

Gasoline prices show sharp increase (long version)

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline saw its sharpest increase this year at \$3.54 a gallon on Monday. That's up 18.1 cents from a week ago, based on the weekly price survey by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Pump prices were highest in the West Coast region at 3.74 a gallon, up 19.3 cents from a week ago. Prices were lowest in the Rocky Mountain States at 3.14 a gallon, up 16.3 cents.

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