Monthly fuel price report

Northern Territory

October 2026

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

Darwin U91 **246.2** c/L +16.5 c/L on September 2026	Darwin diesel **289.0** c/L +12.7 c/L on September 2026
Northern Territory U91 average **274.5** c/L +20.4 c/L on September 2026	Northern Territory diesel average **311.0** c/L +13.6 c/L on September 2026

Darwin month by month, what makes up a litre, margins, the price cycle, excise, how Darwin 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. Darwin reported prices averaged 246.2 c/L for U91 in October 2026, up 16.5 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 Darwin: the cheapest and dearest days were 0.6 c/L apart on average.

3. Filling a 60-litre tank with U91 in Cossack (rural) rather than in Yuendumu saved $75.42 on average in October 2026.

4. Independent service stations in Northern Territory averaged 45.4 c/L more than the major brands for U91 in October 2026, and 4.1 c/L less in Darwin.

5. Diesel cost 42.8 c/L more than U91 in Darwin in October 2026, down from 46.6 c/L in September 2026.

6. Cossack (rural) was Northern Territory's cheapest town for U91 in October 2026 at 241.0 c/L, 5.2 c/L below Darwin.

7. Darwin was the second dearest of the 8 capital cities for U91 in October 2026 at 246.2 c/L.

8. Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Alice Springs has been Northern Territory's cheapest regional centre for U91, averaging 227.2 c/L.

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Key points

1. Cossack (rural) reported the cheapest U91 across the Territory, where bowser prices averaged 241 c/L across 2 service stations.
2. Emungalan (rural) was the cheapest town for diesel, with reported prices averaging 284.1 c/L across 2 service stations.
3. Katherine also averaged less than Darwin for both fuels, averaging 243 c/L across 7 service stations for U91 and 286.9 c/L across 9 service stations for diesel.
4. Yuendumu was the dearest location for both fuels, averaging 366.7 c/L for U91 and 377.4 c/L for diesel across 2 service stations.
5. In Darwin, our detector found no regular price cycle during October 2026.
6. Across matched dates from 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026 at the Darwin terminal, the spread between the daily Darwin retail average of 246.2 c/L and the wholesale price of 238.6 c/L was 7.6 c/L for U91.
7. For diesel across matched dates from 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026 at the Darwin terminal, the spread between the daily Darwin retail average of 289.0 c/L and the wholesale price of 271.9 c/L was 17.0 c/L.
8. Wholesale unleaded petrol at the Darwin terminal averaged 238.6 c/L, the dearest of the 121 months in ten years and the highest since AIP's series began in January 2004 (nominal prices).
9. Darwin reached a daily retail average of 248.8 c/L for U91 on 13 October 2026, its highest daily average since our records began on 13 April 2026.
10. Among capital cities, Darwin was seventh cheapest of the 8 capital cities for U91, while Adelaide was the cheapest of the 8 capital cities at 233.1 c/L.
11. Darwin was the dearest of the 8 capital cities for diesel, while Perth was the cheapest of the 8 capital cities at 270.6 c/L.

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

What this means for drivers

Retail prices moved higher across the Territory alongside wholesale prices, with Darwin wholesale unleaded averaging 238.6 c/L and wholesale diesel averaging 271.9 c/L while fuel excise remained at 53.7 c/L. Because Darwin showed no regular price cycle during October 2026, we estimate that you had little reason to wait for a cyclical low to fill up. Drivers travelling through Katherine or Cossack (rural) found regional fuel that averaged less than Darwin, where Katherine reported prices averaged 243 c/L for U91 and 286.9 c/L for diesel. By contrast, remote locations saw much higher bowser prices, led by Yuendumu where reported averages reached 366.7 c/L for U91 and 377.4 c/L for diesel across 2 service stations.

Every fuel

In October 2026, U91 averaged 246.2 c/L in Darwin, up 16.5 c/L on September 2026. Across Northern Territory, U91 averaged 274.5 c/L, up 20.4 c/L on September 2026. Diesel reported prices in Darwin averaged 289.0 c/L in October 2026, up 12.7 c/L on September 2026. Across Northern Territory, diesel averaged 311.0 c/L, up 13.6 c/L on September 2026. The other fuels averaged P95 271.7 c/L and P98 285.3 c/L.

Fuel	Northern Territory	Change	Darwin	Rest of state	Difference	Stations
Unleaded 91	274.5	+20.4	246.2	287.9	+41.7	163
Diesel	311.0	+13.6	289.0	320.1	+31.1	187
Premium 95	271.7	+18.3	262.3	279.3	+17.0	107
Premium 98	285.3	+16.3	279.7	294.4	+14.7	41

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

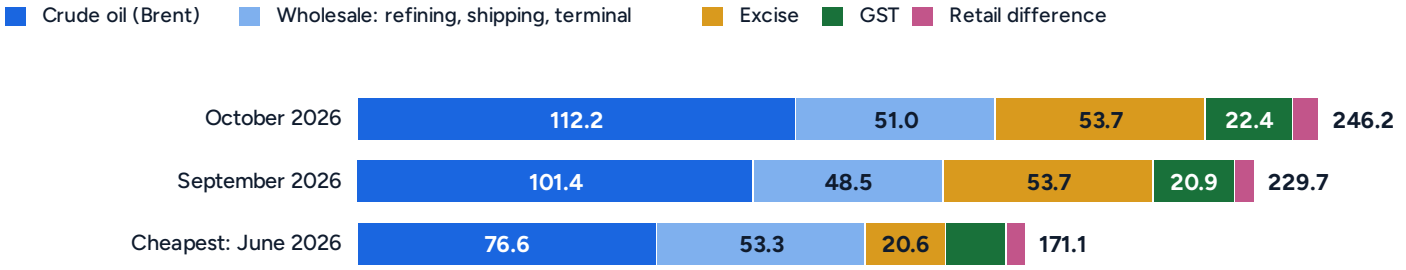
Darwin averaged 246.2 c/L for U91 and the rest of Northern Territory 287.9 c/L, so reported prices in the rest of Northern Territory averaged 41.7 c/L more than Darwin. Darwin averaged 289.0 c/L for diesel and the rest of Northern Territory 320.1 c/L, so reported prices in the rest of Northern Territory averaged 31.1 c/L more than Darwin.

What makes up a litre in Darwin

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 246.2 c/L U91 average in Darwin, crude oil was 112.2 c/L, wholesale 51.0 c/L, excise 53.7 c/L, GST 22.4 c/L and the retail difference 6.9 c/L. Of the 289.0 c/L diesel average in Darwin, crude oil was 112.2 c/L, wholesale 81.3 c/L, excise 53.7 c/L, GST 26.3 c/L and the retail difference 15.5 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.

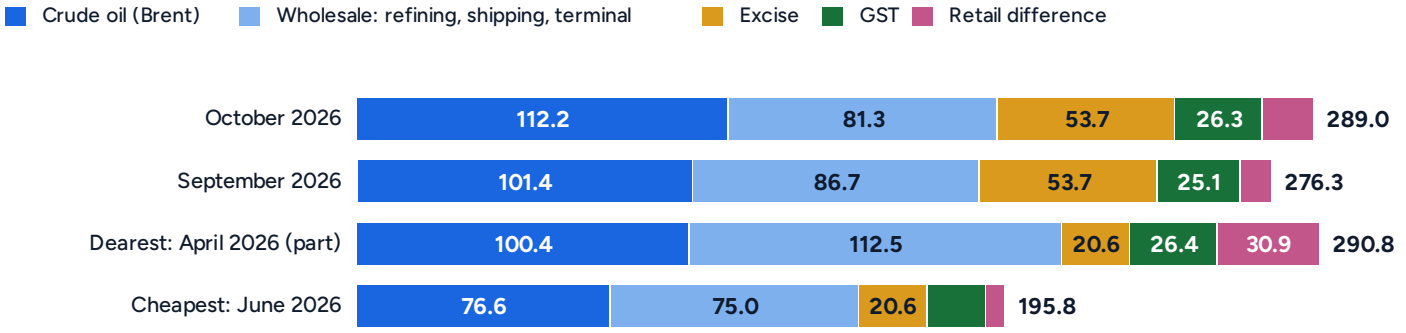
Unleaded 91



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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	51.0	48.5	33.7	53.3
Excise	53.7	53.7	51.1	20.6
GST	22.4	20.9	—	15.6
Retail difference	6.9	5.2	—	5.0
Retail price	**246.2**	**229.7**	**—**	**171.1**
Terminal gate price	238.6	224.0	167.5	165.5

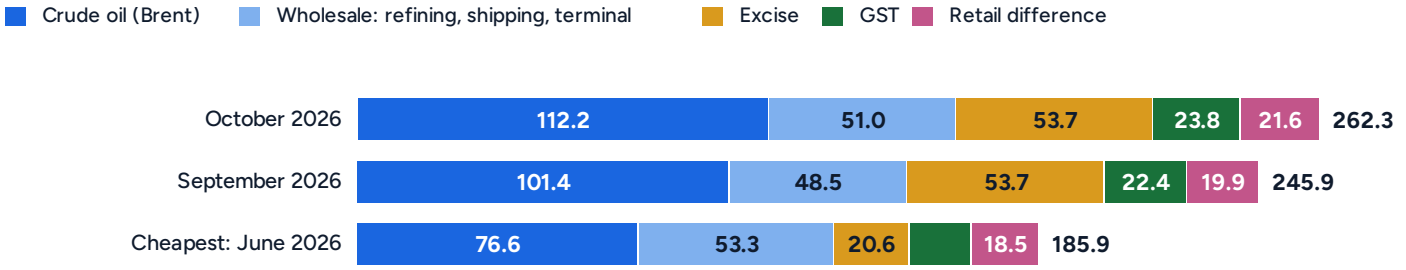
Diesel



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Cents a litre	October 2026	September 2026	2025 average (wholesale only)	Dearest: April 2026 (part)	Cheapest: June 2026
Crude oil (Brent, A$)	112.2	101.4	67.5	100.4	76.6
Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	81.3	86.7	38.2	112.5	75.0
Excise	53.7	53.7	51.1	20.6	20.6
GST	26.3	25.1	—	26.4	17.8
Retail difference	15.5	9.4	—	30.9	5.8
Retail price	**289.0**	**276.3**	**—**	**290.8**	**195.8**
Terminal gate price	271.9	266.0	172.5	256.9	189.4

Premium 95



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Wholesale: refining, shipping, terminal	51.0	48.5	33.7	53.3
Excise	53.7	53.7	51.1	20.6
GST	23.8	22.4	—	16.9
Retail difference	21.6	19.9	—	18.5
Retail price	**262.3**	**245.9**	**—**	**185.9**
Terminal gate price (unleaded)	238.6	224.0	167.5	165.5

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 Darwin; 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, Darwin 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

> Darwin's daily U91 average went from 244.6 c/L on 1 October to 245.2 c/L on 31 October, and diesel from 291.8 c/L to 288.1 c/L. The highest daily average in Darwin was 248.8 c/L for U91 on 13 October and 291.8 c/L for diesel on 1 October.

	U91, cents a litre		Diesel, cents a litre	
Area	Oct	Month	Oct	Month
Northern Territory	**274.5**	**274.5**	**311.0**	**311.0**
Darwin	**246.2**	**246.2**	**289.0**	**289.0**
Rest of Northern Territory	287.9	**287.9**	320.1	**320.1**
Darwin	246.2	**246.2**	289.0	**289.0**

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

> Darwin retail prices compared with the Darwin terminal. 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	246.2	238.6	7.6
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	229.6	224.0	5.6
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.				

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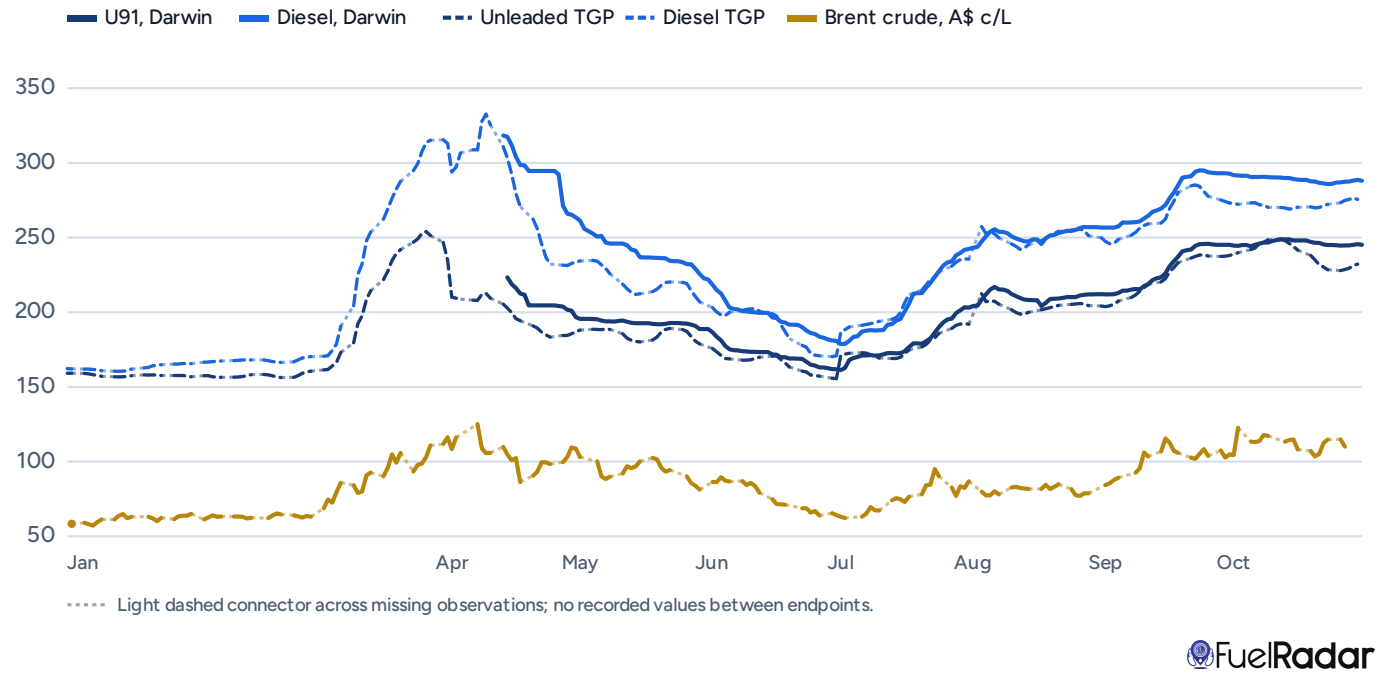
Cents per litre, with GST. Each common date counts once. Retail is the mean of the saved daily capital averages, not the station-day-weighted headline mean. TGP uses the same dates and carries the last published value for at most six subsequent calendar days. Retail prices can already

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 Darwin terminal gate price averaged 238.6 c/L for unleaded and 271.9 c/L for diesel, up 14.6 c/L and up 5.9 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 Darwin. Terminal gate prices (dashed): AIP, Darwin 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

Darwin’s highest and lowest days since our records began

Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Darwin's highest daily U91 average was 248.8 c/L on 13 October 2026 and its lowest 161.2 c/L on 1 July 2026. The high was set in October 2026. Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Darwin's highest daily diesel average was 318.3 c/L on 13 April 2026 and its lowest 178.7 c/L on 1 July 2026.

Fuel	Highest daily average	On	Lowest daily average	On	Set in October 2026
U91	248.8	13 October 2026	161.2	1 July 2026	The high
Diesel	318.3	13 April 2026	178.7	1 July 2026	Neither

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

Since the financial year began

Since 1 July 2026 in Darwin: U91 up 84.0 c/L, diesel up 109.4 c/L, P95 up 85.0 c/L and P98 up 84.3 c/L.

Fuel	1 July 2026	31 October 2026	Change
Unleaded 91	161.2	245.2	+84.0
Diesel	178.7	288.1	+109.4
Premium 95	176.3	261.3	+85.0
Premium 98	194.2	278.5	+84.3

Darwin’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 Darwin, Premium 95 cost 16.1 c/L more (a gap 0.1 c/L narrower than in September 2026) and Premium 98 33.5 c/L more (a gap 0.7 c/L narrower than in September 2026) than U91.

In Darwin	More than U91	September 2026	Change
Premium 95	16.1	16.2	-0.1
Premium 98	33.5	34.2	-0.7

Wholesale prices in the long run

Wholesale unleaded averaged 238.6 c/L at the Darwin terminal, a record: the dearest wholesale month since AIP's series began in January 2004 (the previous high was September 2026 at 224.0 c/L); the cheapest of the last ten years was April 2020 at 86.7 c/L. Wholesale diesel averaged 271.9 c/L at the Darwin terminal, the dearest wholesale month since April 2026 (279.7 c/L); the cheapest of the last ten years was May 2020 at 99.8 c/L. These are wholesale prices, not what drivers paid at the pump, and nominal prices, not adjusted for inflation.

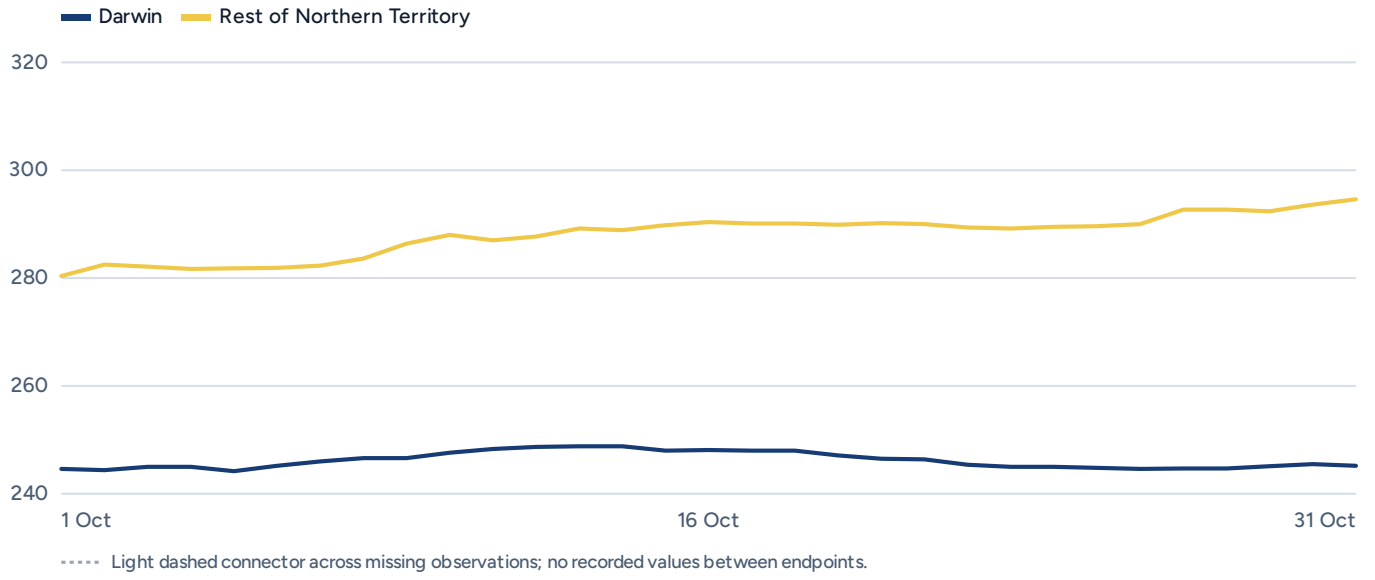
Terminal gate price	This month	Against the series	Previous high	Cheapest in ten years	Rank in ten years
Unleaded	238.6	Record: dearest since AIP’s series began in January 2004	September 2026 (224.0)	April 2020 (86.7)	121 of 121
Diesel	271.9	Dearest since April 2026 (279.7)	April 2026 (279.7)	May 2020 (99.8)	120 of 121

Wholesale, not retail: AIP's terminal gate prices at the Darwin 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 Darwin in October 2026. This does not establish why retail prices changed. Darwin'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: Darwin's daily U91 average less the Darwin 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

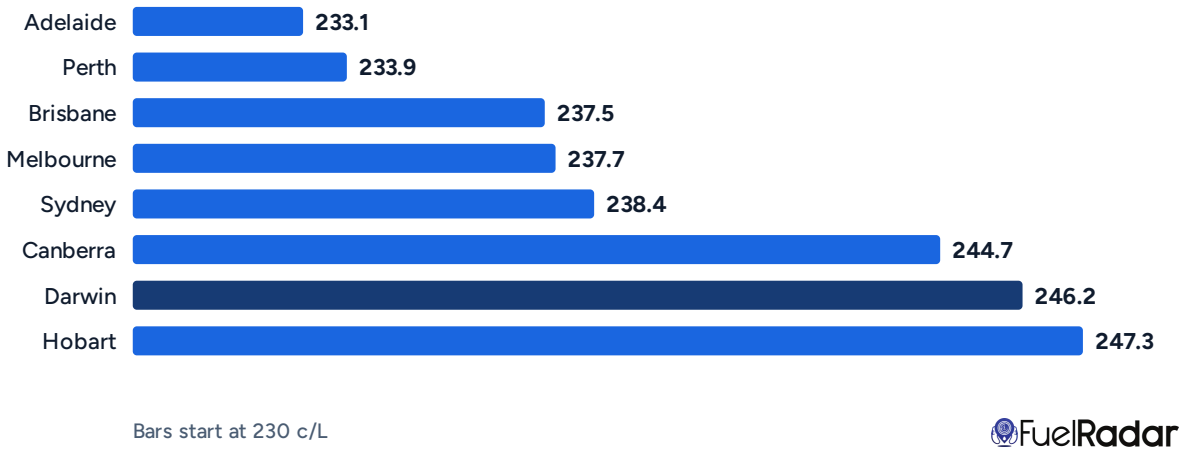
> Fuel excise stayed at 53.7 c/L for petrol and diesel through October 2026.

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

> Darwin ranked seventh 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. Darwin ranked eighth 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

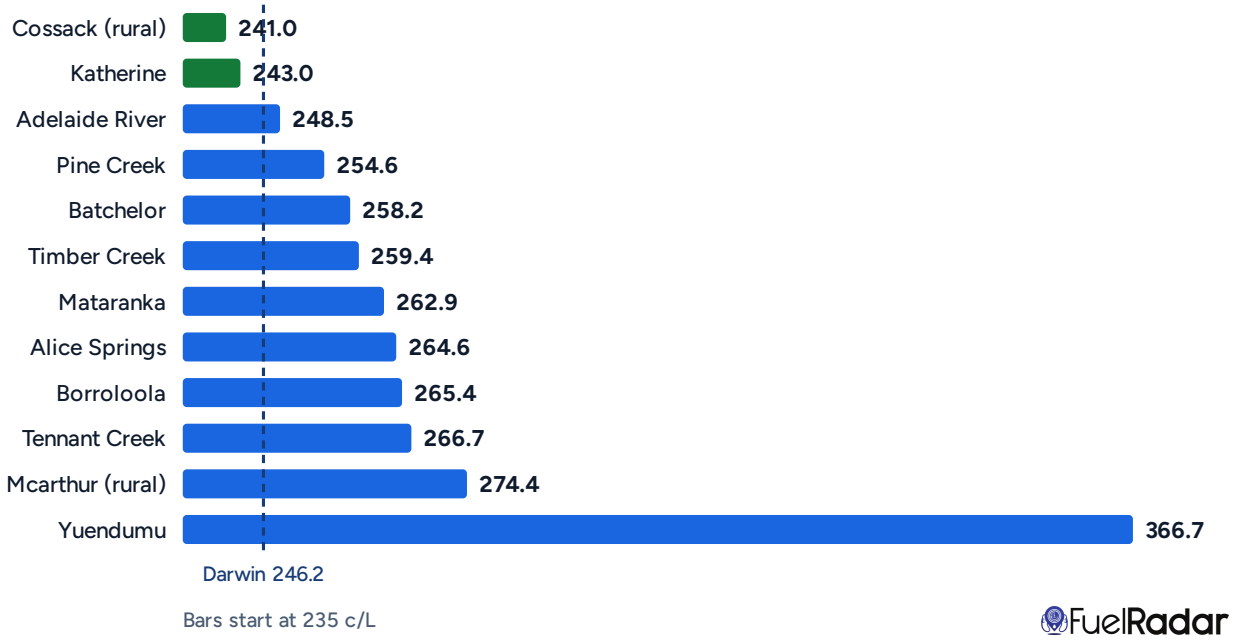
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Rank	Capital	Oct	Month	Change	Regional vs capital	Stations
1	**Perth**	270.6	**270.6**	+7.7	+18.3	200
2	**Sydney**	278.3	278.3	+12.0	+6.1	237
3	**Melbourne**	279.1	279.1	+9.5	+2.9	406
4	**Adelaide**	281.0	281.0	+11.8	+7.1	62
5	**Brisbane**	282.2	282.2	+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.

Regional towns

> The cheapest U91 outside Darwin was in Cossack (rural), at 241.0 c/L, 5.2 c/L below Darwin. Yuendumu was the dearest at 366.7 c/L, 120.5 c/L above Darwin. 2 of the 12 towns we ranked averaged less than Darwin for U91. Emungalan (rural) was the cheapest regional town for diesel at 284.1 c/L and Yuendumu the dearest at 377.4 c/L, a spread of 93.3 c/L.



U91 average over the period; the dashed line is Darwin's average and green bars are towns at or below it.

Cheapest 10 of 12 towns, U91

Town	Month	vs Darwin	vs state	Change	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Cossack (rural)	**241.0**	**-5.2**	-33.5	+16.7	2	Liberty Katherine (240.0)
Katherine	**243.0**	**-3.2**	-31.5	+15.8	7	United Katherine Pieface (240.0)
Adelaide River	**248.5**	+2.3	-26.0	+18.4	2	Adelaide River Mobil (248.5)
Pine Creek	**254.6**	+8.4	-19.9	—	2	United Pine Creek Holiday Park & Roadhouse (251.7)
Batchelor	**258.2**	+12.0	-16.3	+23.1	3	Litchfield Outback Resort (256.8)
Timber Creek	**259.4**	+13.2	-15.1	+17.7	2	United Timber Creek Supermarket (258.9)
Mataranka	**262.9**	+16.7	-11.6	—	2	Independent Mataranka Central (259.6)
Alice Springs	**264.6**	+18.4	-9.9	+18.5	14	Refuel Depot Ghan Road (259.5)
Borroloola	**265.4**	+19.2	-9.1	+29.6	3	Malandari Store (263.1)
Tennant Creek	**266.7**	+20.5	-7.8	+19.3	4	Independent Red Shop (260.9)

Dearest 10 of 12 towns, U91

Town	Month	vs Darwin	vs state	Change	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Yuendumu	366.7	+120.5	+92.2	—	2	Independent Yuendumu Big Shop (348.0)
Mcarthur (rural)	274.4	+28.2	-0.1	+22.6	2	Heartbreak Hotel (271.3)
Tennant Creek	266.7	+20.5	-7.8	+19.3	4	Independent Red Shop (260.9)
Borroloola	265.4	+19.2	-9.1	+29.6	3	Malandari Store (263.1)
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Mataranka	262.9	+16.7	-11.6	—	2	Independent Mataranka Central (259.6)
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Adelaide River	248.5	+2.3	-26.0	+18.4	2	Adelaide River Mobil (248.5)

Cheapest 10 of 18 towns, diesel

Town	Month	vs Darwin	vs state	Change	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Emungalan (rural)	284.1	-4.9	-26.9	+17.2	2	Katherine Depot (284.1)
Cossack (rural)	285.2	-3.8	-25.8	+16.9	2	Liberty Katherine (284.1)
Katherine	286.9	-2.1	-24.1	+15.9	9	Fuelxpress Katherine East (282.9)
Pine Creek	287.9	-1.1	-23.1	+16.4	2	United Pine Creek Holiday Park & Roadhouse (287.0)
Alice Springs	289.3	+0.3	-21.7	+9.0	17	Alice Springs Opt (285.3)
Batchelor	289.3	+0.3	-21.7	+20.9	3	Batchelor Service Centre (287.9)
Adelaide River	291.1	+2.1	-19.9	+15.5	2	Adelaide River Mobil (291.1)
Birdum (rural)	294.5	+5.5	-16.5	—	2	Daly Waters Hi-way Inn (293.8)
Timber Creek	297.4	+8.4	-13.6	+12.4	3	United Timber Creek Supermarket (294.7)
Mataranka	297.6	+8.6	-13.4	+18.3	3	Mataranka Store And Service Station (292.9)

Dearest 10 of 18 towns, diesel

Town	Month	vs Darwin	vs state	Change	Stations	Cheapest station (its average)
Yuendumu	377.4	+88.4	+66.4	—	2	Independent Yuendumu Big Shop (363.0)
Petermann (rural)	366.0	+77.0	+55.0	—	2	Independent Kings Canyon Resort General Store And 24/7 Fuel (352.6)
Ghan (rural)	363.1	+74.1	+52.1	+19.7	2	Independent Kulgera Roadhouse Hotel (359.0)
Ti Tree (rural)	320.1	+31.1	+9.1	+25.3	2	Independent Ti Tree Farm Garden (301.6)
Elliott	315.8	+26.8	+4.8	+14.8	3	Mobil Perrys Elliott (309.9)
Mcarthur (rural)	309.5	+20.5	-1.5	—	2	Independent King Ash Bay Service Station (302.0)
Tennant Creek	304.6	+15.6	-6.4	+16.1	5	Refuel Australia Tennant Creek (297.8)
Borroloola	300.2	+11.2	-10.8	+21.0	3	Tjs One Stop (296.3)
Mataranka	297.6	+8.6	-13.4	+18.3	3	Mataranka Store And Service Station (292.9)
Timber Creek	297.4	+8.4	-13.6	+12.4	3	United Timber Creek Supermarket (294.7)

2 towns cheaper than Darwin for U91

Cossack (rural) 241.0

Katherine 243.0

Other fuels: cheapest and dearest towns

Fuel	Cheapest town	Average	Dearest town	Average	Towns ranked
Premium 95	Cossack (rural)	253.5	Tennant Creek	284.2	9
Premium 98	Cossack (rural)	272.0	Alice Springs	285.7	3

A town is the ABS urban centre or locality a station is in, so a regional city and its suburbs are one town (a large city marked “city” is the city’s own outline). A station outside every town, such as a highway roadhouse, counts in its ABS locality, marked “(rural)”. A town is ranked with at least 2 stations that reported on a quarter of the days and a price on 60% of the days. “vs state” is the town’s average less the Northern Territory average. Every ranked town is in the appendix.

Regional centres

#	Centre	Size	U91	vs Darwin	Change	Diesel	Stations
1	**Alice Springs**	20,000 to 49,999 people	**264.6**	+18.4	+18.5	289.3	14

A regional centre is a large regional city we map on its own, or an ABS urban centre of 10,000 people or more (2021 Census) outside Darwin. It is ranked by the town rule. Cents a litre; vs Darwin and change are differences of the published averages.

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 240.1 c/L across Northern Territory and 205.4 c/L in Darwin; Cossack (rural) has been the cheapest town at 202.8 c/L, and 1 of the 17 towns we ranked have averaged less than Darwin.

	Northern Territory	Darwin	Rest of Northern Territory
U91	240.1	205.4	256.6
Diesel	278.9	246.3	292.1

Towns, U91 (17 ranked; 1 cheaper than Darwin)

Cheapest	Average	vs Darwin
Cossack (rural)	202.8	-2.6
Katherine	206.8	+1.4
Adelaide River	214.8	+9.4
Pine Creek	224.5	+19.1
Timber Creek	225.3	+19.9
Alice Springs	227.2	+21.8
Tennant Creek	230.4	+25.0
Borroloola	234.2	+28.8

Dearest	Average	vs Darwin
Maningrida	359.6	+154.2
Anatye (rural)	330.3	+124.9
Anmatjere (rural)	293.1	+87.7
Ghan (rural)	287.5	+82.1
Davenport (rural)	285.6	+80.2
Elliott	272.6	+67.2
Mcarthur (rural)	249.3	+43.9
Batchelor	239.5	+34.1

Cheapest	Average	vs Darwin
Mataranka	238.0	+32.6
Batchelor	239.5	+34.1

Dearest	Average	vs Darwin
Mataranka	238.0	+32.6
Borroloola	234.2	+28.8

Regional centres, U91

1	**Alice Springs**	227.2	+21.8

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 Darwin

Fuel	Made on	Phase	Average now	A week ahead	Range	Next low or high
U91	5 November 2026	Rising	243.7	242.9	238.3–249.1	—
Diesel	5 November 2026	Rising	286.0	284.1	281.8–290.2	—

FuelRadar's published forecast for Darwin, 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 188 distinct stations with eligible input prices, including carried prices, over 13,892 station–fuel–days across published fuels. Our price records begin on 13 April 2026.

Service stations listed	214
Distinct stations with eligible input prices	188
Station–fuel–days in reported fuels	13,892
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)	12 (68)

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	163	4,442	31
U91	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	159	4,136	30
DSL	October 2026 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026	187	5,063	31
DSL	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	181	4,821	30
P95	October 2026 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026	107	3,139	31
P95	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	107	2,928	30
P98	October 2026 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026	41	1,248	31
P98	September 2026 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026	41	1,203	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

Darwin 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

Darwin 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 Darwin 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/nt/2026-10.

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Next reports

November 2026 report	from 4 December 2026
The December quarter 2026 report	from 4 January 2027
The 2026 annual report	from 4 January 2027

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

Appendix: every town ranked

Average prices over October 2026 in cents a litre, cheapest U91 first. “vs Darwin” and “vs state” are each town’s average less Darwin’s and the Northern Territory average. A town is an ABS urban centre or locality; “(rural)” marks the stations outside every town in an ABS locality. A town without a rank was ranked for diesel only.

		U91			Diesel			
#	Town	Average	vs Darwin	vs state	Average	vs Darwin	vs state	Stations
1	**Cossack (rural)**	**241.0**	**-5.2**	-33.5	**285.2**	-3.8	-25.8	2
2	**Katherine**	**243.0**	**-3.2**	-31.5	**286.9**	-2.1	-24.1	7
3	**Adelaide River**	**248.5**	+2.3	-26.0	**291.1**	+2.1	-19.9	2
4	**Pine Creek**	**254.6**	+8.4	-19.9	**287.9**	-1.1	-23.1	2
5	**Batchelor**	**258.2**	+12.0	-16.3	**289.3**	+0.3	-21.7	3
6	**Timber Creek**	**259.4**	+13.2	-15.1	**297.4**	+8.4	-13.6	2
7	**Mataranka**	**262.9**	+16.7	-11.6	**297.6**	+8.6	-13.4	2
8	**Alice Springs**	**264.6**	+18.4	-9.9	**289.3**	+0.3	-21.7	14
9	**Borroloola**	**265.4**	+19.2	-9.1	**300.2**	+11.2	-10.8	3
10	**Tennant Creek**	**266.7**	+20.5	-7.8	**304.6**	+15.6	-6.4	4
11	**Mcarthur (rural)**	**274.4**	+28.2	-0.1	**309.5**	+20.5	-1.5	2
12	**Yuendumu**	**366.7**	+120.5	+92.2	**377.4**	+88.4	+66.4	2
	Emungalan (rural)	**—**	—	—	**284.1**	-4.9	-26.9	2
	Birdum (rural)	**—**	—	—	**294.5**	+5.5	-16.5	2
	Elliott	**—**	—	—	**315.8**	+26.8	+4.8	3
	Ti Tree (rural)	**—**	—	—	**320.1**	+31.1	+9.1	2
	Ghan (rural)	**—**	—	—	**363.1**	+74.1	+52.1	2
	Petermann (rural)	**—**	—	—	**366.0**	+77.0	+55.0	2

Appendix: more comparisons

Darwin's areas and the regional centres against Darwin, 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 Darwin, month by month

> Darwin averaged 246.2 c/L for U91, the same as Darwin, and was cheaper than Darwin in 0 of 7 months since our records began on 13 April 2026.

U91	Month	vs Darwin	Year so far	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Months cheaper
Darwin	246.2	0.0	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 Darwin'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 Darwin. The areas are Darwin'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 Outback Northern Territory: Cossack at 241.0 c/L to Yuendumu at 366.7 c/L, a gap of 125.7 c/L.

Area (ABS SA4), U91	Cheapest suburb or town	Dearest	Cheapest town outside Darwin	Cheapest since records began
Darwin (Darwin area)	Darwin 240.3	Coolalinga 249.2	—	Darwin 201.8
Outback Northern Territory	Cossack 241.0	Yuendumu 366.7	Cossack (rural) 241.0	Cossack 202.8

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

The day of the week to buy

> Since our records began on 13 April 2026, Monday has been the cheapest day to buy U91 in Darwin and Saturday the dearest, 0.6 c/L apart on average.

U91	Cheapest day	Dearest day	Apart	60 litres	Since records began	Apart
Darwin	—	—	—	—	Monday / Saturday	0.6
Alice Springs	—	—	—	—	Monday / Saturday	0.3

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

Filling a 60-litre tank with U91 in Cossack (rural) rather than Yuendumu saved $75.42 on average in October 2026. In Cossack (rural) the same tank cost $3.12 less than in Darwin. At Independent Alyangula Township Service Station in Alyangula, the cheapest station we ranked, it cost $43.92 less than at the state average.

U91, October 2026	Cheaper	Dearer	A litre	A 60-litre tank
Cheapest and dearest town	Cossack (rural) 241.0	Yuendumu 366.7	125.7	**$75.42**
Cheapest town and Darwin	Cossack (rural) 241.0	Darwin 246.2	5.2	**$3.12**
Cheapest station and the state average	Independent Alyangula Township Service Station 201.3	Northern Territory 274.5	73.2	**$43.92**

Borroloola rose most on September 2026, up 29.6 c/L to 265.4 c/L, and no town we ranked fell.

Rose most on September 2026, U91

Borroloola	235.8 to 265.4	+29.6
Batchelor	235.1 to 258.2	+23.1
Mcarthur (rural)	251.8 to 274.4	+22.6
Tennant Creek	247.4 to 266.7	+19.3
Alice Springs	246.1 to 264.6	+18.5

Independents and the major brands

Independent service stations averaged 301.6 c/L for U91 and the major brands 256.2 c/L, 45.4 c/L more at the independents; in Darwin the gap was 4.1 c/L. Of the brands with five stations or more, United averaged least at 247.7 c/L and Puma most at 323.5 c/L.

U91	Major brands	Independents	Difference
Northern Territory	256.2 (89)	301.6 (66)	+45.4
Darwin	246.6	242.5	-4.1

United 247.7 · 20
Ampol 258.9 · 18
Independent 305.8 · 32
On The Run (OTR) 249.6 · 15
BP 264.7 · 20
Puma 323.5 · 22
Reddy Express 252.8 · 9
Ausfuel 269.6 · 5

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

Independent Alyangula Township Service Station in Alyangula was the cheapest service station we ranked for U91 at 201.3 c/L, and Ramingining Xpress in Ramingining the dearest at 410.0 c/L.

Cheapest, U91	Place	Average
Independent Alyangula Township Service Station	Alyangula	201.3
Fuelxpress Winnellie	Winnellie	238.0
Solo Casuarina	Casuarina	238.0
Solo Stuart Park	Stuart Park	238.0
United Casuarina Pieface	Wanguri	238.0
United Darwin (smith Street) Pieface	Darwin	238.0
United Parap Pieface	Parap	238.0
United Winnellie Roadhouse	Winnellie	239.9
Liberty Katherine	Cossack	240.0
United Katherine Depot	Emungalan	240.0

Dearest, U91	Place	Average
Ramingining Xpress	Ramingining	410.0
Pirlangimpi Community Store	Pirlangimpi	404.3
Mirnirri Store	Ali Curung	386.0
Independent Laramba Community Store	Laramba	385.0
Nguru Walalja Store	Yuendumu	378.7
Independent Nyirripi Store	Nyirripi	370.2
Nguiu Ullintjinni Association 24 Hrs Fuel	Wurrumiyanga	369.0
Independent Santa Teresa Store	Santa Teresa	367.6
Wirliyajarrayi Store	Willowra	366.0
Lagulalya Store	Milyakburra	365.0

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

Diesel against U91

Diesel cost 42.8 c/L more than U91 in Darwin, against 46.6 c/L on September 2026. Among the towns, the gap was narrowest in Yuendumu at 10.7 c/L and widest in Cossack (rural) at 44.2 c/L.

	Diesel less U91	Month	Change
Darwin	**42.8**	46.6	-3.8
Northern Territory	**36.5**	43.3	-6.8
Rest of Northern Territory	**32.2**	40.0	-7.8

Yuendumu 10.7
Alice Springs 24.7
Batchelor 31.1
Pine Creek 33.3
Mataranka 34.7
Cossack (rural) 44.2
Katherine 43.9
Adelaide River 42.6
Timber Creek 38.0
Tennant Creek 37.9

The five towns with the narrowest and the five with the widest gap, of 12 ranked for both fuels.

About FuelRadar and this report

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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/nt/2026-10.

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