

Weekly Gasoline Prices, 2009 NHTS

Weekly gasoline (Regular, all Formulations) prices from EIA¹ were added to the 2009 NHTS. These prices were assigned based on the Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) designation for a given NHTS household. These districts are similar to Census regions in that each state is assigned to a given region, but the regions drawn up in such a way as to maximize gasoline distribution, and are described in Figure 1. Retail prices are given by EIA for each Monday; thus, the prices were assigned for each household based on the closest Monday to their travel day. If a household had a travel day on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the following Monday was used, while those with travel days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays were assigned the Monday prior to the travel day.

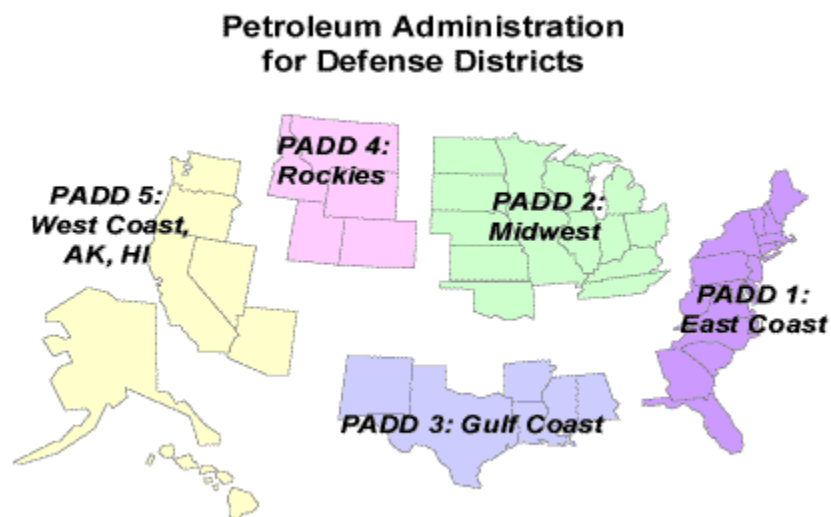


Figure 1: Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) Regions (Source: EIA - http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/analysis_publications/oil_market_basics/paddmap.htm)

¹ http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/wrgp/mogas_history.html and <http://www.eia.gov/oog/ftparea/wogirs/xls/pswrgvwall.xls>, accessed 4/15/11