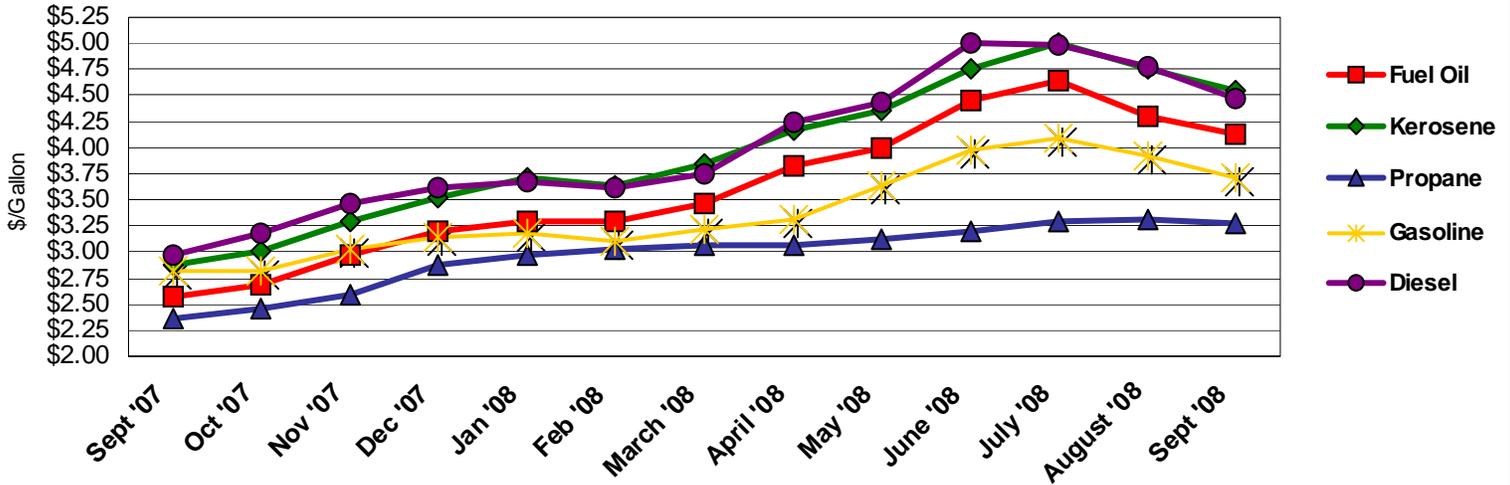


VERMONT FUEL PRICE REPORT

September 2008

One-Year Price Trend



Vermont Average Retail Petroleum Prices (per gallon)

	Sept '08	August '08	%change	Sept '07	%change
No. 2 Fuel Oil	\$4.13	\$4.29	-3.72%	\$2.56	61.25%
Kerosene	\$4.55	\$4.75	-4.26%	\$2.87	58.68%
Propane	\$3.27	\$3.31	-1.08%	\$2.36	38.90%
Reg. Unleaded Gasoline	\$3.71	\$3.92	-5.20%	\$2.82	31.81%
Diesel	\$4.47	\$4.78	-6.57%	\$2.98	50.22%

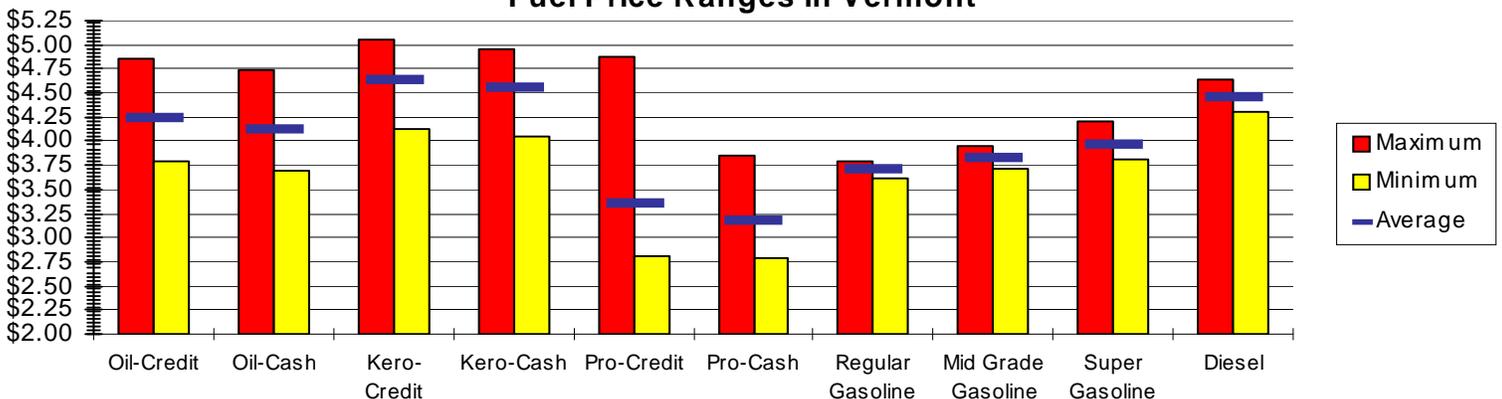
GASOLINE AND DIESEL PRICES

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has reported that the continued high prices for regular gasoline have greatly impacted demand. Demand declined by over 2% in May compared to the same time last year and over 4% in June compared to June of last year. This was the largest decline since 1980.

Decreasing demand is, in turn, causing prices to drop. The national average retail price of regular gasoline was \$3.68 per gallon the first week of September and \$3.65 per gallon the second week of September. This makes the ninth consecutive week that retail gasoline prices have fallen. The New England average price was \$3.64 per gallon the first week of September and \$3.61 per gallon the second week.

The EIA is projecting that the average national retail price of gasoline will be around \$3.61 per gallon this year and \$3.88 per gallon in 2009.

Fuel Price Ranges in Vermont



GASOLINE AND DIESEL PRICES - continued

The national average retail price of diesel was \$4.12 per gallon the first week of September and \$4.06 per gallon the second week. This is the eighth week in a row that diesel prices have dropped. However, prices still remain \$1.14 per gallon higher than they were at the same time last year. The New England average price of diesel was \$4.36 per gallon the first week of September and decreased to \$4.31 the second week.

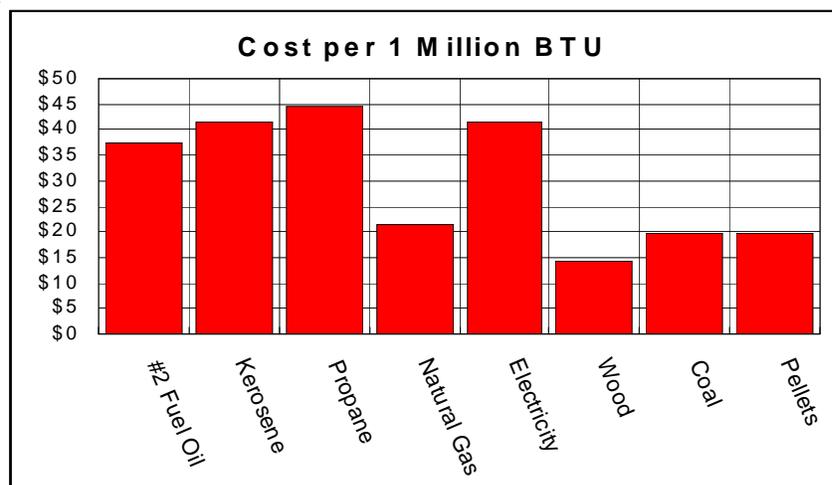
Additional information is available at: www.eia.doe.gov

HEATING FUEL COSTS THIS WINTER

The EIA is predicting increases in average household heating oil expenditures by 30% over last winter. The average price for heating oil last heating season (Oct-March) in Vermont was \$3.15 per gallon, which would equate to average costs of about \$2,520 per household (assuming the use of 800 gallons per household). With an estimated 30% price increase this heating season, that would be an additional \$756 per household.

The average expenditure increase for households heating with propane is expected to be 19% over last heating season. The average price for propane last heating season was \$2.83 per gallon.

Comparing the Cost of Heating Fuels				
Type of Energy	BTU/unit	Adj Effic	\$/unit	\$/MMBtu
Fuel Oil, gallon	138,200	80%	\$4.13	\$37.39
Kerosene, gallon	136,600	80%	\$4.55	\$41.65
Propane, gallon	91,600	80%	\$3.27	\$44.67
Natural Gas, therm	100,000	80%	\$1.71	\$21.38
Electricity, kwh	3,412	100%	\$0.14	\$41.35
Wood, cord (green)	22,000,000	60%	\$190.00	\$14.39
Coal, ton	24,000,000	60%	\$285.00	\$19.79
Pellets, ton	16,400,000	80%	\$257.00	\$19.59



NOTE: The Vermont Fuel Price Report is published monthly by the Vermont Department of Public Service. Prices are collected on or about the first Monday of each month and reflect dealer discounts for cash or self-service, except propane prices, which are an average of the credit and discount price. For more information please contact Kelly Launder at 1-800-642-3281 or (802) 828-4039 or by email at kelly.launder@state.vt.us.