier annual volumes for motor gasoline (all grades), distillate fuel oil, kerosene-type jet fuel and residual fuel oil with annual volumes from other sources. The other sources used for comparison in this article were the EIA-821 survey, EIA-878 survey, EIA-888 survey, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) and the Producer Price Index (PPI), OPIS (Oil Price Information Service), and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). See Source Notes at the end of this article for more details.

For the years 1998 through 2007, it was found that the EIA-782 series is almost equivalent to other data sources for on-highway diesel fuel prices and motor gasoline (all grades) volumes. The EIA-782 series is meaningfully lower than its most comparable source for residential No. 2 distillate prices, retail regular motor gasoline prices, distillate fuel oil volumes, kerosene-type jet fuel volumes and residual fuel oil volumes. For the remaining values studied, which were all of the resale prices, it was necessary to transform the data into yearly growth rates for comparison purposes. These yearly growth rates differed minimally between sources for all products. But the ratios between sources of the yearly growth rates were unstable.

The reasons for the meaningful differences for residential No. 2 distillate prices, retail regular motor gasoline prices, distillate fuel oil volumes, kerosene-type jet fuel volumes, and residual fuel oil volumes were investigated. For residential No. 2 distillate prices the most comparable source was the BLS CPI. One possible reason for these differences may be because BLS includes only urban areas in its data collection and includes local taxes and some specialized taxes at the State level that are impossible to remove for comparison with the EIA-782 series. For retail regular motor gasoline prices the most comparable source was the EIA-878 survey. One possible reason for these differences may be the extreme difficulty of removing local taxes and State percentage taxes from the EIA-878 data. For distillate fuel oil volumes, kerosene-type jet fuel volumes, and residual fuel oil volumes the differences between data sources seem to be caused in part by the slight variations in the definitions used by each of the sources.

Introduction

This article first appeared in *Petroleum Marketing Monthly* in 1989. This present version will compare annual average prices from the EIA-782 survey series for residential No. 2 distillate, on-highway diesel fuel, retail regular motor gasoline, refiner No. 2 fuel oil for resale, refiner No. 2 diesel fuel for resale, refiner regular motor gasoline for resale, and refiner kerosene-type jet fuel for resale with annual average prices from other sources for the period of 1998 to 2007. In terms of volume, it will compare EIA-782C Prime Supplier annual volumes for motor gasoline (all grades), distillate fuel oil, kerosene-type jet fuel and residual fuel oil with annual volumes from other sources. The EIA-782 survey series collects data on petroleum markets to fulfill Congressional mandates and to provide comprehensive information on market behavior. It includes three surveys: Form EIA-782A, "Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report;" Form EIA-782B, "Resellers'/Retailers' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report;" and Form EIA-782C, "Monthly Report of Prime Supplier Sales of Petroleum Products Sold for Local Consumption." These surveys are the basis for much of the information reported in *Petroleum Marketing Monthly (PMM)* and *Petroleum Marketing Annual (PMA)*. The EIA-782A is a census of approximately 100 refiners and gas plant operators.

The EIA-782B uses a sample of approximately 2,000 out of approximately 24,400 resellers/retailers identified through the EIA-863 quadrennial survey. The EIA-782C is a census of approximately 185 refiners, gas plant operators, importers, and inter-State resellers and retailers in the U.S. that are Prime Suppliers for local consumption. A Prime Supplier is “a firm that produces, imports, or transports selected petroleum products across State boundaries and local marketing areas, and sells the product to local distributors, local retailers, or end users” (EIA Glossary at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/glossary/index.html>.) The EIA-782C measures product delivery into each State for that State’s consumption. A company may be both a reseller and a retailer and indicates this when filling out the EIA-782C.

Other Data Sources

More details on these sources are in the Source Notes section at the end of this article.

Sources of Price Data

Internal to EIA

- Form EIA-878, “Motor Gasoline Price Survey,” for retail prices of regular motor gasoline.
- Form EIA-888, “On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey,” for retail prices of on-highway diesel fuel.
- *Petroleum Marketing Monthly* for taxes on retail on-highway diesel fuel and regular motor gasoline.

External to EIA

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) for retail prices of regular motor gasoline, on-highway diesel fuel, and residential No. 2 distillate.
- The BLS Producer Price Index (PPI) numbers for resale regular motor gasoline, No. 2 fuel oil, No. 2 diesel fuel, and kerosene-type jet fuel.
- Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) for retail prices of on-highway diesel fuel.

Sources of Volume Data

Internal to EIA

- Form EIA-821, “Annual Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Report,” for volumes of distillate fuel oil and residual fuel oil.
- *Petroleum Supply Annual (PSA)* for product supplied volumes of distillate fuel oil, motor gasoline (all grades), kerosene-type jet fuel and residual fuel oil.

External to EIA

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for taxed retail volumes of motor gasoline (all grades).

Price Comparisons for Retail Sales

This section will compare EIA-782 data to data from other sources for retail prices for the years 1998 through 2007. The EIA-782 averages in the tables in this section will be given twice. First, the annual averages reported in *Petroleum Marketing Annual (PMA)* will be given. The EIA-782A and the EIA-782B collect both price and volume data. So, *PMA* computes weighted annual averages for retail prices by using total sales (in \$) for the year as the numerator and total volume (in gallons) for the year as the denominator. Second, an unweighted average (arithmetic mean) of the monthly prices reported in *PMA* will be given. This is done to make the EIA-782 data more comparable to other sources of published data, since the other sources of published data only collect price data and, thus, must use arithmetic means.

Throughout this section, references to tables from the *PMA*, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR)*, and BLS will be made. The tables for *PMA* are on the EIA website at http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/petroleum_marketing_annual/pma.html. For *WPSR* they are at http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html. Tables for the BLS Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) are available from <http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=ap>.

Residential No. 2 Distillate Prices

Table FE1 is the annual summary data for residential No. 2 distillate prices. In *PMA* the data are in the U.S. Average column of Table 18 for 1998 to 2006 and of Table 15 for 2007. These are the numbers shown in the second column of Table FE1 in this article. The third column of Table FE1 is the arithmetic mean of the data reported for the 12 months of each year. It is this column that is then compared to the BLS data. The BLS CPI data are series APU000072511, U.S. city average for Fuel oil #2, per gallon (3.785 liters). Figure FE1 shows the BLS and EIA-782 arithmetic means over time.

While the raw differences between the BLS and EIA-782 price data increased somewhat over the years until recently (2006 and 2007), the BLS data were consistently higher than the EIA data by between 3.2 percent and 8.2 percent. These differences may be because the BLS data are collected only in 87 urban areas and include State and local taxes, while the EIA-782 data are collected over the entire United States and do not include these taxes.

Table FE1. Residential No. 2 Distillate Prices, 1998-2007 (Cents per Gallon)

Year	EIA-782 Reported in PMA	Arithmetic Mean of EIA-782 Monthly Data	BLS	Differences BLS minus EIA-782	Percentage BLS divided by EIA-782
1998	85.20	82.93	87.99	5.07	106.11
1999	87.60	86.82	89.96	3.14	103.62
2000	131.10	127.23	136.01	8.78	106.90
2001	125.00	121.12	131.00	9.88	108.20
2002	112.90	110.66	116.15	5.49	104.96
2003	135.50	129.98	140.04	10.07	107.75
2004	154.80	154.05	164.54	10.49	106.81
2005	205.20	209.90	222.06	12.16	105.80
2006	236.50	239.32	249.52	10.20	104.26
2007	259.20	259.73	268.05	8.32	103.21

Notes: The EIA-782 reported annual U.S. averages from *Petroleum Marketing Annual* are the data in the second column of the table. The third column is the arithmetic means of the data for the 12 months of each year. It is this third column that is compared to the BLS data. Differences across columns may not add due to independent rounding.

Sources: EIA-782: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 18 (for 1998 to 2006) and Table 15 (for 2007); BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI, series APU000072511, U.S. city average for Fuel oil #2 per gallon (3.785 liters).

Figure FE1. EIA-782 Arithmetic Means versus BLS Data for Residential No. 2 Distillate Prices, 1998-2007



Sources: EIA-782: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 18 (for 1998 to 2006) and Table 15 (for 2007); BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI, series APU000072511, U.S. city average for Fuel oil #2, per gallon (3.785 liters).

On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices

Table FE2 is the annual summary data for on-highway prices for No. 2 low-sulfur diesel fuel. The EIA-782 data include sales, with all taxes removed, from all locations owned by respondents including truckstops, travel plazas, and gas stations. The data are in the Through Retail Outlets column of Table 16 of *PMA* from 1998 to 2006. For 2007 the data are in the Through Retail Outlets column under Total Diesel Fuel of Table 14 of *PMA* and are a weighted average (by volume) of the low-sulfur and ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel prices.

For diesel fuel prices the comparable data sources all include taxes. So, the taxes must be removed from these other sources to make them comparable to the EIA-782 data. The Federal taxes are from Table EN1 of *PMA* and are 24.4 cents for all years studied in this article. The State taxes are an unweighted average taken each year from Table EN1 of the October issues of *PMM*. The Federal and State taxes per gallon were subtracted from the average price for the year for each of the non-EIA-782 sources. No adjustments were made for local sales taxes and other State and local fuel taxes because there was insufficient information available for making these adjustments. The EIA-888 and the BLS data include State (and in a few instances local) percentage taxes (see Table EN1 of *PMA* for details) in addition to the standard cents per gallon taxes. The number of States with these extra taxes was 22 in 1998, 18 in 2003, and 18 in 2007 and the percentages charged did not change much over these 10 years.

The EIA-888 collects prices as of 8:00 a.m. each Monday from its sample of 350 retail outlets. The monthly average prices computed from the weekly data are reported in the On-Highway Diesel Fuel row of Table 17 of *WPSR*. For 2007 the weekly averages are weighted averages (by volume) of the low-sulfur and ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel prices. The arithmetic averages of the monthly values were used to form the EIA-888 annual values. The OPIS data are sent by OPIS to the Office of Oil and Gas of the EIA each Monday morning. The average of the prices from Midnight of the day before “at more than 8,000 active truckstops and travel plazas in the U.S. and Canada...gathered by major fuel card companies [and] through direct feeds from major truckstop chains” (<http://opisnet.com/methodology.asp>). The BLS data are the arithmetic means of the monthly values from CPI, series APU000074717, U.S. city average for Automotive diesel fuel, per gallon/3.785 liters.

From Table FE2 it can be seen that the EIA-782, EIA-888 prices without taxes and the OPIS prices without taxes are almost identical (within 2.2%) for all years. The BLS prices without taxes are, however, always higher than the other three. BLS only collects data in 87 urban areas and only at retail outlets. So, they are mostly diesel sales for automobiles, whose prices are higher than on-highway sales to non-automobiles due to economies of scale. The OPIS data are only from truckstops and travel plazas. The EIA-782 and EIA-888 collect data from all types of retailers, with the vast majority of sales being non-automotive use. The EIA-782 and BLS annual means are shown graphically in Figure FE2. The figure does not include the EIA-888 and OPIS averages because they could not be distinguished graphically from the EIA-782 averages.

Figure FE2. EIA-782 Arithmetic Means versus BLS Data for On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices, 1998-2007



Note: The BLS values have cents per gallon Federal and State taxes removed from them.

Sources: EIA-782: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 16 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 14 for 2007; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI, series APU000074717, U.S. city average for Automotive diesel fuel, per gallon/3.785 liters; Federal and State tax information: *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table EN1.

Table FE2. On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices, 1998-2007 (Cents per Gallon)

Year	Federal Taxes	Unweighted Average of State Taxes	EIA-782 Reported in PMA	Arithmetic Mean of EIA-782 Monthly Data	EIA-888 Without Taxes	OPIS Without Taxes	BLS Without Taxes	EIA-888 minus EIA-782	OPIS minus EIA-782	BLS minus EIA-782	EIA-888 Divided by EIA-782	OPIS Divided by EIA-782	BLS Divided by EIA-782
1998	24.4	19.7	59.3	59.4	60.4	59.2	73.3	1.1	-0.1	13.9	101.8	99.8	123.5
1999	24.4	20.0	68.5	67.9	67.6	66.5	76.9	-0.3	-1.5	8.9	99.5	97.8	113.1
2000	24.4	20.2	103.6	103.4	104.7	104.0	113.1	1.3	0.6	9.7	101.2	100.5	109.4
2001	24.4	20.2	94.3	94.1	95.9	94.9	108.9	1.8	0.8	14.8	101.9	100.9	115.7
2002	24.4	20.2	86.2	86.0	87.0	86.2	98.0	1.0	0.3	12.1	101.2	100.3	114.0
2003	24.4	21.0	104.4	104.6	105.5	104.5	119.2	0.8	-0.1	14.5	100.8	99.9	113.9
2004	24.4	21.1	134.8	134.2	135.3	134.1	146.6	1.1	-0.1	12.4	100.8	100.0	109.3
2005	24.4	21.6	193.3	191.5	193.9	192.1	206.0	2.4	0.6	14.5	101.2	100.3	107.6
2006	24.4	21.9	220.8	220.4	224.2	223.8	235.1	3.8	3.3	14.7	101.7	101.5	106.7
2007	24.4	22.1	237.9	237.9	241.7	241.9	250.0	3.8	4.0	12.1	101.6	101.7	105.1

Notes: The EIA-782 reported annual U.S. averages from *Petroleum Marketing Annual* are the data in the fourth column of the table. The fifth column is the arithmetic means of the data for the 12 months of each year. It is this column that is compared to the other data sources. Differences across columns may not add due to independent rounding.

Sources: EIA-782: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 16 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 14 for 2007; EIA-888: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*, Table 17; OPIS: Weekly report on Monday sent to EIA by OPIS (Oil Price Information Service) from the Retail Diesel Pricing daily survey; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI, series APU000074717, U.S. city average for Automotive diesel fuel, per gallon/3.785 liters; Federal and State tax information: *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table EN1.

Retail Regular Motor Gasoline Prices

Table FE3 contains summary data for retail regular motor gasoline prices. The EIA-782 data include sales, without taxes, to end users through retail outlets owned by respondents including truckstops, travel plazas, and gas stations. The data are reported in the United States portion of the Through Retail Outlets column for Regular [gasoline] in Table 31 of *PMA* for 1998 to 2006 and in Table 28 of *PMA* for 2007.

For regular motor gasoline prices the comparable data sources all include taxes. So, the taxes must be removed from these other sources to make them comparable to the EIA-782 data. The Federal taxes are from Table EN1 of *PMA* and are 18.4 cents for all years studied in this article. The State taxes are an unweighted average taken each year from Table EN1 of the October issues of *PMM*. The Federal and State taxes per gallon were subtracted from the average price for the year for each of the non-EIA-782 sources. No adjustments were made for local sales taxes and other State and local fuel taxes because there was insufficient information available for making these adjustments.

The EIA-878 collects prices as of 8:00 a.m. each Monday from its sample of approximately 1,200 retail gasoline outlets. The monthly average prices computed from the weekly data are reported in the Regular row under Motor Gasoline of Table 17 of *WPSR*. The arithmetic means of the monthly values were used to form the EIA-878 annual values. The BLS CPI data are the arithmetic means of the monthly values from series APU000074714, U.S. city average for Gasoline, unleaded regular, per gallon/3.785 liters.

From Table FE3 it can be seen that the raw differences between the EIA-782 means and the EIA-878 and BLS data are increasing over time. The EIA-878 and the BLS data include State (and in a few instances local) percentage taxes (see Table EN1 of *PMA* for details) in addition to the standard cents per gallon taxes. The number of States with these extra taxes was 22 in 1998, 20 in 2003, and 20 in 2007 and the percentages charged did not change much over these 10 years. As the price increases per gallon, the amount collected in per gallon percentage taxes increases automatically. For example, a 5 percent tax yields 10 cents when the pre-tax price is \$2.00 and 15 cents when the pre-tax price is \$3.00. This may be why the ratios between the EIA-878, BLS and EIA-782 prices have stayed quite consistent, except for a recent decrease when the BLS and EIA-782 prices are compared. The annual means are graphed in Figure FE3.

Price Comparisons for Resale Transactions by Refiners

This section compares EIA-782A values to BLS PPI (Producer Price Index) values. The EIA-782A is a census of all refiners and gas plant operators in the U.S. It includes, among other things, information on resale prices and volumes from refiners. The relevant EIA-782A weighted annual averages are reported in *PMA*. These weighted averages are computed by using total sales (in \$) for the year as the numerator and total volume (in gallons) for the year as the denominator. The EIA-782A averages in Tables FE4 to FE7 will be given twice. First, the annual averages reported in *PMA* will be given. Second, unweighted averages (arithmetic means) of the monthly average prices reported in *PMA* will be given since this makes the EIA-782A data more comparable to the BLS PPI (Producer Price Index) numbers.

Throughout this section, references to tables of data from the *PMA* will be made. The tables for *PMA* are on the EIA website at http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/petroleum_marketing_annual/pma.html. Tables for the BLS Producer Price Index (PPI) are available from <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/srgate>.

The BLS PPI values are not price data; they are indices. Each index in the PPI program uses a base year (usually, 1982) as a value of 100 for that index. The indices for other time periods are then weighted averages (with the weights being product specific and not available publicly) of prices for each time period divided by weighted averages for the corresponding time period in the base year. The data are reported on the BLS website as monthly values of the index. The annual index values computed by BLS are means of the 12 monthly values for each year.

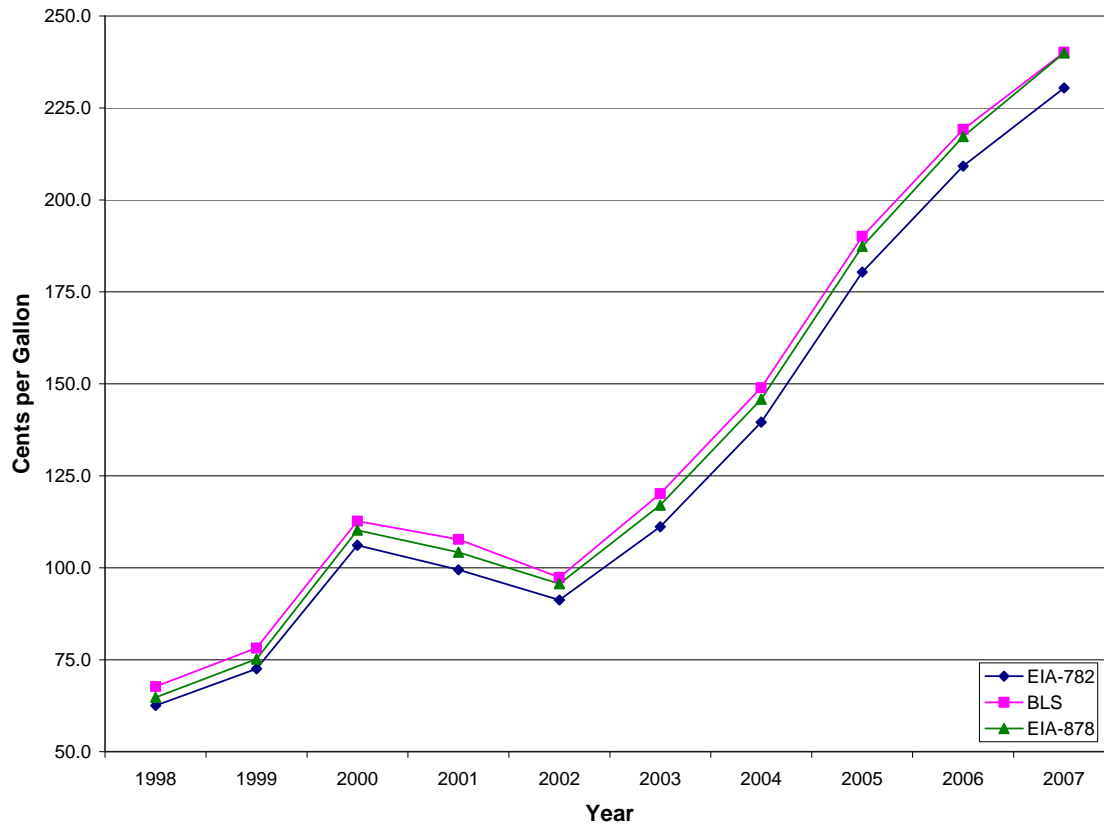
Table FE3. Retail Regular Motor Gasoline Prices, 1998-2007 (Cents per Gallon)

Year	Federal Taxes	Unweighted Average of State Taxes	EIA-782 Reported in PMA	Arithmetic Mean of EIA-782 Monthly	EIA-878 Without Taxes	BLS Without Taxes	EIA-878 Minus EIA-782	BLS Minus EIA-782	EIA-878 Divided by EIA-782 (as a Percentage)	BLS Divided by EIA-782 (as a Percentage)
1998	18.4	19.9	62.5	62.6	64.7	67.7	2.2	5.1	103.4	108.1
1999	18.4	19.9	73.0	72.5	75.2	78.2	2.6	5.6	103.6	107.8
2000	18.4	19.9	106.6	106.1	110.2	112.7	4.1	6.5	103.8	106.2
2001	18.4	20.0	99.6	99.4	104.2	107.7	4.8	8.3	104.8	108.3
2002	18.4	20.0	91.6	91.2	95.7	97.4	4.4	6.2	104.9	106.7
2003	18.4	20.5	111.1	111.1	117.0	120.2	5.9	9.0	105.3	108.1
2004	18.4	20.6	140.1	139.6	145.8	149.0	6.3	9.4	104.5	106.7
2005	18.4	21.0	181.0	180.4	187.4	190.1	7.0	9.7	103.9	105.4
2006	18.4	21.3	210.0	209.2	217.2	219.2	8.0	10.0	103.8	104.8
2007	18.4	21.5	231.6	230.7	240.0	240.2	9.3	9.5	104.0	104.1

Notes: The EIA-782 reported annual U.S. averages from *Petroleum Marketing Annual* are the data in the fourth column of the table. The fifth column is the arithmetic means of the data for the 12 months of each year. It is this column that is compared to the other data sources. Differences across columns may not add due to independent rounding.

Sources: EIA-782: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 31 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 28 for 2007; EIA-878: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*, Table 17; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI, series APU000074714, U.S. city average for Gasoline, unleaded regular, per gallon/3.785 liters; Federal and State tax information: *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table EN1.

Figure FE3. EIA-782 Arithmetic Means versus EIA-878 and BLS Data for Retail Regular Motor Gasoline Prices, 1998-2007



Note: The BLS and EIA-878 values have cents per gallon Federal and State taxes removed from them.

Sources: EIA-782: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 31 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 28 for 2007; EIA-878: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*, Table 17; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI, series APU000074714, U.S. city average for Gasoline, unleaded regular, per gallon/3.785 liters; Federal and State tax information: *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table EN1.

To compare the EIA-782A prices in cents per gallon to BLS PPI values, year-to-year rates of change, which will be referred to in this article as percentage growth rates, must be used. A year-to-year percentage growth rate for year t is defined as $\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1\right) * 100\%$, where P_t is the annual value for the EIA-782A or BLS PPI for year t and P_{t-1} is the value for the previous year. For example, for refiner resale No. 2 fuel oil prices, the year-to-year percentage growth rate for the EIA-782A for 1998 is $\left(\frac{41.8}{58.2} - 1\right) * 100\%$ (see Table FE4).

The differences between the BLS and EIA growth rates are then computed. Further, ratios of the BLS growth rates divided by the EIA-782A growth rates are then calculated and reported as percents. These ratios of growth rates must be interpreted very carefully since when the denominator (here, the EIA-782A percentage growth rate) is close to zero, small changes in it can have large influences on the value of these ratios.

Refiner Resale No. 2 Fuel Oil Prices

Table FE4 provides the summary data for No. 2 fuel oil resale prices for refiners. In *PMA* the EIA-782A annual averages are in the No. 2 Fuel Oil column of Table 4. The BLS PPI numbers are from series WPU057302, Home heating oil and other distillates. There are two differences between the EIA-782A and BLS data collection methods. The EIA-782A collects refiners'/producers' prices for only resale sales. The BLS collects refiners'/producers' prices for all sales, of which resale is the vast majority. Second, the BLS data contain a small amount of other distillates such as No. 1 distillate and residual fuel oil. Figure FE4 shows the percentage growth rates over time. Despite the different data collection methods, the differences between the EIA-782A and BLS growth rates are minimal for all years except 2000.

Table FE4. Refiner Resale No. 2 Fuel Oil Prices and Percentage Growth Rates, 1998-2007

Year	EIA-782A Reported in PMA (Cents per Gallon)	Arithmetic Mean of EIA-782A Monthly Data (Cents per Gallon)	BLS	EIA-782A Percentage Growth Rate	BLS Percentage Growth Rate	BLS Growth Rate Minus EIA-782A Growth Rate	BLS Growth Rate/EIA-782A Growth Rate (as a Percentage)
1997	59.0	58.2	64.8	--	--	--	--
1998	42.2	41.8	48.1	-28.1	-25.9	2.3	92.0
1999	49.3	50.5	56.1	20.7	16.7	-4.0	80.5
2000	88.6	87.9	93.5	74.1	66.7	-7.4	90.0
2001	75.6	75.2	84.4	-14.4	-9.8	4.7	67.5
2002	69.4	69.7	75.0	-7.3	-11.1	-3.8	151.9
2003	88.1	86.4	95.3	23.9	27.1	3.1	113.1
2004	112.5	113.0	120.7	30.9	26.7	-4.2	86.5
2005	162.3	164.7	178.4	45.7	47.8	2.1	104.7
2006	183.4	185.5	207.4	12.6	16.3	3.7	128.9
2007	207.2	205.2	223.7	10.6	7.8	-2.8	73.7

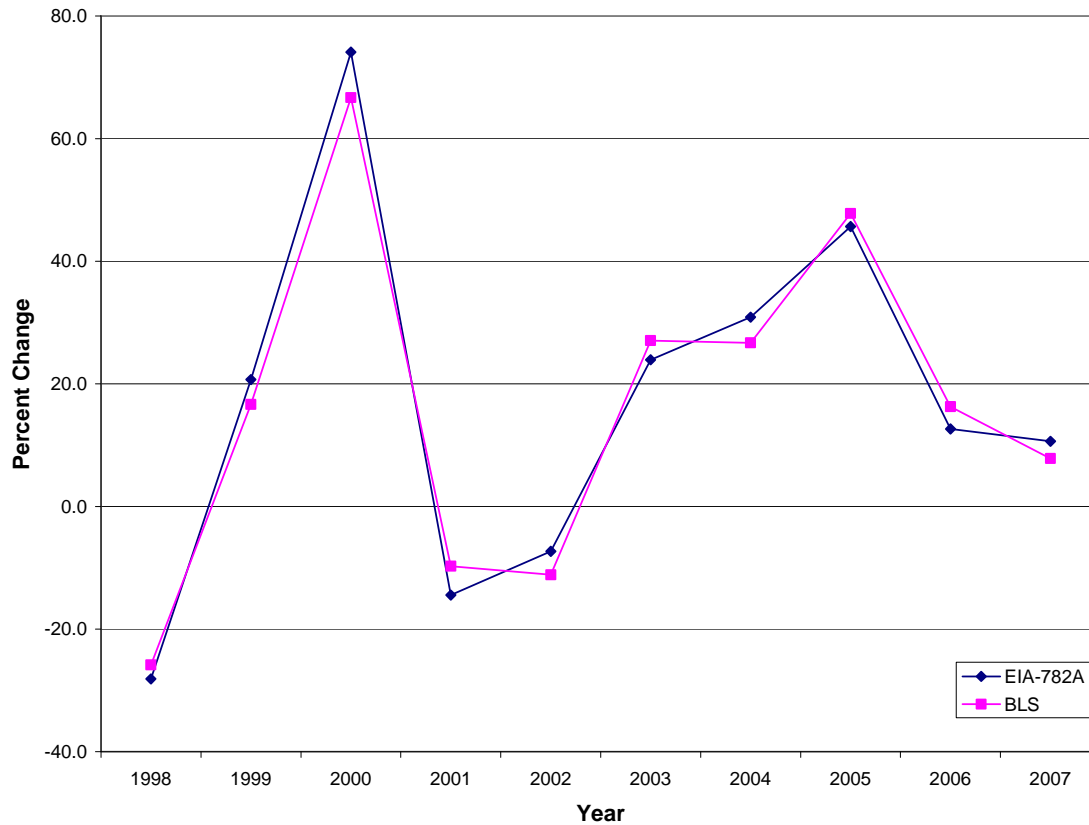
Notes: The EIA-782A reported annual averages are in the second column. The third column is the arithmetic means for the 12 months of each year. The fourth column is the BLS PPI index values, which are dimensionless.

The fifth and sixth columns are percentage growth rates defined by $\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1\right) * 100\%$, where P_t is the annual

value for the EIA-782A or BLS PPI for year t and P_{t-1} is the value for the previous year. Differences and ratios across columns may not agree due to independent rounding. The symbol -- stands for Not Applicable.

Sources: EIA-782A: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 4; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI, series WPU057302, Home heating oil and other distillates.

Figure FE4. EIA-782A versus BLS Percentage Growth Rates for Refiner Resale No. 2 Fuel Oil Prices, 1998-2007



Note: The percentage growth rates defined by $\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1\right) * 100\%$, where P_t is the annual value for the EIA-782A or BLS PPI for year t and P_{t-1} is the value for the previous year.

Sources: EIA-782A: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 4; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI, series WPU057302, Home heating oil and other distillates.

Refiner Resale No. 2 Diesel Fuel Prices

Table FE5 is the summary data for No. 2 diesel fuel resale prices for refiners. In *PMA* the EIA-782 data are in the No. 2 diesel fuel column of Table 4 in 2007. The BLS PPI data are series WPU057303, No. 2 diesel fuel. There is one small difference between the EIA-782A and the BLS PPI data collection methods. The EIA-782A collects refiners' and producers' prices for only resale sales. The BLS numbers are based on refiners'/producers' prices for all sales, of which resale is the vast majority. Figure FE5 shows the percentage growth rates over time. The differences between the EIA-782A and BLS growth rates are minimal for all years except for 2003 and 2004.

Refiner Resale Regular Motor Gasoline Prices

Table FE6 is the summary data for regular motor gasoline resale prices for refiners. In *PMA* the data are in Table 6 in the Average column under Sales for Resale of Regular [motor gasoline]. The BLS PPI data are series WPU057104, Unleaded regular gasoline. Figure FE6 shows the percentage growth rates over time. The differences between the EIA-782A and BLS growth rates are minimal for all years except 2000.

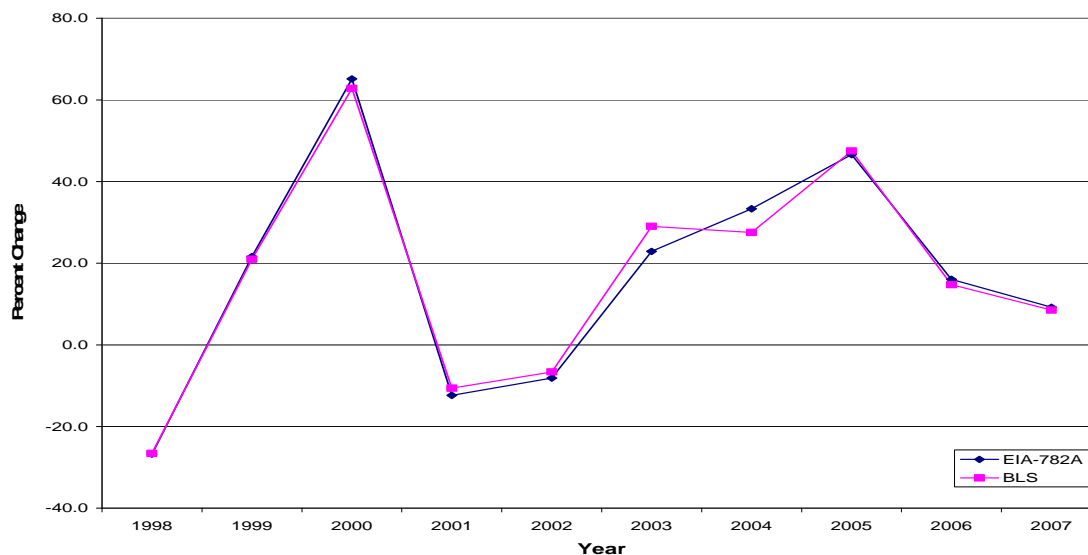
Table FE5. Refiner Resale No. 2 Diesel Fuel Prices and Percentage Growth Rates, 1998-2007

Year	EIA-782A Reported in PMA (Cents per Gallon)	Arithmetic Mean of EIA-782A Monthly Data (Cents per Gallon)	BLS	EIA-782A Percentage Growth Rate	BLS Percentage Growth Rate	BLS Growth Rate Minus EIA-782A Growth Rate	BLS Growth Rate/EIA-782A Growth Rate (as a Percentage)
1997	60.6	60.8	64.5	--	--	--	--
1998	44.4	44.5	47.4	-26.8	-26.6	0.2	99.3
1999	54.6	54.2	57.3	21.6	21.0	-0.6	97.1
2000	89.8	89.5	93.3	65.2	62.8	-2.3	96.4
2001	78.4	78.4	83.4	-12.4	-10.6	1.8	85.5
2002	72.4	72.0	77.9	-8.1	-6.6	1.5	81.1
2003	88.3	88.5	100.5	22.9	29.0	6.1	126.8
2004	118.7	118.0	128.2	33.3	27.5	-5.8	82.6
2005	173.7	173.0	189.1	46.6	47.5	0.9	101.9
2006	201.2	200.8	216.9	16.1	14.7	-1.4	91.5
2007	220.3	219.3	235.5	9.2	8.6	-0.7	92.8

Notes: The EIA-782A reported annual averages are in the second column. The third column is the arithmetic means for the 12 months of each year. The fourth column is the BLS PPI index values, which are dimensionless. The fifth and sixth columns are percentage growth rates defined by $\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1\right) * 100\%$, where P_t is the annual value for the EIA-782A or BLS PPI for year t and P_{t-1} is the value for the previous year. Differences and ratios across columns may not agree due to independent rounding. The symbol -- stands for Not Applicable.

Sources: EIA-782A: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 4; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI, series WPU057303, No. 2 diesel fuel.

Figure FE5. EIA-782A versus BLS Percentage Growth Rates for Refiner Resale No. 2 Diesel Fuel Prices, 1998-2007



Note: The percentage growth rates defined by $\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1\right) * 100\%$, where P_t is the annual value for the EIA-782A or BLS PPI for year t and P_{t-1} is the value for the previous year.

Sources: EIA-782A: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 4; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI, series WPU057303, No. 2 diesel fuel.

Table FE6. Refiner Resale Regular Motor Gasoline Prices and Percentage Growth Rates, 1998-2007

Year	EIA-782A Reported in PMA (Cents per Gallon)	Arithmetic Mean of EIA-782A Monthly Data (Cents per Gallon)	BLS	EIA-782A Percentage Growth Rate	BLS Percentage Growth Rate	BLS Growth Rate Minus EIA-782A Growth Rate	BLS Growth Rate Divided by EIA-782A Growth Rate (as a Percentage)
1997	67.3	67.3	69.5	--	--	--	--
1998	49.9	49.9	51.1	-25.9	-26.5	-0.6	102.3
1999	62.0	61.3	62.4	23.0	22.2	-0.8	96.5
2000	94.2	93.9	92.5	53.1	48.3	-4.8	90.9
2001	86.5	86.4	88.1	-7.9	-4.7	3.2	59.7
2002	80.6	80.2	81.1	-7.2	-7.9	-0.7	109.9
2003	98.1	98.2	100.3	22.5	23.7	1.2	105.2
2004	126.9	126.5	125.5	28.8	25.1	-3.7	87.1
2005	165.4	164.9	166.3	30.3	32.5	2.2	107.2
2006	195.0	193.9	193.7	17.6	16.5	-1.1	93.8
2007	216.1	215.1	219.0	11.0	13.0	2.1	118.8

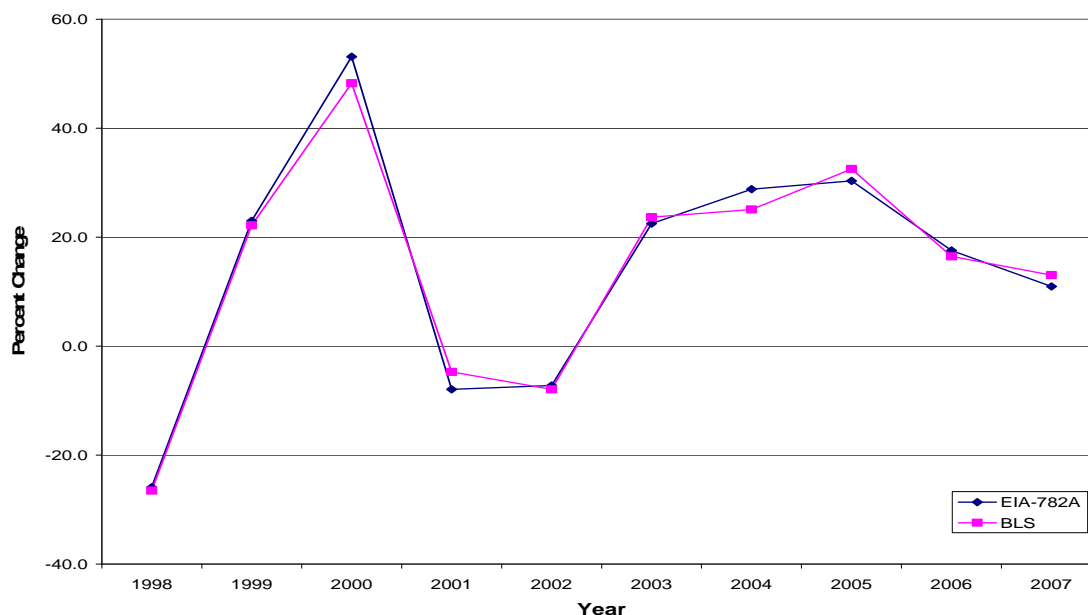
Notes: The EIA-782A reported annual averages are in the second column. The third column is the arithmetic means for the 12 months of each year. The fourth column is the BLS PPI index values, which are dimensionless. The fifth and sixth columns

are percentage growth rates defined by $\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1\right) * 100\%$, where P_t is the annual value for the EIA-782A or BLS PPI for

year t and P_{t-1} is the value for the previous year. Differences and ratios across columns may not agree due to independent rounding. The symbol -- stands for Not Applicable.

Sources: EIA-782A: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 6; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI, series WPU057104, Unleaded regular gasoline.

Figure FE6. EIA-782A versus BLS Percentage Growth Rates for Refiner Resale Motor Gasoline Prices, 1998-2007



Note: The percentage growth rates defined by $\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1\right) * 100\%$, where P_t is the annual value for the EIA-782A or BLS PPI

for year t and P_{t-1} is the value for the previous year.

Sources: EIA-782A: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 6; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI, series WPU057104, Unleaded regular gasoline.

Refiner Resale Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel Prices

Table FE7 is the summary data for kerosene-type jet fuel resale prices for refiners. In *PMA* the data are in the Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel column of Table 4. The BLS PPI data are series WPU057203, Jet fuel. There is a small difference in data collection methods for the EIA-782A and BLS-PPI. The EIA-782A collects refiners' prices for only resale sales. These are sales to FBOs (Fixed Base Operators) who then resell to private and corporate jets. The BLS PPI gives average refiners'/producers' prices for all sales, of which resale is the vast majority. Figure FE7 shows the percentage growth rates over time. The differences are minimal over time except for 2004 and 2005.

Table FE7. Refiner Resale Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel Prices and Percentage Growth Rates, 1998-2007

Year	EIA-782A Reported in PMA (Cents per Gallon)	Arithmetic Mean of EIA-782A Monthly Data (Cents per Gallon)	BLS	EIA-782A Percentage Growth Rate	BLS Percentage Growth Rate	BLS Growth Rate Minus EIA-782A Growth Rate	BLS Growth Rate/EIA-782A Growth Rate (as a Percentage)
1997	61.3	61.5	63.0	--	--	--	--
1998	45.0	45.2	46.1	-26.6	-26.7	-0.2	100.6
1999	53.3	52.7	52.5	16.6	13.9	-2.7	83.7
2000	88.0	89.0	88.6	69.0	68.6	-0.4	99.4
2001	76.3	76.7	77.3	-13.8	-12.7	1.2	91.5
2002	71.6	70.9	71.6	-7.5	-7.4	0.1	98.1
2003	87.1	86.6	86.3	22.1	20.5	-1.6	92.9
2004	120.8	119.7	112.6	38.2	30.5	-7.8	79.6
2005	172.3	172.2	169.6	43.9	50.5	6.7	115.2
2006	196.1	196.9	199.1	14.4	17.4	3.1	121.3
2007	217.1	214.9	211.2	9.1	6.1	-3.1	66.5

Notes: The EIA-782A reported annual averages are in the second column. The third column is the arithmetic means for the 12 months of each year. The fourth column is the BLS PPI index values, which are dimensionless.

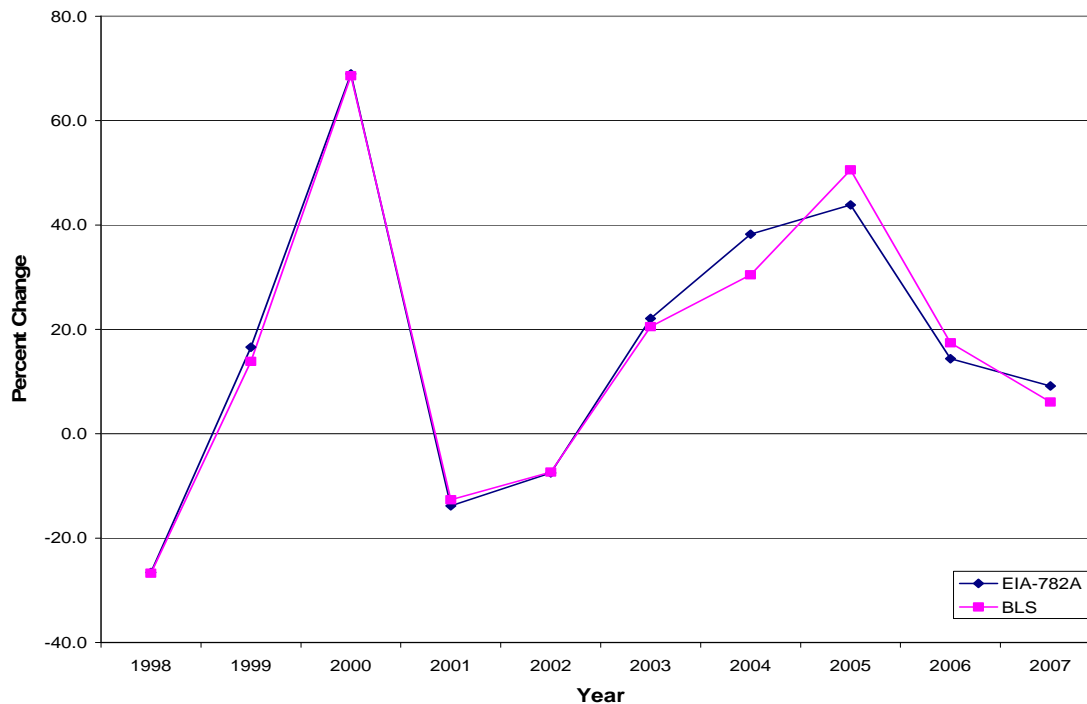
The fifth and sixth columns are percentage growth rates defined by $\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1\right) * 100\%$, where P_t is the annual value for the EIA-782A or BLS PPI for year t and P_{t-1} is the value for the previous year. Differences and ratios across columns may not agree due to independent rounding. The symbol -- stands for Not Applicable.

Sources: EIA-782A: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 4; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI, series WPU057203, Jet fuel.

Prime Supplier Annual Volume Comparisons

For this article, the EIA-782 series volume data used are only from the EIA-782C survey, which collects data at the State level from Prime Suppliers who make sales for local consumption. Prime Suppliers include refiners, gas plant operators, inter-State resellers and retailers, and importers. A company may be both a reseller and a retailer and indicates this when filling out the EIA-782C. The EIA-782C volumes will be compared with volumes from *Petroleum Supply Annual (PSA)* of EIA and, where applicable, to EIA-821 and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data. For *PSA* the comparable volumes to the EIA-782C volumes are the Product Supplied volumes, which are defined for each product by Product Supplied = (Field Production + Refinery and Blender Net Production + Imports + Adjustments) - (Stock Change + Refinery and Blender Net Inputs + Exports). Volumes from the EIA-821 reflect the transfer of product title from a seller to a buyer, whereas the EIA-782C measures sales into the States where the product is ultimately consumed. The FHWA does not collect actual sales data on gasoline and diesel fuel volumes. States report their volumes to the FHWA based on beginning inventory at terminal facilities minus exports plus shipments to the terminals during the reporting cycle.

Figure FE7. EIA-782A versus BLS Percentage Growth Rates for Refiner Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel Prices, 1998-2007



Sources: EIA-782A: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 4; BLS: Bureau of Labor Statistics PPI, series WPU057203, Jet fuel.

The four sources use different units in reporting volumes. All volumes were converted to million gallons per year to make them comparable. On the Internet, *PMA* data are at http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/petroleum_marketing_annual/pma.html. The *PSA* data are at http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/petroleum_supply_annual/psa_volume1/psa_volume1.html. The EIA-821 data are from *Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales (FOKS)* at http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/fuel_oil_and_kerosene_sales/foks.html. The FHWA volumes were obtained from the Motor-Fuel Use tables (Tables MF-21) at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/qffuel.htm>

Motor Gasoline (All Grades) Annual Volumes

Table FE8 gives the annual volumes for all grades of motor gasoline (including gasohol) in million gallons. The EIA-782C volumes are from the yearly Average rows of the United States portion of the table that is under the All Grades—Total column of Table 48 of *PMA* for 1998 to 2006 and of Table 45 for 2007. The *PSA* volumes are from Table 1 and are in the Finished Motor Gasoline row of the Products Supplied column under Disposition. The FHWA data are from the Total rows of the Total Consumption column under the main heading of Combined Gasoline and Gasohol on Tables MF-21.

Figure FE8 shows these volumes pictorially. Table FE8 shows that, with a few exceptions, the differences between the *PSA* and the EIA-782C annual volumes and between the FHWA and the EIA-782C annual volumes are at first negative (EIA-782C is larger), then near zero, and then positive (EIA-782C is smaller) with these two differences forming basically increasing sequences. Some sales measured by the EIA-782C occur before the addition of blending components, such as RBOB (Reformulated Blendstock for Oxygenate Blending) and fuel ethanol, to certain formulations of motor gasoline. This is probably one reason why the EIA-782C sales volumes are the lower than the *PSA* and FHWA volumes in recent years.

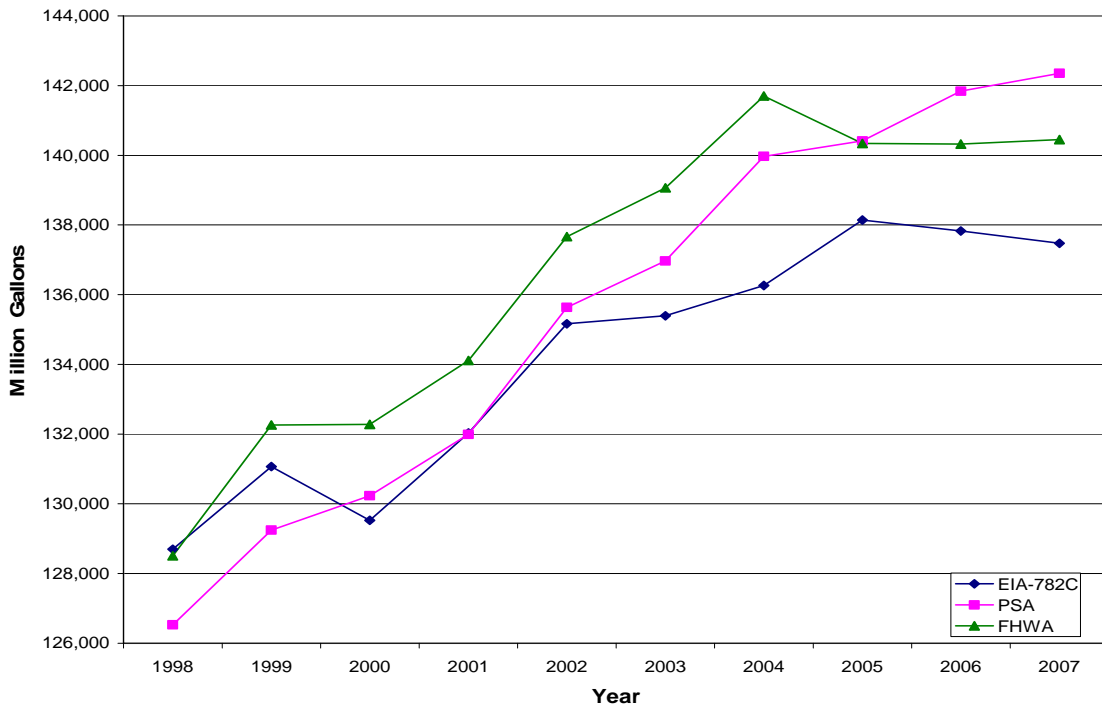
Table FE8. Motor Gasoline (All Grades) Annual Volumes, 1998-2007 (Million Gallons)

Year	EIA-782C	PSA	FHWA	PSA Minus EIA-782C	FHWA Minus EIA-782C	PSA Divided by EIA-782C (as a Percentage)	FHWA Divided by EIA-782C (as a Percentage)
1998	128,696	126,525	128,504	-2171	-191	98.3	99.9
1999	131,066	129,244	132,261	-1821	1195	98.6	100.9
2000	129,527	130,233	132,280	705	2753	100.5	102.1
2001	132,029	131,992	134,110	-37	2081	100.0	101.6
2002	135,164	135,637	137,664	473	2500	100.4	101.8
2003	135,393	136,972	139,065	1579	3672	101.2	102.7
2004	136,266	139,968	141,700	3703	5434	102.7	104.0
2005	138,143	140,412	140,339	2269	2196	101.6	101.6
2006	137,827	141,841	140,320	4014	2493	102.9	101.8
2007	137,472	142,349	140,449	4877	2977	103.5	102.2

Note: Differences and ratios across columns may not add due to independent rounding.

Sources: EIA-782C: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 48 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 45 for 2007; PSA: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 1; FHWA: Federal Highway Administration website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/qffuel.htm>, Table MF-21.

Figure FE8. EIA-782C versus PSA and FHWA Annual Volumes for Motor Gasoline, 1998-2007



Sources: EIA-782C: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 48 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 45 for 2007; PSA: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 1; FHWA: Federal Highway Administration website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/qffuel.htm>, Table MF-21.

Distillate Fuel Oil Annual Volumes

Table FE9 is the summary data for annual volumes for distillate fuel oil in million gallons. The EIA-782C volumes are the annual volume for No. 1 distillate, No. 2 fuel oil, No. 2 diesel fuel, and No. 4 fuel oil combined. This total is obtained by subtracting the volume in the Kerosene entry in the United States yearly Average row from the Total Distillate and Kerosene entry in that same row of Table 50 of *PMA* for 1998 to 2006 and of Table 47 for 2007. The *PSA* volumes are from Table 1 and are in the Distillate Fuel Oil row of the Products Supplied column under Disposition. The EIA-821 data are the total for No.1, No. 2, and No. 4 distillate fuel oil and are given in the U.S. Total row of Table 1 of *FOKS*. Figure FE9 shows the volumes over time.

The differences and percentages between the EIA-782C annual volumes and the other volume measures were almost steadily increasing through 2004. This divergence has been steadily decreasing since 2005. Slightly different data collection methods used by the EIA-782C, EIA-821, and the surveys making up the data reported in *PSA* may have caused some of these differences in annual volumes over the years.

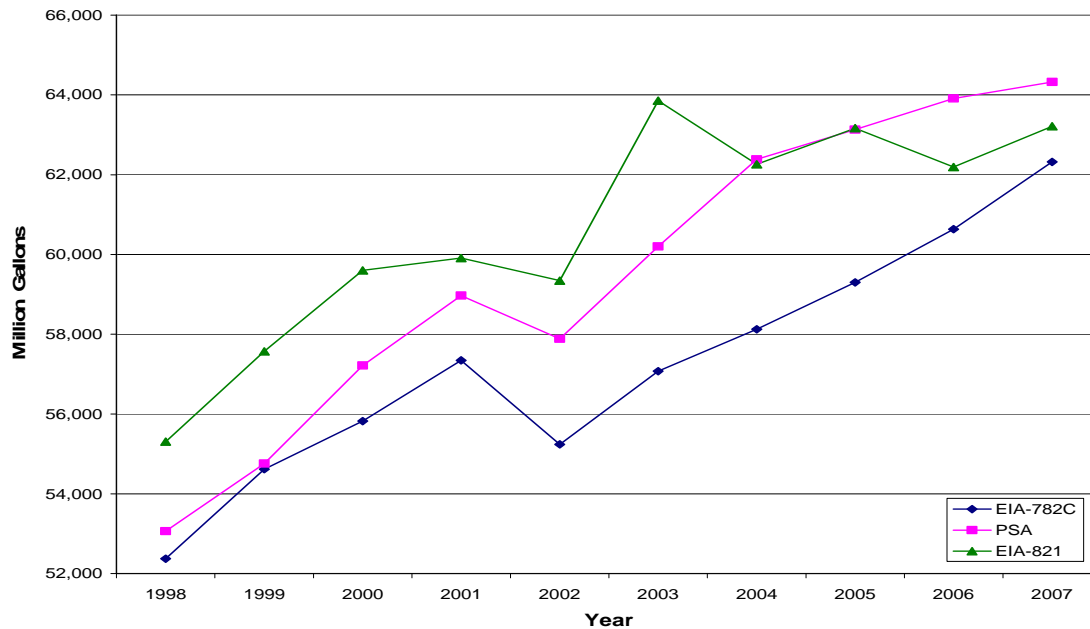
Table FE9. Distillate Fuel Oil Annual Volumes, 1998-2007 (Million Gallons)

Year	EIA-782C	PSA	EIA-821	PSA Minus EIA-782C	EIA-821 Minus EIA-782C	PSA Divided by EIA-782C (as a Percentage)	EIA-821 Divided by EIA-782C (as a Percentage)
1998	52,371	53,064	55,306	693	2935	101.3	105.6
1999	54,614	54,759	57,573	144	2959	100.3	105.4
2000	55,822	57,217	59,601	1395	3779	102.5	106.8
2001	57,344	58,971	59,911	1627	2567	102.8	104.5
2002	55,237	57,885	59,343	2647	4105	104.8	107.4
2003	57,075	60,202	63,855	3127	6780	105.5	111.9
2004	58,123	62,384	62,258	4260	4135	107.3	107.1
2005	59,302	63,129	63,165	3827	3863	106.5	106.5
2006	60,635	63,913	62,192	3277	1557	105.4	102.6
2007	62,321	64,323	63,211	2003	890	103.2	101.4

Note: Differences and ratios across columns may not be equal due to independent rounding.

Sources: EIA-782C: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 50 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 47 for 2007; PSA: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 1; EIA-821: Energy Information Administration, *Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales*, Table 1.

Figure FE9. EIA-782C versus PSA and EIA-821 Annual Volumes for Distillate Fuel Oil, 1998-2007



Sources: EIA-782C: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 50 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 47 for 2007; PSA: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 1; EIA-821: Energy Information Administration, *Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales*, Table 1.

Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel Annual Volumes

Table FE10 and Figure FE10 give the kerosene-type jet fuel annual volumes in million gallons. The data for the EIA-782C are in the United States yearly average row under the Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel column of Table 49 of *PMA* for 1998 to 2006 and of Table 46 for 2007. The *PSA* volumes are from Table 1 and are in the Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel row of the Products Supplied column under Disposition.

There are several factors that may help explain some of the difference over the years between the EIA-782C and *PSA* data. First, the EIA-782C does not capture purchases by commercial aviation directly from other countries. Second, bonded kerosene-type jet fuel used for international flights is not measured by the EIA-782C. Third, kerosene-type jet fuel is blended into No. 2 distillate to enhance cold weather performance. Some of these sales are missed by the EIA-782C. Fourth, sometimes kerosene-type jet fuel is sold to the final consumer as kerosene. All of these four types of sales are captured in the *PSA* numbers as kerosene-type jet fuel sales.

Residual Fuel Oil Annual Volumes

Residual fuel oil volume includes all residual fuel oil regardless of sulfur content. Table FE11 and Figure FE11 give residual fuel oil annual volumes in million gallons. The data for the EIA-782C are from the U.S. row of the Residual Fuel Oil product page of Table 49 of *PMA* for 1998 to 2006 and in the United States Average row under the Total Residual Fuel Oil column of Table 46 for 2007. The *PSA* volumes are from Table 1 and are in the Residual Fuel Oil row of the Products Supplied column under Disposition. The EIA-821 data are from the U.S. Total row of Table 2 of *FOKS*.

The volume of product that is residual fuel oil is small as compared to the other products discussed in this article. Hence, the differences between the EIA-782C and the *PSA* and EIA-821 are not as large as they appear. Further, some of the product originally sold as residual fuel oil can be further processed into other finished products by the buyer. Finally, some of the product, classified by the seller on the surveys making up the *PSA* as residual fuel oil, is classified by the buyer (who then sometimes becomes the Prime Supplier) as unfinished crude oil, other oils, or miscellaneous. None of these are measured by the EIA-782C.

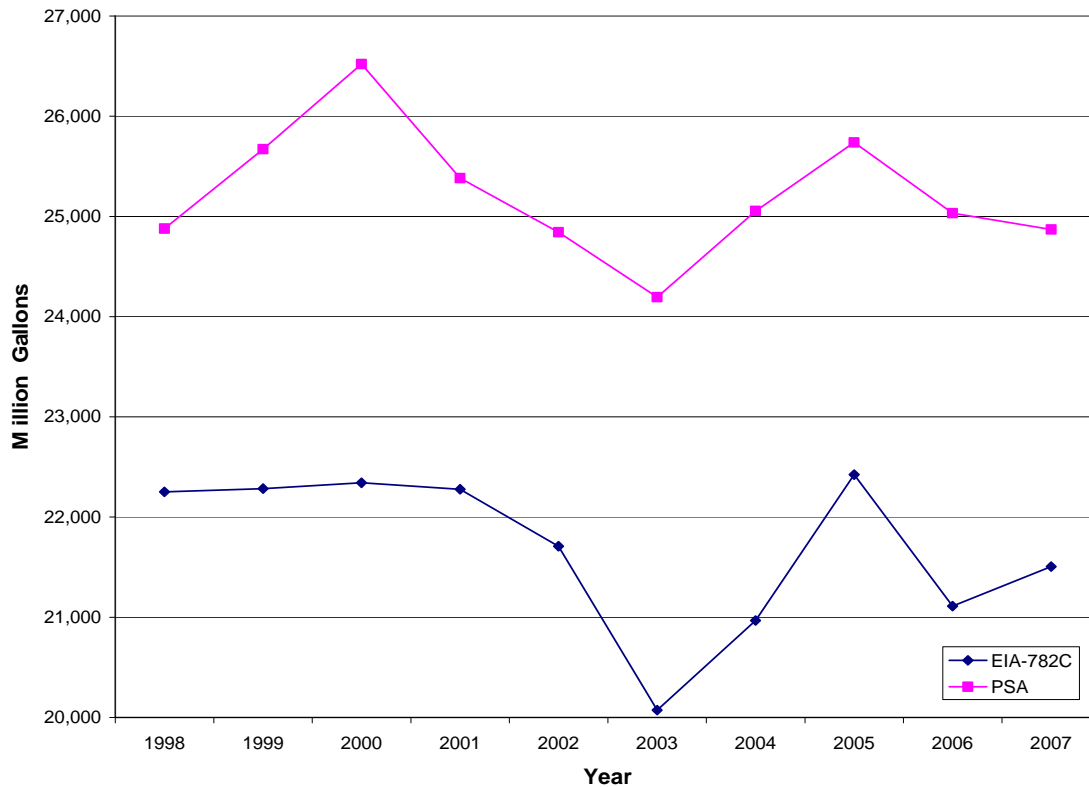
Table FE10. Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel Annual Volumes, 1998-2007 (Million Gallons)

Year	EIA-782C	PSA	PSA Minus EIA-782C	PSA Divided by EIA-782C (as a Percentage)
1998	22,252	24,879	2,627	111.8
1999	22,284	25,673	3,389	115.2
2000	22,343	26,522	4,179	118.7
2001	22,278	25,382	3,104	113.9
2002	21,709	24,843	3,133	114.4
2003	20,073	24,195	4,122	120.5
2004	20,967	25,055	4,088	119.5
2005	22,424	25,739	3,315	114.8
2006	21,112	25,032	3,921	118.6
2007	21,506	24,871	3,365	115.6

Note: Differences and ratios across columns may not be equal due to independent rounding.

Sources: EIA-782C: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 49 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 46 for 2007; PSA: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 1.

Figure FE10. EIA-782C versus PSA Annual Volumes for Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel, 1998-2007



Sources: EIA-782C: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 49 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 46 for 2007; PSA: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 1.

Table FE11. Residual Fuel Oil Annual Volumes, 1998-2007 (Million Gallons)

Year	EIA-782C	PSA	EIA-821	PSA Minus EIA-782C	EIA-821 Minus EIA-782C	PSA Divided by EIA-782C (as a Percentage)	EIA-821 Divided by EIA-782C (as a Percentage)
1998	11,513	13,600	14,730	2,086	3,216	118.1	127.9
1999	10,259	12,726	13,328	2,467	3,070	124.1	129.9
2000	9,760	13,966	13,211	4,206	3,451	143.1	135.4
2001	10,285	12,435	13,609	2,150	3,324	120.9	132.3
2002	8,259	10,725	10,362	2,466	2,103	129.9	125.5
2003	9,655	11,837	11,413	2,182	1,758	122.6	118.2
2004	9,077	13,292	11,794	4,216	2,718	146.4	129.9
2005	8,762	14,103	13,442	5,342	4,681	161.0	153.4
2006	7,843	10,560	10,274	2,717	2,431	134.6	131.0
2007	8,134	11,082	10,706	2,948	2,572	136.2	131.6

Note: Differences and ratios across columns may not be equal due to independent rounding.

Sources: EIA-782C: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 49 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 46 for 2007; PSA: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 1; EIA-821: Energy Information Administration, *Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales*, Table 2.

Figure FE11. EIA-782C versus PSA and EIA-821 Annual Volumes for Residual Fuel Oil, 1998-2007



Sources: EIA-782C: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Marketing Annual*, Table 49 for 1998 to 2006 and Table 46 for 2007; PSA: Energy Information Administration, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 1; EIA-821: Energy Information Administration, *Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales*, Table 2.

Summary

The EIA-782 petroleum product prices and volumes for 1998 to 2007 were compared with data from other EIA surveys and from BLS, OPIS, and FHWA in this article. Table FE12 summarizes how the EIA-782 numbers compare for the period of 2003 to 2007 to other sources when ratios are computed. All ratios, except for refiner resale price ratios, are the price or volume of the most comparable source divided by the EIA-782 price or volume. The refiner resale price ratios are the year-to-year percentage growth rate for the most comparable source divided by the year-to-year percentage growth rate for the EIA-782A prices. The mean ratios for these percentage growth rates for resale prices need to be interpreted very carefully. Many of them have EIA-782A percentage growth rates near zero in the denominator. Hence, small changes in these denominators can have large influences on the value of these resale price ratios.

Means and standard deviations of the ratios for only the years 2003 to 2007 are included in Table FE12, since it is comparisons over these years that are most important in decision making for the near future. For this article two sources will be considered as almost equivalent if their mean ratio over the years is very close to 1 (being between 97.5 percent and 102.5 percent) and there is a standard deviation over the years of the ratios of less than or equal to 3 percent, since for a normal distribution with a standard deviation of 3 percent, 95 percent of the ratios will be between 94 percent and 106 percent when the true mean ratio is 100 percent.

Using this criterion for equivalence, from Table FE12 it can be seen that the EIA-782 is almost equivalent to other data sources for on-highway diesel fuel prices and motor gasoline (all grades) annual volumes. The EIA-782 is consistently lower than its most comparable source, in that its mean reported values are lower than the most comparable source and there is a standard deviation of less than or equal 3 percent in the ratios for residential No. 2 distillate prices, retail regular motor gasoline prices, distillate fuel oil volumes and kerosene-type jet fuel volumes.

For residual fuel oil, the EIA-782C reports much lower volumes than the EIA-821. Further, the ratios of the EIA-821 to the EIA-782C volume have a standard deviation larger than 3 percent. Even though this standard deviation is not small, from Table FE11 it appears that the underreporting of the EIA-782C is meaningfully significant.

All of the remaining products studied (refiner resale prices for No. 2 fuel oil, No. 2 diesel fuel, regular motor gasoline, and kerosene-type jet fuel) used percentage growth rates. No conclusions can be made based on the ratios of these growth rates because the ratios of the growth rates were unstable. However, the year-to-year differences in the percentage growth rates still can be compared. Table FE13 summarizes these differences and other important conclusions for these resale prices and for the retail prices and Prime Supplier volumes for the entire ten-year period studied in this article.

Table FE12. Summary Table of Mean Ratios of Other Sources Divided by EIA-782 Data for All Products

Product	Table	Most Comparable Source	Other Sources	Mean Percent Ratio of Most Comparable Source to EIA-782 for 2003 to 2007	Standard Deviation of Percent Ratios for 2003 to 2007	Comments for the Years of 2003 to 2007
RETAIL PRICES						
Residential No. 2 Distillate	FE1	BLS CPI		105.6	1.8	BLS price is always higher than EIA-782 since BLS includes special taxes and only urban areas. BLS and EIA-782 closest in 2007.
On-Highway Diesel Fuel	FE2	EIA-888	OPIS, BLS CPI	101.2	0.4	OPIS had a mean percent ratio of 100.7 percent with a standard deviation of 0.9 percent. BLS prices always 5.1 to 13.9 percent higher than EIA-782.
Regular Motor Gasoline	FE3	EIA-878	BLS CPI	104.3	0.6	BLS had a mean percent ratio of 105.8 percent with a standard deviation of 1.6 percent. Always EIA-782<EIA-878<BLS. BLS only in urban areas.
RESALE PRICES						
No. 2 Fuel Oil	FE4	BLS PPI		101.4	21.8	The actual percent ratios varied from 73.7 to 128.9 percent.
No. 2 Diesel Fuel	FE5	BLS PPI		99.1	16.9	The actual percent ratios varied from 82.6 to 126.8 percent.
Regular Motor Gasoline	FE6	BLS PPI		102.4	12.3	The actual percent ratios varied from 87.1 to 118.8 percent.
Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel	FE7	BLS PPI		95.1	23.2	The actual percent ratios varied from 66.5 to 121.3 percent.
VOLUMES						
Motor Gasoline (All Grades)	FE8	PSA	FHWA	102.4	1.0	FHWA had a mean percent ratio of 102.5 percent with stan. dev. of 1.0 percent. Both PSA and FHWA only slightly higher volumes than EIA-782.
Distillate Fuel Oil	FE9	PSA	EIA-821	105.6	1.5	EIA-821 had mean percent ratio of 105.9 percent and a stan. dev. of 4.1 percent. PSA and EIA-821 volumes always higher than EIA-782 values.
Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel	FE10	PSA		117.8	2.5	This ratio was consistently high and only varied between 114.8 percent and 120.5 percent.
Residual Fuel Oil	FE11	EIA-821	PSA	132.8	12.8	The ratios involving EIA-821 and PSA volumes were consistently high varying from 118.2 to 161.0 percent.

Notes: All ratios except the Resale Price ratios are directly the price or volume of the most comparable source divided by the EIA-782 price or volume. For Resale Prices it is the year-to-year percentage growth rate for the most comparable source divided by the year-to-year percentage growth rate for the EIA-782 for the product under consideration.

Table FE13. Summary Table of Important Results

Product	Table	Important Results
RETAIL PRICES		
Residential No. 2 Distillate	FE1	EIA-782 prices have stayed within 3.2 to 8.2 percent of BLS prices. The difference is probably due to BLS only covering urban areas and including some taxes that EIA-782 does not.
On-Highway Diesel Fuel	FE2	EIA-782, EIA-888 & OPIS prices are almost identical for all years. BLS prices higher by 5.1 to 23.5 percent due to only covering "automotive" outlets in urban areas.
Regular Motor Gasoline	FE3	EIA-782 prices are consistently lower by 3.4 to 5.3 percent compared to EIA-878 and by 4.1 to 8.3 percent compared to BLS. Probably due to difference in which taxes are included.
RESALE PRICES		
No. 2 Fuel Oil	FE4	Only year-to-year growth rates can be interpreted. The EIA-782A and the BLS growth rates are close for all years studied (1998-2007) having differences that vary from -7.4 to +4.7.
No. 2 Diesel Fuel	FE5	Only year-to-year growth rates can be interpreted. The EIA-782A and the BLS growth rates are close for all years studied (1998-2007) having differences that vary from -5.8 to +6.1.
Regular Motor Gasoline	FE6	Only year-to-year growth rates can be interpreted. The EIA-782A and the BLS growth rates are close for all years studied (1998-2007) having differences that vary from -4.8 to +3.2.
Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel	FE7	Only year-to-year growth rates can be interpreted. The EIA-782A and the BLS growth rates are close for all years studied (1998-2007) having differences that vary from -7.8 to +6.7.
VOLUMES		
Motor Gasoline (All Grades)	FE8	PSA or FHWA values are slightly higher than EIA-782C values 80 percent of the time (that is, in 16 out of 20 instances) with differences between EIA-782C and PSA increasing over time.
Distillate Fuel Oil	FE9	PSA and EIA-821 always higher than the EIA-782C. The differences between the EIA-782C and the other two sources grew larger until 2004 and are now shrinking each year.
Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel	FE10	PSA was consistently much higher than EIA-782C by 11.8 to 20.5 percent.
Residual Fuel Oil	FE11	PSA and EIA-821 were consistently much higher than EIA-782C by 18.1 to 61.0 percent.

Source Notes

All quotes relating to EIA surveys are from <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oss/forms.html>. More details on each of the surveys can be obtained there. All information is for the 2007 to 2009 versions of the surveys. There have been, except for sample frame changes due to births and deaths of companies, only a few changes in the surveys since 1993.

EIA-863 Petroleum Product Sales Identification Survey

This is a quadrennial survey. It is sent to all petroleum companies known to EIA by past data collection or through other sources. It "collects information used to maintain a comprehensive frame file of No. 2 distillate and residual fuel oil dealers, motor gasoline resellers, and propane resellers. Information is collected on size, type, and geographic location of these firms. The firms surveyed, along with their associated volumetric data and tracking information, serve as the sampling frame for Forms EIA-821 (Annual Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Report), EIA-782B (Resellers'/Retailers' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report), EIA-877 (Winter Heating Fuels Telephone Survey), EIA-878 (Motor Gasoline Price Survey), and other ad hoc surveys..." (from EIA website.) It also asks if a company sells kerosene, No. 1 distillate, crude oil, other LPG, No. 4 fuel oil, aviation gasoline, jet fuel or other petroleum products. The number of active companies that were respondents in 2003 (the year that the sampling frames for the EIA-821, EIA-782B, EIA-877 and EIA-878 numbers for 2004 to 2007 come from) was approximately 24,400.

EIA-782A Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report

The EIA-782A collects “information on sales prices and volumes of certain petroleum products. This information is published at various aggregation levels and is used by EIA to perform analyses and make projections related to energy supplies, demand, and prices” (from EIA website.) The sampling frame is all refiners and gas plant operators. The number of respondents is approximately 100 each month. It collects data on finished motor gasoline (all grades separately for both conventional and reformulated), No. 2 diesel (separated by sulfur content), No. 2 fuel oil, propane (consumer grade), No. 1 distillate, kerosene, aviation gasoline (finished), kerosene-type jet fuel, No. 4 fuel oil and residual fuel oil (separated by sulfur content). It also asks the respondents to break their sales down by wholesale, retail, and other appropriate categories (which depend on the product being sold.)

EIA-782B Resellers'/Retailers' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report

The EIA-782B is sent to a sample of resellers and retailers of petroleum products. It collects volumes and prices for finished motor gasoline (all grades separately for both conventional and reformulated), No. 2 fuel oil, No. 2 diesel fuel (separated by sulfur content), propane (consumer grade) and residual fuel oil (separated by sulfur content.) Respondents to the EIA-863 who are resellers and/or retailers are used as the sampling frame. There are approximately 2,000 respondents monthly for the EIA-782B. It also asks the respondents to break their sales down by wholesale, retail, and other appropriate categories (which depend on the product being sold.)

EIA-782C Monthly Report of Prime Supplier Sales of Petroleum Products Sold for Local Consumption

Any firm that “produces, imports, or transports product across State boundaries and local marketing areas and sells the product to local distributors, local retailers, or end users must complete Form EIA-782C. Respondents include refiners, gas plant operators, importers, petroleum product resellers, and petroleum product retailers” (from EIA website.) The EIA-782C collects volumes for finished motor gasoline (all grades separately for both conventional and reformulated), No. 2 diesel (separated by sulfur content), No. 2 fuel oil, propane (consumer grade), No. 1 distillate, kerosene, aviation gasoline (finished), kerosene-type jet fuel, No. 4 fuel oil and residual fuel oil (separated by sulfur content.) There are approximately 185 respondents monthly.

Petroleum Marketing Monthly (PMM) and the Petroleum Marketing Annual (PMA)

Data collected on the Forms EIA-782A, EIA-782B, and EIA-782C are published in *PMM* and *PMA*. See the Explanatory Notes of PMA 2007 at http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/petroleum_marketing_annual/current/pdf/enote.pdf for more details on the EIA-782 surveys and other surveys/methods used in *PMM* and *PMA*. The *PMA* contains revisions of the data published in the *PMM* due to late submissions or revisions to the monthly data.

Petroleum Supply Monthly (PSM) and Petroleum Supply Annual (PSA)

PSM and *PSA* publish production, inventory, import, and export data based on a number of surveys done by EIA. The *PSM* and *PSA* numbers used in this article are based mostly on data from forms EIA-810—“Monthly Refinery Report” with approximately 153 respondents, EIA-811—“Monthly Bulk Terminal Report” with approximately 220 respondents, EIA-812—“Monthly Product Pipeline Report” with approximately 75 respondents, EIA-813—“Monthly Crude Oil Report” with approximately 138 respondents, EIA-814—“Monthly Imports Report” with approximately 318 respondents, EIA-815—“Monthly Terminal Blenders Report” with approximately 415 respondents, EIA-816—“Monthly Natural Gas Liquids Report” with approximately 398 respondents, and EIA-817—“Monthly Tanker and Barge Movement Report” with approximately 40 respondents. See the Explanatory Notes of *PSA 2007—Volume 1* at http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/petroleum_supply_annual/psa_volume1/current/pdf/psnotes.pdf for more details on these surveys and other surveys/methods used in *PSM* and *PSA*. The *PSA* contains revisions of the data published in the *PSM* due to late submissions or revisions to the monthly data.

EIA-821 Annual Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Report

“Form EIA-821 collects data on the annual sales of distillate and residual fuel oil and kerosene. The data, which are published by EIA, are used to determine current and projected fuel oil needs on national, regional, and State levels. The survey specifically covers sales of distillate and residual fuel oils and kerosene by end use and State of destination” (from EIA website.) The sampling frame for the EIA-821 is derived from the respondents to Form EIA-863. The number of respondents for the EIA-821 is approximately 3,074.

EIA-878 Motor Gasoline Price Survey

The EIA-878 is a weekly survey and “collects information on the retail cash price of self-serve, conventional and reformulated gasoline for all three grades of gasoline. ... Respondents are companies that own retail motor gasoline stations” (from EIA website.) The number of respondents is approximately 1,200.

EIA-888 On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey

The EIA-888 is a weekly survey and “collects information on the retail cash price of self-serve, motor vehicle No. 2 diesel fuel sold for on-highway use.... Respondents are a scientifically selected sample of companies owning retail outlets which sell motor vehicle diesel fuel” (from EIA website.) The number of respondents is approximately 350.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Indexes (CPI)

“The Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) program produces monthly data on changes in the prices paid by urban consumers for a representative basket of goods and services” (from <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>.) In terms of petroleum products, the CPI includes No. 2 fuel oil, gasoline (all grades) and automotive diesel fuel. “Prices for the goods and services used to calculate the CPI are collected in 87 urban areas throughout the country and from about 23,000 retail and service establishments” (from <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpiovrw.htm#item2>.) No sample sizes are given for the individual products.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Producer Price Index (PPI)

“The Producer Price Index (PPI) is a family of indexes that measures the average change over time in selling prices received by domestic producers of goods and services. ... The PPI sample includes over 25,000 establishments ... per month. ... For most items, establishments report product selling prices for the Tuesday of the week containing the 13th of each month” (from <http://www.bls.gov/ppi/ppiover.htm>.) The PPI is an index. It does not report actual prices. In terms of petroleum products from the EIA-782 survey series, the PPI includes motor gasoline (all grades), kerosene, jet fuel, home heating oil and other distillates, No. 2 diesel fuel, and residual fuels. No sample sizes are given for individual products.

FHWA Motor Gasoline Volumes

The FHWA does not collect actual sales data on gasoline and diesel fuel volumes. States report their fuel volumes to FHWA based on the beginning inventory at terminal facilities minus exports plus shipments to the terminals during the reporting cycle. The FHWA reports these volumes in its Motor-Fuel Use tables (Tables MF-21). See <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/qffuel.htm> for more details.

Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) Retail Diesel Pricing

“OPIS surveys the current retail prices of No. 2 low-sulfur and Ultra Low Sulfur diesel fuel from more than 8,000 active truckstops and travel plazas in the U.S. and Canada. Retail prices are gathered by major fuel card companies including Comdata and EFS as well as through direct feeds from major truckstop chains. OPIS reports wholesale fuel prices by products as defined by EPA standards more so than by any type of product use” (from <http://opisnet.com/methodology.asp#diesel>.)

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