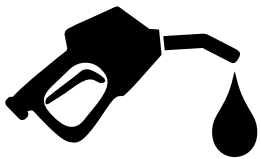# RAC Foundation

Weekly Fuel Facts

Average UK pump prices
As of 30 May 2022
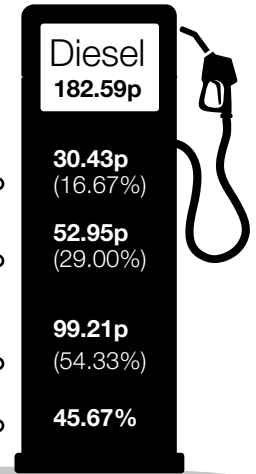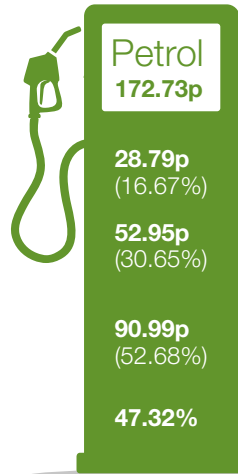
172.73p a litre

Up **3.21p** from last week

182.59p a litre

Up **1.11p** from last week

Breakdown of average UK pump prices
As of 30 May 2022

Petrol 172.73p

- **28.79p** (16.67%) — VAT paid (% of total price)
- **52.95p** (30.65%) — Fuel duty (% of total price)
- **90.99p** (52.68%) — Cost of oil, fuel production and supply, and profit margin (% of total price)
- **47.32%** — % of fuel price which is tax

Diesel 182.59p

- **30.43p** (16.67%) — VAT paid (% of total price)
- **52.95p** (29.00%) — Fuel duty (% of total price)
- **99.21p** (54.33%) — Cost of oil, fuel production and supply, and profit margin (% of total price)
- **45.67%** — % of fuel price which is tax
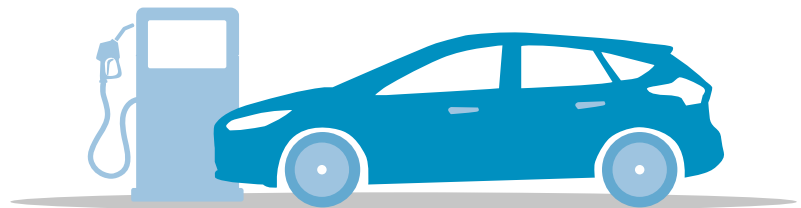
UK Fuel Duty

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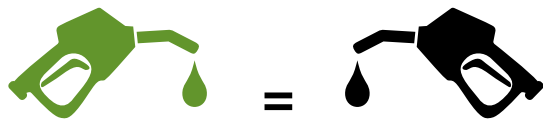
Fuel duty is **52.95p** a litre for both **petrol** and **diesel**

Fuel duty was cut by 5p a litre on **23 March 2022**. Before the cut it had been frozen since March 2011.
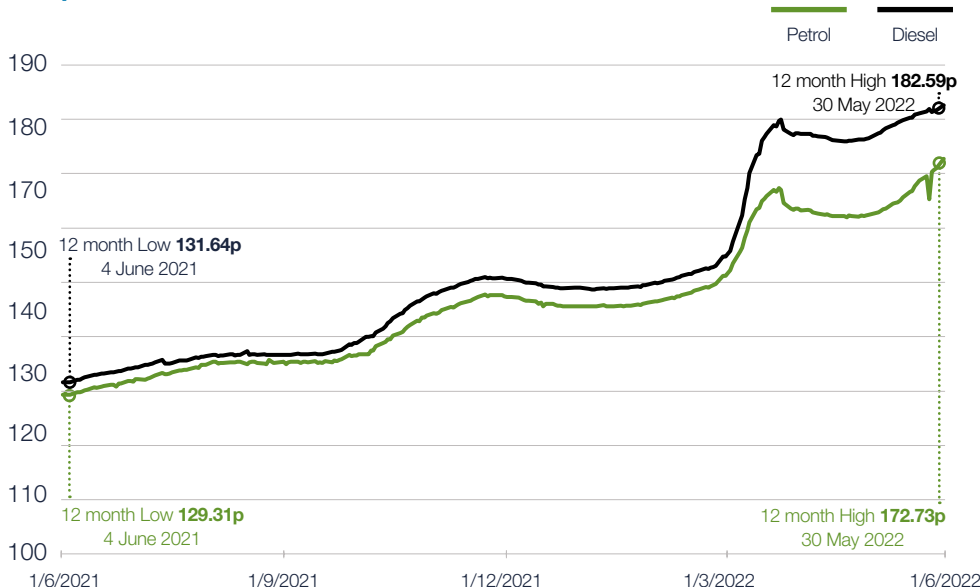
Cost to fill up an average car at the pumps in the UK*

Fuel	Today	One month ago	Six months ago	At the 12 month low
Petrol	£95.00	£89.32	£81.20	£71.12 (4 June 2021)
Diesel	£100.42	£97.06	£82.97	£72.40 (4 June 2021)

* Based on a Ford Focus with a 55 litre (12.1 gallons) fuel tank

Fuel price over the last 12 months

Petrol — Diesel

12 month High **182.59p** 30 May 2022

12 month Low **131.64p** 4 June 2021

12 month Low **129.31p** 4 June 2021

12 month High **172.73p** 30 May 2022

Petrol Record High 172.73p a litre on 30 May 2022

Diesel Record High 182.59p a litre on 30 May 2022

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Oil price over the last 12 months

— Brent Crude Oil ($/barrel) — Brent Crude Oil (£/barrel)

Record High
US$143.63 – 25 July 2008**

12 month Low **$66.08***
19 August 2021

12 month High **$137.72***
8 March 2022

Price per barrel
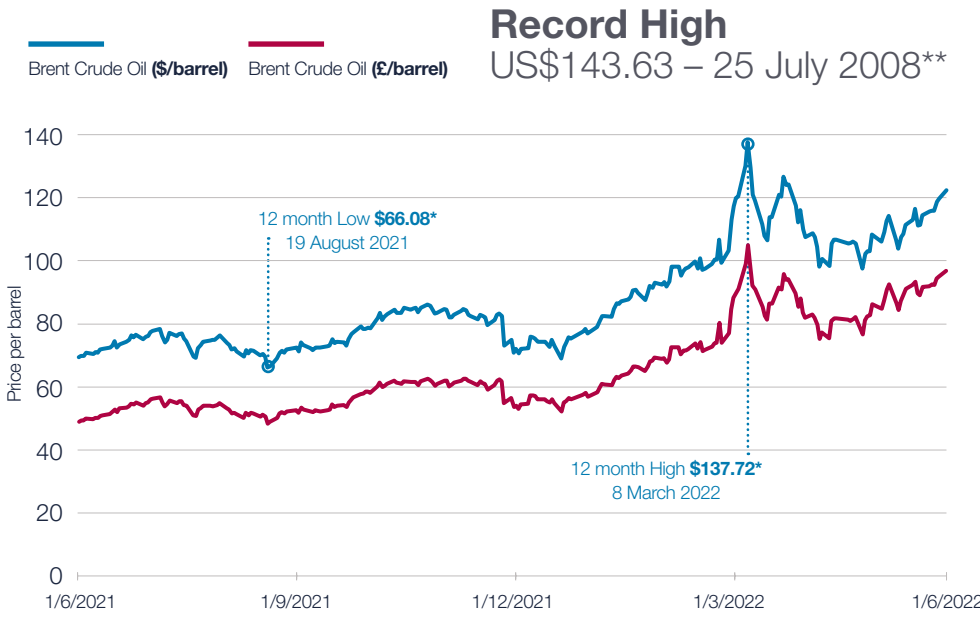
*London closing price **Europe Brent spot price FOB*

Oil price

On **30 May 2022** a barrel of Brent crude oil cost

$122.40 (£96.80)*

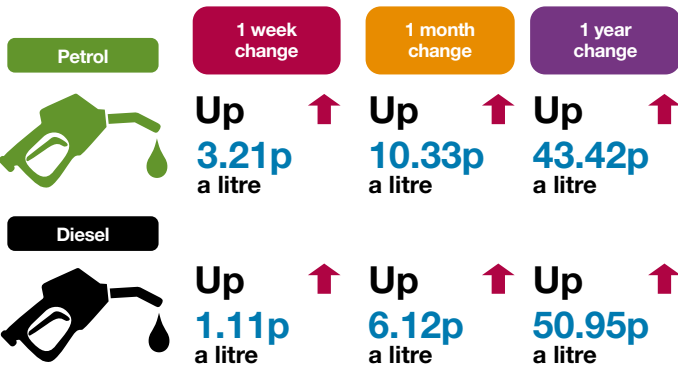**1 week change**
Up
$6.82
a barrel

1 month change
Up
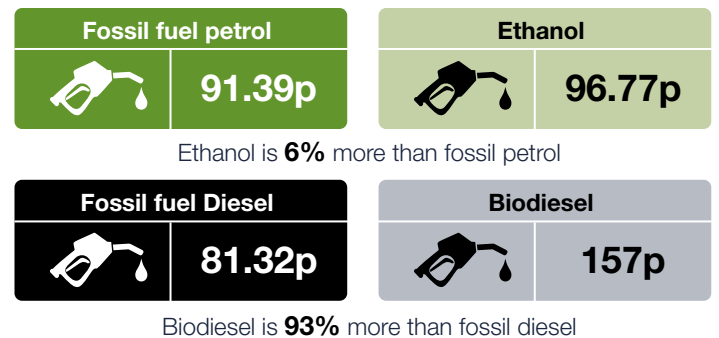**$14.14**
a barrel

1 year change
Up
$53.03
a barrel

*London closing price

UK average pump price change

Petrol

	1 week change	1 month change	1 year change
Petrol	Up 3.21p a litre	Up 10.33p a litre	Up 43.42p a litre
Diesel	Up 1.11p a litre	Up 6.12p a litre	Up 50.95p a litre

Biofuel vs fossil fuel pence per litre today

Based on the relative wholesale costs of petrol and diesel in both biofuel and fossil fuel form

Fossil fuel petrol	Ethanol
91.39p	96.77p

Ethanol is **6%** more than fossil petrol

Fossil fuel Diesel	Biodiesel
81.32p	157p

Biodiesel is **93%** more than fossil diesel

UK vs EU fuel

Petrol			Petrol		
Rank	Country	Price	Rank	Country	Price
1	Finland	£2.01	15	Czechia	£1.59
2	Denmark	£1.96	16	Italy	£1.59
3	Greece	£1.92	17	Lithuania	£1.57
4	Netherlands	£1.89	18	Luxembourg	£1.55
5	Germany	£1.83	19	Austria	£1.53
6	Sweden	£1.77	20	Croatia	£1.53
7	Portugal	£1.71	21	Slovakia	£1.53
8	UK	£1.71	22	Cyprus	£1.42
9	Estonia	£1.69	23	Romania	£1.38
10	Belgium	£1.67	24	Bulgaria	£1.34
11	France	£1.67	25	Poland	£1.34
12	Ireland	£1.64	26	Slovenia	£1.32
13	Spain	£1.64	27	Malta	£1.14
14	Latvia	£1.63	28	Hungary	£1.06

Diesel			Diesel		
Rank	Country	Price	Rank	Country	Price
1	Finland	£1.90	15	Italy	£1.54
2	Sweden	£1.86	16	Croatia	£1.54
3	UK	£1.82	17	Cyprus	£1.54
4	Germany	£1.70	18	Estonia	£1.52
5	Netherlands	£1.66	19	Slovakia	£1.51
6	Denmark	£1.65	20	Lithuania	£1.50
7	Belgium	£1.65	21	Portugal	£1.50
8	Ireland	£1.64	22	Romania	£1.49
9	Latvia	£1.59	23	Luxembourg	£1.44
10	Czechia	£1.59	24	Slovenia	£1.41
11	Greece	£1.58	25	Bulgaria	£1.39
12	Spain	£1.58	26	Poland	£1.32
13	France	£1.57	27	Hungary	£1.20
14	Austria	£1.56	28	Malta	£1.03

Source: European Commission

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