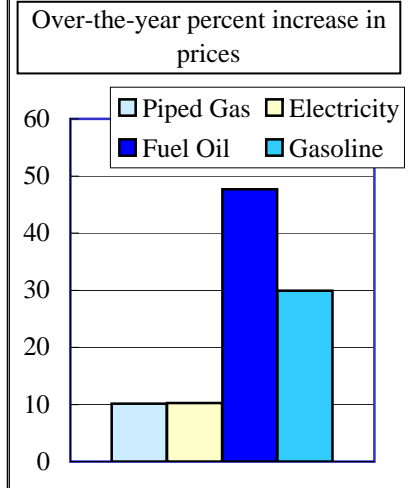
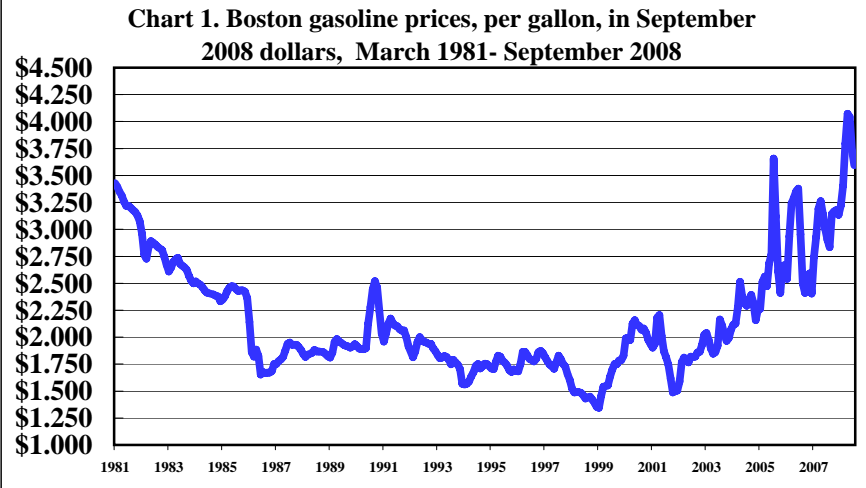




Gasoline Prices in Boston, 1981 to 2008

U.S.	Gasoline prices	
	Inflation adjusted March 1981	September 2008
All types	\$3.431	\$3.749
Unleaded regular	\$3.503	\$3.698
Unleaded premium	-	\$3.940
Boston		
All types	\$3.429	\$3.594
Unleaded regular	\$3.513	\$3.547
Unleaded premium	-	\$3.816
Dash means data not available.		
Inflation adjustment shown in September 2008 dollars.		



- The September 2008 average price of gasoline in Boston was \$3.594, an over-the-year increase of 30 percent.
- Gasoline prices, after adjusting for inflation have been more volatile in recent years than they have been over the past two decades. Despite a decrease in the price of gasoline for the third month in a row, consumers in the Boston area saw inflation adjusted prices increase by \$1.239 between October 2007 and June 2008. Inflation adjusted prices also increased dramatically between January 2005 and September 2005, when consumers saw an increase of \$1.500.
- Gasoline prices increased 23.8 percent over the year, after adjusting for inflation. Since March 1981 there have been 13 over-the-year increases that were above 30 percent. Twelve of these increases occurred in the past 8 1/2 years.
- The September 2008 price for gasoline in Boston is lower than the September 2005 inflation adjusted price --the series high before 2008-- when gasoline was \$3.657 per gallon. (The nominal price was \$3.323.)
- The previous inflation adjusted high was in March 1981 at \$3.429 per gallon. (The nominal price was \$1.387.)
- The price of gasoline, all types, in Boston was 15.5 cents lower than the U.S. average.
- Since the 1981 reference date, the lowest nominal price for gasoline in Boston was reported in August 1986, \$0.829 per gallon, which equals a real (inflation adjusted) price of \$1.653 per gallon.

Landmark dates (Boston gasoline)	Inflation adjusted price
March 1981	\$3.429
August 1986	\$1.653
Nov. 1990	\$2.521
March 1999	\$1.343
June 2001	\$2.206
Dec. 2001	\$1.487
Sept. 2005	\$3.657
Feb. 2007	\$2.405
June 2008	\$4.073
Sept. 2008	\$3.594

In the information provided above, the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, all items, was used to adjust historic gasoline prices. These prices reflect the effect of inflation on the average price of Boston gasoline (all types), collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil,
average prices per gallon for gasoline - Boston, MA.**

	Piped Gas 40 Therms	Piped gas 100 Therms	Electricity 500 KWH	Fuel oil #2	Gasoline All types	Gasoline Unleaded Regular	Gasoline Unleaded Premium 1/
2006							
January	84.455	191.597	92.454	2.387	2.412	2.369	2.593
February	77.771	175.103	93.206	2.411	2.423	2.379	2.595
March	73.091	162.999	92.974	2.409	2.319	2.278	2.492
April	73.052	162.892	92.974	2.493	2.704	2.669	2.865
May	63.551	135.753	90.675	2.554	3.000	2.956	3.172
June	63.528	135.705	90.675	2.530	3.054	3.011	3.249
July	63.511	135.667	87.045	2.558	3.116	3.071	3.305
August	63.537	135.723	87.045	2.551	3.149	3.101	3.360
September	63.534	135.717	88.001	2.453	2.740	2.679	2.955
October	56.943	119.553	88.001	2.325	2.302	2.241	2.543
November	80.131	180.721	92.326	2.321	2.221	2.165	2.440
December	80.091	180.616	92.326	2.385	2.354	2.309	2.535
2007							
January	80.147	180.758	92.726	2.356	2.396	2.347	2.590
February	75.789	170.017	92.726	2.387	2.237	2.187	2.423
March	75.802	170.064	90.744	2.507	2.573	2.532	2.727
April	75.758	169.945	90.751	2.492	2.770	2.727	2.937
May	60.068	126.690	87.482	2.515	3.033	2.987	3.202
June	62.230	132.079	87.482	2.493	3.107	3.067	3.271
July	62.270	132.161	85.136	2.557	2.994	2.946	3.175
August	61.352	129.988	85.136	2.571	2.856	2.801	3.053
September	60.033	126.638	85.136	2.653	2.767	2.713	2.961
October	58.788	123.689	85.136	2.796	2.706	2.661	2.916
November	73.566	164.003	86.703	3.112	3.021	2.983	3.210
December	73.725	164.428	86.703	3.257	3.040	3.000	3.237
2008							
January	73.876	164.791	89.149	3.373	3.067	3.027	3.266
February	73.779	164.541	89.149	3.367	3.034	2.989	3.247
March	74.977	167.413	88.713	3.725	3.144	3.103	3.340
April	74.939	167.319	88.713	3.940	3.344	3.306	3.528
May	74.824	163.056	90.667	4.238	3.759	3.722	3.945
June	81.207	179.089	90.234	4.570	4.074	4.036	4.255
July	93.876	210.992	93.870	4.627	4.066	4.025	4.259
August	92.319	207.294	93.870	4.121	3.734	3.688	3.948
September	66.133	141.441	93.870	3.918	3.594	3.547	3.816

NA=Not Available.

1/ Unleaded premium replaced leaded premium in January 1984.

**Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil,
average prices per gallon for gasoline - U.S. City Average**

	Piped Gas 40 Therms	Piped gas 100 Therms	Electricity 500 KWH	Fuel oil #2	Gasoline All types	Gasoline Unleaded Regular	Gasoline Unleaded Premium 1/
2006							
January	66.402	152.755	57.223	2.418	2.359	2.315	2.521
February	61.274	140.363	57.133	2.423	2.354	2.310	2.519
March	58.611	133.571	57.156	2.429	2.444	2.401	2.603
April	56.437	127.868	57.270	2.526	2.801	2.757	2.967
May	56.179	126.823	57.462	2.572	2.993	2.947	3.169
June	54.006	121.623	59.457	2.566	2.963	2.917	3.139
July	54.146	121.795	59.621	2.597	3.046	2.999	3.219
August	54.428	122.390	59.565	2.649	3.033	2.985	3.207
September	55.291	124.363	59.568	2.531	2.637	2.589	2.819
October	51.673	115.420	58.332	2.396	2.319	2.272	2.493
November	55.279	125.046	57.532	2.375	2.287	2.241	2.459
December	56.661	128.263	57.738	2.460	2.380	2.334	2.550
2007							
January	55.986	126.568	59.043	2.368	2.321	2.274	2.501
February	55.977	126.488	59.047	2.425	2.333	2.285	2.509
March	57.001	128.906	59.297	2.505	2.639	2.592	2.818
April	56.763	128.324	59.175	2.555	2.909	2.860	3.093
May	57.327	128.872	59.779	2.567	3.176	3.130	3.348
June	57.835	129.922	61.568	2.561	3.100	3.052	3.281
July	57.018	127.919	61.562	2.621	3.013	2.961	3.200
August	54.913	122.701	61.368	2.634	2.833	2.782	3.018
September	54.195	120.904	61.457	2.706	2.839	2.789	3.021
October	54.705	122.110	60.885	2.808	2.843	2.793	3.037
November	56.757	127.507	60.418	3.169	3.118	3.069	3.307
December	57.088	128.131	60.520	3.247	3.069	3.020	3.264
2008							
January	57.151	128.011	61.275	3.337	3.096	3.047	3.291
February	58.628	131.301	61.190	3.338	3.083	3.033	3.272
March	60.477	135.891	61.390	3.699	3.307	3.258	3.502
April	63.244	142.727	62.149	3.875	3.491	3.441	3.690
May	66.368	150.492	62.952	4.185	3.813	3.764	4.003
June	69.348	157.626	65.068	4.589	4.115	4.065	4.319
July	74.245	169.907	66.553	4.649	4.142	4.090	4.350
August	69.814	159.225	67.078	4.217	3.838	3.786	4.045
September	63.942	144.793	66.210	3.952	3.749	3.698	3.940

1/ Unleaded premium replaced leaded premium in January 1984.