Monthly fuel price report

Australian Capital Territory

October 2026

Average prices from 1 October to 31 October 2026, from the eligible station-day reports

Canberra U91 **244.7** c/L +14.3 c/L on September 2026	Canberra diesel **287.7** c/L +5.1 c/L on September 2026
Australian Capital Territory U91 average **244.7** c/L +14.3 c/L on September 2026	Australian Capital Territory diesel average **287.7** c/L +5.1 c/L on September 2026

Canberra month by month, what makes up a litre, margins, the price cycle, excise, how Canberra compares with the other capitals, its areas, the regional towns and centres, records and the long run, and every town we could rank in the appendix.

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Report highlights

1. Canberra reported prices averaged 244.7 c/L for U91 in October 2026, up 14.3 c/L on September 2026.

2. Since our records began on 13 April 2026, the day of the week made little difference to U91 prices in Canberra: the cheapest and dearest days were 0.4 c/L apart on average.

3. Independent service stations in Australian Capital Territory averaged 5.8 c/L less than the major brands for U91 in October 2026, and 5.8 c/L less in Canberra.

4. Diesel cost 43.0 c/L more than U91 in Canberra in October 2026, down from 52.2 c/L in September 2026.

5. Canberra was the third dearest of the 8 capital cities for U91 in October 2026 at 244.7 c/L.

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Key points

1. Independent service stations in Australian Capital Territory averaged 5.8 c/L less than the major brands for U91 in October 2026.
2. Across 31 matched days from 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026, Canberra retail U91 averaged 244.7 c/L while Sydney wholesale averaged 232.4 c/L, leaving a spread of 12.3 c/L.
3. Over the same 31 matched days, Canberra retail diesel averaged 287.7 c/L and Sydney wholesale diesel averaged 265.4 c/L, producing a spread of 22.3 c/L.
4. Wholesale unleaded at the Sydney terminal averaged 232.4 c/L in October 2026, making it the dearest of the 121 months in ten years and the highest on record since AIP's series began in January 2004 (nominal prices).
5. Diesel cost 43.0 c/L more than U91 in Canberra during October 2026, down from 52.2 c/L in September 2026.
6. Canberra was the sixth cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91 in October 2026.
7. For diesel, Canberra was the seventh cheapest of the 8 capital cities across the month.
8. Reported daily prices for U91 in Canberra moved between a low of 239.6 c/L on 2 October 2026 and a high of 246.7 c/L on 13 October 2026.
9. Premium fuels sat well above regular unleaded in October 2026, with P95 averaging 17.6 c/L more than U91 and P98 averaging 25.1 c/L more.
10. Since the 2026–27 financial year began on 1 July 2026, Canberra reported daily U91 prices rose by 80.6 c/L to reach 246.3 c/L on 31 October 2026.
11. Since our records began on 13 April 2026, the day of the week made little difference to U91 bowsers in Canberra, with the cheapest and dearest days separated by only 0.4 c/L on average.

Written from FuelRadar's station-day averages for October 2026 and checked against them.

What this means for drivers

Canberra did not run on a regular price cycle during October 2026, meaning you could not count on a predictable weekly discount day to time your fill. Looking ahead, the forecast made on 5 November 2026 estimates Canberra U91 will average 246.3 c/L on 12 November 2026, though we remind you this is an estimate and not a guarantee. Drivers looking to keep costs down had good reason to shop around for independent service stations, which averaged 5.8 c/L less than the major brands for U91 in Canberra. Choosing E10 gave you another way to save, with reported prices averaging 242.5 c/L across the territory.

Every fuel

In October 2026, U91 averaged 244.7 c/L in Canberra, up 14.3 c/L on September 2026. Across Australian Capital Territory, U91 averaged 244.7 c/L, up 14.3 c/L on September 2026. Canberra reported prices averaged 287.7 c/L for diesel in October 2026, up 5.1 c/L on September 2026. Across Australian Capital Territory, diesel averaged 287.7 c/L, up 5.1 c/L on September 2026. The other fuels averaged E10 242.5 c/L, P95 262.3 c/L and P98 269.8 c/L.

Fuel	Australian Capital Territory	Change	Canberra	Rest of state	Difference	Stations
Unleaded 91	244.7	+14.3	244.7	—	—	38
Diesel	287.7	+5.1	287.7	—	—	13
E10	242.5	+13.7	242.5	—	—	29
Premium 95	262.3	+12.8	262.3	—	—	22
Premium 98	269.8	+13.4	269.8	—	—	43

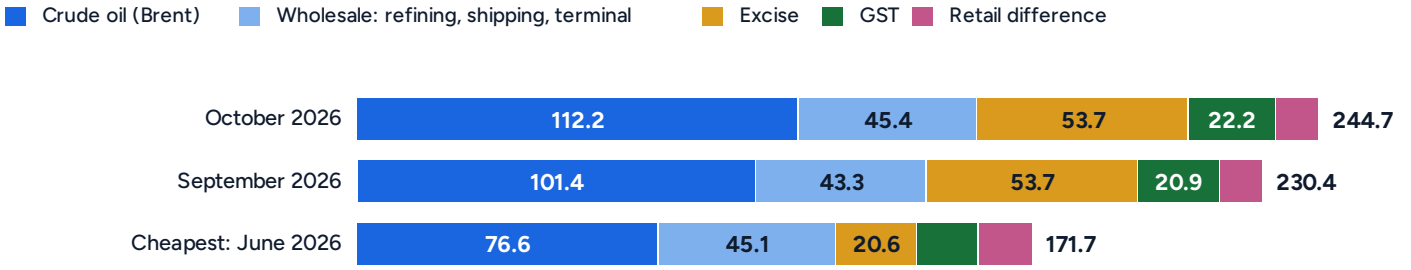
Cents a litre. Change is on September 2026. Difference is the rest against Canberra.

What makes up a litre in Canberra

A benchmark illustration using differently weighted period averages, not a matched purchase basket or a retailer's measured costs. The same-date retail/TGP comparison follows separately.

> Of the 244.7 c/L U91 average in Canberra, crude oil was 112.2 c/L, wholesale 45.4 c/L, excise 53.7 c/L, GST 22.2 c/L and the retail difference 11.2 c/L. Of the 287.7 c/L diesel average in Canberra, crude oil was 112.2 c/L, wholesale 75.4 c/L, excise 53.7 c/L, GST 26.2 c/L and the retail difference 20.2 c/L. Premium 95 has no terminal gate price of its own, so its breakdown uses the unleaded price and its premium sits in the retail difference. Our retail records begin on 13 April 2026, so earlier periods show the wholesale side only.

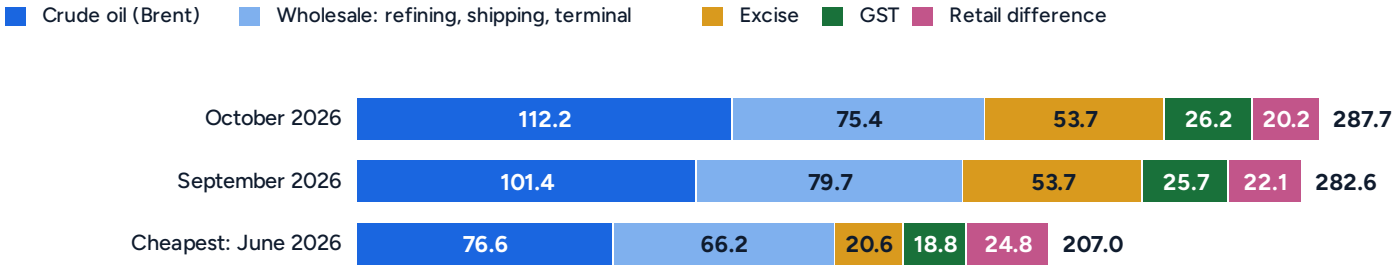
Unleaded 91



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Cents a litre	October 2026 dearest since our records began	September 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A$)	112.2	101.4	67.5	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	45.4	43.3	29.5	45.1
Excise	53.7	53.7	51.1	20.6
GST	22.2	20.9	—	15.6
Retail difference	11.2	11.1	—	13.8
Retail price	**244.7**	**230.4**	**—**	**171.7**
Terminal gate price	232.4	218.2	162.9	156.5

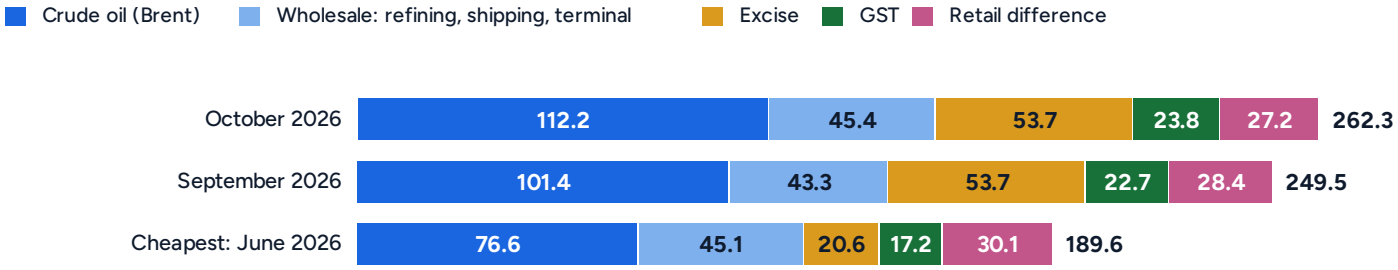
Diesel



FuelRadar

Cents a litre	October 2026 dearest since our records began	September 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A$)	112.2	101.4	67.5	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	75.4	79.7	34.1	66.2
Excise	53.7	53.7	51.1	20.6
GST	26.2	25.7	—	18.8
Retail difference	20.2	22.1	—	24.8
Retail price	**287.7**	**282.6**	**—**	**207.0**
Terminal gate price	265.4	258.3	168.0	179.7

Premium 95



FuelRadar

Cents a litre	October 2026 dearest since our records began	September 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A$)	112.2	101.4	67.5	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	45.4	43.3	29.5	45.1
Excise	53.7	53.7	51.1	20.6
GST	23.8	22.7	—	17.2
Retail difference	27.2	28.4	—	30.1
Retail price	**262.3**	**249.5**	**—**	**189.6**
Terminal gate price (unleaded)	232.4	218.2	162.9	156.5

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 Canberra; our retail records begin on 13 April 2026, so a period before then has the wholesale side only, and "dearest" and "cheapest" compare the periods since our records began. 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, Sydney terminal, carried over weekends. Crude oil is the US Energy Information Administration Brent spot price (FRED series DCOILBRENTEU), 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

> Canberra's daily U91 average went from 242.5 c/L on 1 October to 246.3 c/L on 31 October, and diesel from 289.3 c/L to 288.7 c/L. The highest daily average in Canberra was 246.7 c/L for U91 on 13 October and 289.3 c/L for diesel on 1 October.

	U91, cents a litre		Diesel, cents a litre	
Area	Oct	Month	Oct	Month
Australian Capital Territory	**244.7**	**244.7**	**287.7**	**287.7**
Canberra	**244.7**	**244.7**	**287.7**	**287.7**

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

Retail and wholesale on the same days

> Canberra retail prices compared with the Sydney terminal as a geographic proxy. This is not the delivered wholesale cost at individual stations.

U91

Period	Common / window days	Retail daily mean	TGP, same days	Gross spread
October 2026	31 / 31	244.7	232.4	12.3
1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026; 31 retail days, 31 TGP days in the window. 9 common dates use a carried TGP. Gaps can occur within this range.				
September 2026	30 / 30	230.4	218.2	12.2
1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026; 30 retail days, 30 TGP days in the window. 8 common dates use a carried TGP. Gaps can occur within this range.				

Diesel

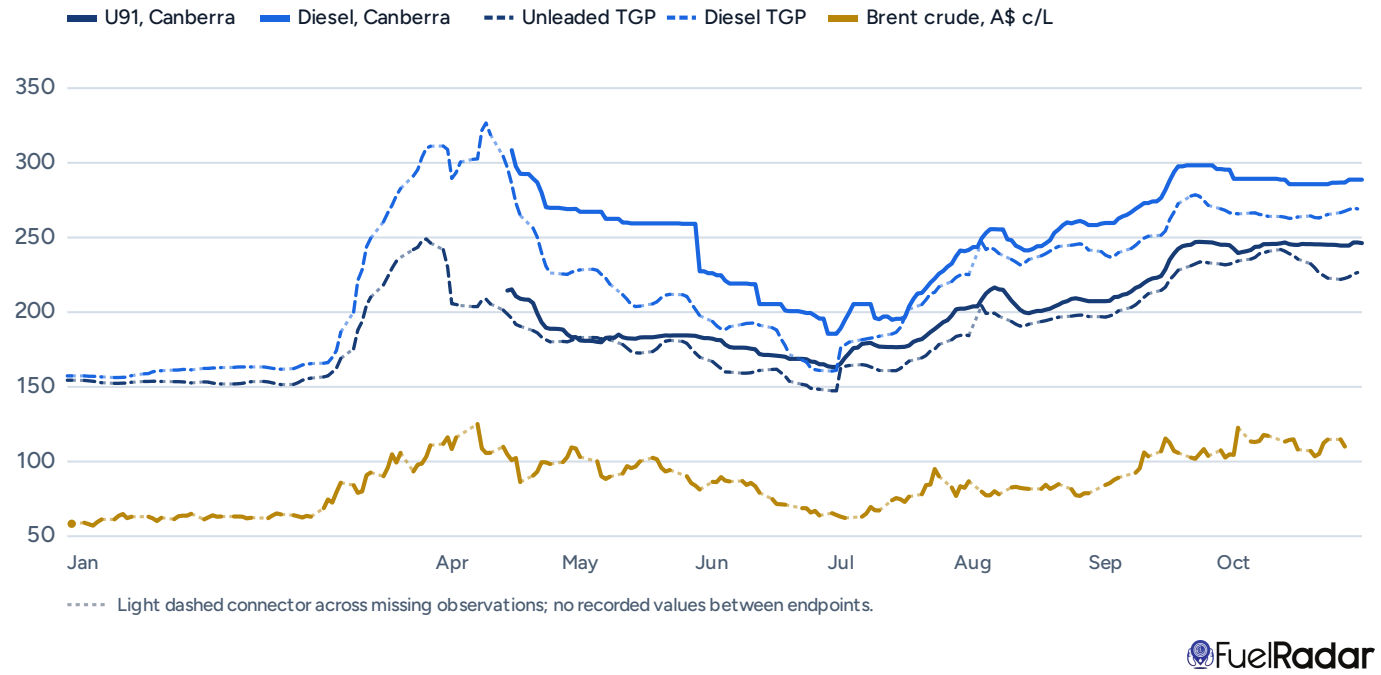
Period	Common / window days	Retail daily mean	TGP, same days	Gross spread
October 2026	31 / 31	287.7	265.4	22.3
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September 2026	30 / 30	282.6	258.3	24.3
1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026; 30 retail days, 30 TGP days in the window. 8 common dates use a carried TGP. Gaps can occur within this range.				

Cents per litre, with GST. Each common date counts once. Retail is the mean of the saved daily capital averages, not the station-day-weighted headline mean. TGP uses the same dates and carries the last published value for at most six subsequent calendar days. Retail prices can already include carried station prices. Means and spreads are rounded separately. The gross spread is not profit or a causal explanation. Retail carry limit: 30 days. Unmatched days are excluded; the common-day count is not a station or sales coverage percentage.

Market trends

1 January 2026 to 31 October 2026. Prices in Australian cents per litre; the dollar chart uses US cents per A$.

> The Sydney terminal gate price averaged 232.4 c/L for unleaded and 265.4 c/L for diesel, up 14.2 c/L and up 7.1 c/L on September 2026. Brent crude averaged US$124.8 a barrel, or 112.2 c/L in Australian dollars, with the Australian dollar at an average of 69.88 US cents.



Retail: FuelRadar daily averages for Canberra. Terminal gate prices (dashed): AIP, Sydney terminal. Brent crude: US EIA spot price via FRED, converted at each day's exchange rate and 158.987 litres a barrel.

Light dashed connectors join recorded endpoints across missing observations, including weekends and holidays; no recorded values lie between those endpoints. Gaps longer than 14 missing days have labelled no-data bands instead. Leading and trailing gaps are not extended. Brent needs both an oil price and exchange rate on the same day.



US cents per Australian dollar, the Federal Reserve's noon buying rate in New York, via FRED. Light dashed connectors mark missing observations; they do not estimate daily exchange rates.

Records and the long run

Canberra's highest and lowest days since our records began

Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Canberra's highest daily U91 average was 247.1 c/L on 23 September 2026 and its lowest 163.3 c/L on 29 June 2026. Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Canberra's highest daily diesel average was 308.5 c/L on 15 April 2026 and its lowest 185.6 c/L on 28 June 2026.

Fuel	Highest daily average	On	Lowest daily average	On	Set in October 2026
U91	247.1	23 September 2026	163.3	29 June 2026	Neither
Diesel	308.5	15 April 2026	185.6	28 June 2026	Neither

The daily average of every station in Canberra that reported a price, from 13 April 2026, when our records began.

Since the financial year began

Since 1 July 2026 in Canberra: U91 up 80.6 c/L, E10 up 78.2 c/L, diesel up 99.4 c/L, P95 up 77.0 c/L and P98 up 78.1 c/L.

Fuel	1 July 2026	31 October 2026	Change
Unleaded 91	165.7	246.3	+80.6
E10	166.2	244.4	+78.2
Diesel	189.3	288.7	+99.4
Premium 95	187.4	264.4	+77.0
Premium 98	193.1	271.2	+78.1

Canberra's daily average on the first day of the 2026–27 financial year and on the last day of this report.

Premium over regular unleaded

In Canberra, Premium 95 cost 17.6 c/L more (a gap 1.5 c/L narrower than in September 2026) and Premium 98 25.1 c/L more (a gap 0.9 c/L narrower than in September 2026) than U91.

In Canberra	More than U91	September 2026	Change
Premium 95	17.6	19.1	-1.5
Premium 98	25.1	26.0	-0.9

Wholesale prices in the long run

Wholesale unleaded averaged 232.4 c/L at the Sydney terminal, a record: the dearest wholesale month since AIP's series began in January 2004 (the previous high was September 2026 at 218.2 c/L); the cheapest of the last ten years was April 2020 at 83.8 c/L. Wholesale diesel averaged 265.4 c/L at the Sydney terminal, the dearest wholesale month since April 2026 (273.7 c/L); the cheapest of the last ten years was May 2020 at 97.8 c/L. These are wholesale prices, not what drivers paid at the pump, and nominal prices, not adjusted for inflation.

Terminal gate price	This month	Against the series	Previous high	Cheapest in ten years	Rank in ten years
Unleaded	232.4	Record: dearest since AIP's series began in January 2004	September 2026 (218.2)	April 2020 (83.8)	121 of 121

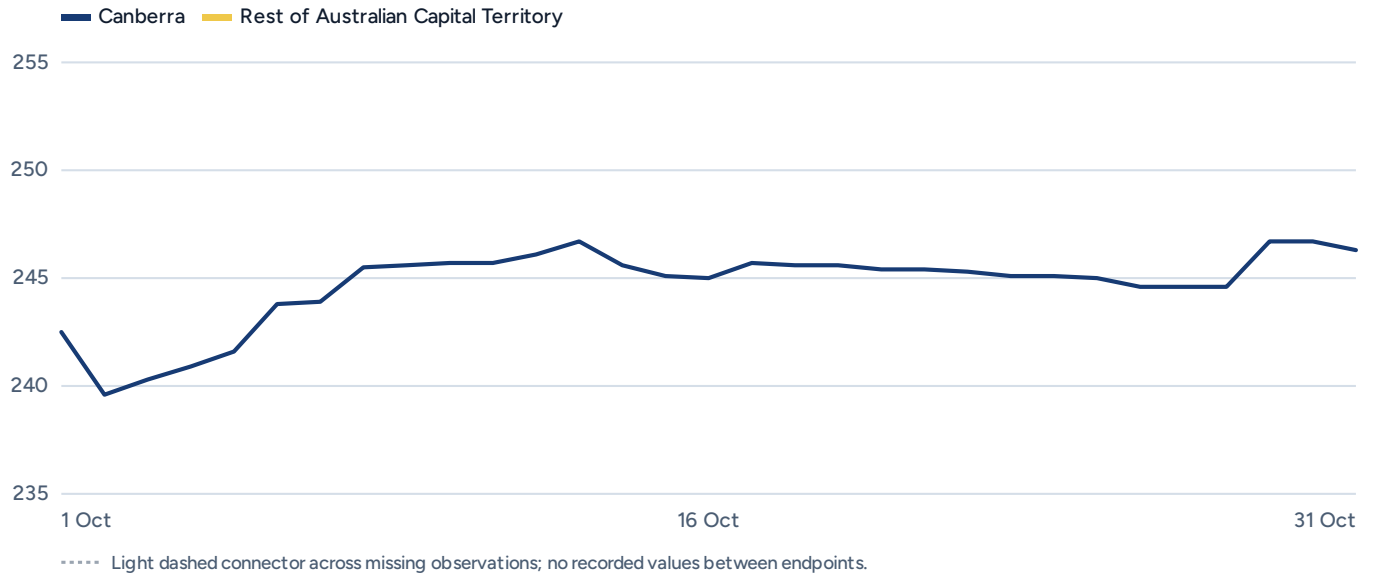
Terminal gate price	This month	Against the series	Previous high	Cheapest in ten years	Rank in ten years
Diesel	265.4	Dearest since April 2026 (273.7)	April 2026 (273.7)	May 2020 (97.8)	120 of 121

Wholesale, not retail: AIP's terminal gate prices at the Sydney terminal, with GST, the mean of each month's calendar days since AIP's series began. These are nominal prices, not adjusted for inflation. "Previous high" is the dearest month before this one. Rank 1 is the cheapest month of the last ten years, this one included.

The price cycle and excise

> Our margin-based rule detected no U91 price-cycle hike in Canberra in October 2026. This does not establish why retail prices changed. Canberra's daily U91 average had no rise that lifted its margin over the terminal gate price by 8.0 c/L or more.

Daily reported U91 averages, cents per litre. Light dashed connectors mark missing observations; labelled bands mark gaps longer than 14 days.



How we count a price-cycle hike: Canberra's daily U91 average less the Sydney terminal gate price is the indicative margin, not profit. This margin and the retail average must each rise by at least 8.0 c/L within 5 days. Where station-rise counts are available, daily rises of at least 5.0 c/L, summed over the rise, must reach 25% of the station count at the peak; a station can count on more than one day. Rises within 3 days of an excise change are excluded. The margin must then ease by at least half within 21 days; if follow-up is too short, a counted hike can have unconfirmed easing. A regular cycle requires at least two detected hikes. No detected hike does not establish why retail prices changed.

Fuel excise

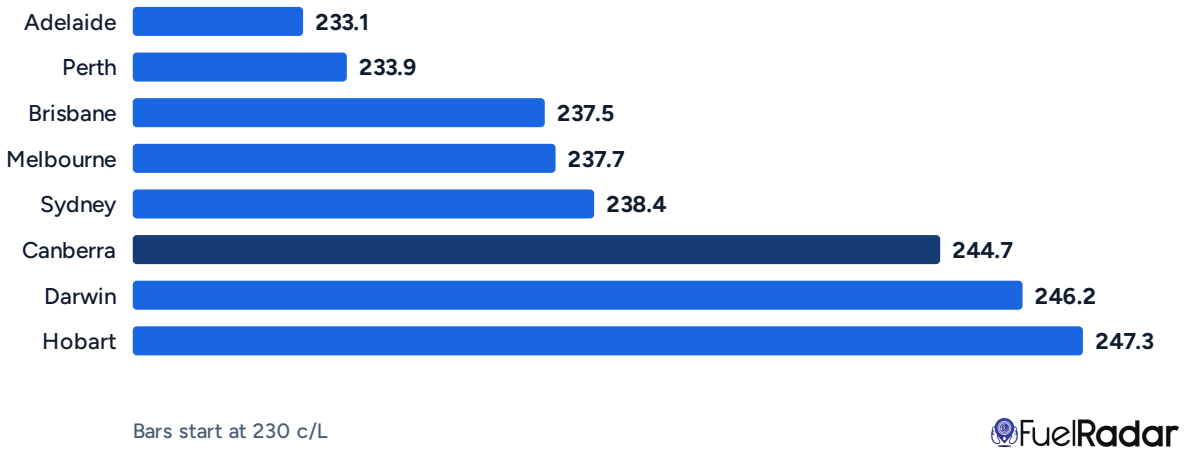
> Fuel excise stayed at 53.7 c/L for petrol and diesel through October 2026.

Petrol and diesel excise	Rate (c/L, before GST)	Change
In force on 1 October 2026	53.7	
Average over the days of 1 October to 31 October 2026	**53.7**	

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

Canberra ranked sixth cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91; Adelaide was the cheapest at 233.1 c/L and Hobart the dearest at 247.3 c/L. Canberra ranked seventh cheapest of the 8 capital cities for diesel; Perth was the cheapest at 270.6 c/L and Darwin the dearest at 289.0 c/L.



U91, cents a litre

Period-average margins are omitted here: comparable daily inputs and weights are not retained for these rows.

Rank	Capital	Oct	Month	Change	Regional vs capital	Cycle hikes	Stations
1	**Adelaide**	233.1	**233.1**	+14.3	+13.3	0	279
2	**Perth**	233.9	233.9	+13.8	+20.9	4	440
3	**Brisbane**	237.5	237.5	+15.2	+5.8	0	500
4	**Melbourne**	237.7	237.7	+17.4	+5.8	0	859
5	**Sydney**	238.4	238.4	+15.8	+5.6	0	684
6	**Canberra**	**244.7**	**244.7**	**+14.3**	—	**0**	**38**
7	**Darwin**	246.2	246.2	+16.5	+41.7	0	46
8	**Hobart**	247.3	**247.3**	+20.0	+5.5	0	59

Diesel, cents a litre

Period-average margins are omitted here: comparable daily inputs and weights are not retained for these rows.

Rank	Capital	Oct	Month	Change	Regional vs capital	Stations
1	**Perth**	270.6	**270.6**	+7.7	+18.3	200
2	**Sydney**	278.3	278.3	+12.0	+6.1	237
3	**Melbourne**	279.1	279.1	+9.5	+2.9	406
4	**Adelaide**	281.0	281.0	+11.8	+7.1	62
5	**Brisbane**	282.2	282.2	+10.4	+1.9	192
6	**Hobart**	283.7	283.7	+11.2	+3.5	37
7	**Canberra**	**287.7**	**287.7**	**+5.1**	—	**13**
8	**Darwin**	289.0	**289.0**	+12.7	+31.1	48

Each capital is its ABS urban area, worked out exactly as in its own state's report. Green is the cheapest capital and red the dearest. Regional vs capital is the rest of the state's average less its capital's: a positive figure is how much higher regional reported prices averaged. Cycle hikes are the price-cycle hikes we counted in the capital in the period (our rule is in the price cycle section); a dash means we had no terminal gate price to read it against.

The year so far

Since our records began on 13 April 2026 to 31 October 2026: every station-day of U91.

> Since our records began on 13 April 2026, U91 has averaged 202.6 c/L across Australian Capital Territory and 202.6 c/L in Canberra.

	Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	Rest of Australian Capital Territory
U91	202.6	202.6	—
Diesel	252.7	252.7	—

Crude oil and the dollar

> Brent crude averaged US$124.8 a barrel in October 2026, against US$83.8 in July 2026.

Period	Brent, US$ a barrel	US cents per A$	Brent, A$ a barrel	Brent, A$ cents a litre	Trading days
October 2026	**124.8**	**69.88**	**178.4**	**112.2**	**19**
September 2026	114.2	71.15	161.2	101.4	22
August 2026	91.1	71.03	128.3	80.7	20
July 2026	83.8	69.71	121.1	76.2	23

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, as at 5 November 2026. Prices can move quickly; check the live price at the station before you fill.

Our forecast for Canberra

Fuel	Made on	Phase	Average now	A week ahead	Range	Next low or high
U91	5 November 2026	Rising	246.3	246.3	239.5–253.1	—
Diesel	5 November 2026	Rising	286.2	284.4	281.6–290.8	—

FuelRadar's published forecast for Canberra, the same one the app shows. An estimate, not a guarantee.

Wholesale and crude oil now

National terminal gate price, unleaded	225.2 c/L	+3.2 in five days
National terminal gate price, diesel	266.7 c/L	+3.6 in five days
Brent crude	US$103.53	-9.9% in five days

Crude oil forecast

November 2026	December 2026	January 2027
US$104.00	US$99.00	US$97.00

Brent crude, US dollars a barrel: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Short-Term Energy Outlook, October 2026. An estimate, not a guarantee.

Data quality, method and sources

> We counted 43 distinct stations with eligible input prices, including carried prices, over 4,407 station–fuel–days across published fuels. Our price records begin on 13 April 2026.

Service stations listed	82
Distinct stations with eligible input prices	43
Station–fuel–days in reported fuels	4,407
Days covered	1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
Station-price records used here begin	13 April 2026
Towns ranked for U91 (left out: too few steady stations)	0 (0)

LPG had too few stations to report.

Coverage by fuel and period

Fuel	Period and date window	Distinct stations	Station–fuel–days	Calendar days
U91	October 2026 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026	38	1,148	31
U91	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	38	1,140	30
E10	October 2026 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026	29	899	31
E10	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	29	870	30
DSL	October 2026 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026	13	403	31
DSL	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	13	390	30
P95	October 2026 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026	22	668	31
P95	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	22	660	30

Fuel	Period and date window	Distinct stations	Station–fuel–days	Calendar days
P98	October 2026 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026	43	1,289	31
P98	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	43	1,287	30

The listed count is the inventory used at build time, not a historical census of every operating station. One station selling two fuels on one day contributes two station–fuel–days. Fuel-specific counts must not be added to obtain a distinct station total. Calendar days describe the date window, not the number of new observations. A dash means the saved edition does not supply that count.

Carried retail price counts and excluded raw report counts were not retained; their shares are unavailable.

The number of stations selling each fuel and litres sold are not recorded, so fuel-market and sales coverage percentages are unavailable.

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What the average measures

Reported station-day prices, not purchases. Each station counts once per day with an eligible price; stations with more covered days contribute more. The mean is not weighted by litres sold and does not measure what the average driver paid.

Which history this uses

This report's station-price records begin on 13 April 2026. The separately published daily city-average series can begin earlier and use different boundaries and carry rules. Compare figures within the same series.

Coverage and carry

Canberra uses its ABS urban area. An eligible price can be carried forward for up to 30 days. A covered day can therefore contain an earlier reported price. Station-days are observations, not distinct stations. The report does not quantify the share of carried prices or all excluded reports.

Wholesale spreads

Retail less terminal gate price is a gross indicative spread, not profit. It also covers transport, site and operating costs. Brent is a crude-oil benchmark, not a refined petrol or diesel price.

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

Canberra is its ABS urban area, split into ABS SA4 areas. Outside it, a town is an ABS urban centre; a station outside those centres is grouped by its rural locality. 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 Sydney terminal (Canberra has no 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 same-date comparison uses only dates with both series available and weights each date equally. Older period-average margins are omitted where those inputs are not retained. Crude oil is the US Energy Information Administration Brent spot price (FRED series DCOILBRENTEU), 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/act/2026-10.

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The commentary in this report was written from FuelRadar's figures for the period and checked against them.

Appendix: more comparisons

Canberra's areas and the regional centres against Canberra, the day of the week to buy, a 60-litre tank, the risers and fallers, independents and the major brands, the cheapest and dearest service stations, and diesel against U91.

Against Canberra, month by month

U91	Month	vs Canberra	Year so far	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Months cheaper
Australian Capital Territory	—	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0 of 7

Each area's U91 average less Canberra's, in cents a litre: this period, since our records began on 13 April 2026 to 31 October 2026, and each month of it (Apr from 13 April). Negative (green) is cheaper than Canberra. The areas are Canberra's ABS SA4s and the regional centres of 50,000 people or more.

Cheapest and dearest in each area

> Of the suburbs and towns we ranked, the widest spread was in Australian Capital Territory: Canberra Airport at 240.8 c/L to Weston at 247.3 c/L, a gap of 6.5 c/L.

Area (ABS SA4), U91	Cheapest suburb or town	Dearest	Cheapest town outside Canberra	Cheapest since records began
Australian Capital Territory (Canberra area)	Canberra Airport 240.8	Weston 247.3	—	Canberra Airport 198.8

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 Canberra is one of this report's towns (outside Canberra's urban area) in that SA4.

The day of the week to buy

> Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Friday has been the cheapest day to buy U91 in Canberra and Tuesday the dearest, 0.4 c/L apart on average.

U91	Cheapest day	Dearest day	Apart	60 litres	Since records began	Apart
Canberra	—	—	—	—	Friday / Tuesday	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

> At METRO PETROLEUM FYSHWICK in Fyshwick, the cheapest station we ranked, it cost $6.90 less than at the state average.

U91, October 2026	Cheaper	Dearer	A litre	A 60-litre tank
Cheapest station and the state average	METRO PETROLEUM FYSHWICK 233.2	Australian Capital Territory 244.7	11.5	**$6.90**

Independents and the major brands

Independent service stations averaged 239.9 c/L for U91 and the major brands 245.7 c/L, 5.8 c/L less at the independents; in Canberra the gap was 5.8 c/L. Of the brands with five stations or more, Metro averaged least at 240.7 c/L and Ampol most at 246.0 c/L.

U91	Major brands	Independents	Difference
Australian Capital Territory	245.7 (31)	239.9 (6)	-5.8
Canberra	245.7	239.9	-5.8

Metro 240.7 · 5
7-Eleven 245.7 · 6
Reddy Express 245.6 · 12
Ampol 246.0 · 12

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

METRO PETROLEUM FYSHWICK in Fyshwick was the cheapest service station we ranked for U91 at 233.2 c/L, and Ampol Fyshwick in Fyshwick the dearest at 249.9 c/L.

Cheapest, U91	Place	Average
METRO PETROLEUM FYSHWICK	Fyshwick	233.2
Costco Canberra Airport (Members Only)	Canberra Airport	236.2
METRO FYSHWICK WHYALLA	Fyshwick	240.1
Shell Reddy Express Fyshwick Wiluna	Fyshwick	242.0
Shell Reddy EXPRESS MANUKA	Griffith	242.1
Shell Reddy Express Fyshwick Capital	Fyshwick	242.1
EG Ampol Canberra Gateway	Watson	242.4
EG Ampol Canberra Airport	Canberra Airport	242.9
METRO PETROLEUM PHILLIP	Phillip	243.1
Ampol Foodary Canberra Airport (Pialligo)	Canberra Airport	243.4

Dearest, U91	Place	Average
Ampol Fyshwick	Fyshwick	249.9
Ampol Foodary Kaleen	Kaleen	248.4
Ampol Foodary Kippax-Holt	Holt	247.6
7-Eleven Spence	Spence	247.5
Ampol Foodary Weston Creek	Weston	247.4
Ampol Foodary Weston	Weston	247.3
EG Ampol Dickson	Dickson	247.1
7-Eleven Holt	Holt	247.1
Shell Reddy Express Phillip	Phillip	246.7
Shell Reddy Express Hawker	Hawker	246.7

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

Diesel against U91

Diesel cost 43.0 c/L more than U91 in Canberra, against 52.2 c/L on September 2026.

	Diesel less U91	Month	Change
Canberra	**43.0**	52.2	-9.2
Australian Capital Territory	**43.0**	52.2	-9.2

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How we collect the prices

Service stations report their prices to their state or territory government, which publishes them (named in the sources list). We read every station's prices every day and keep every price change.

The method in brief

Each day, every station counts once at its latest price as of the end of that day, carried forward at most 30 days. An average is taken over every station-day in the period, so busy and quiet stations count the same each day. Towns and areas are ABS outlines; a town is ranked only with enough steady stations. The full method is in the report's method section and at fuelradar.com.au/fuel-price-reports/act/2026-10.

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