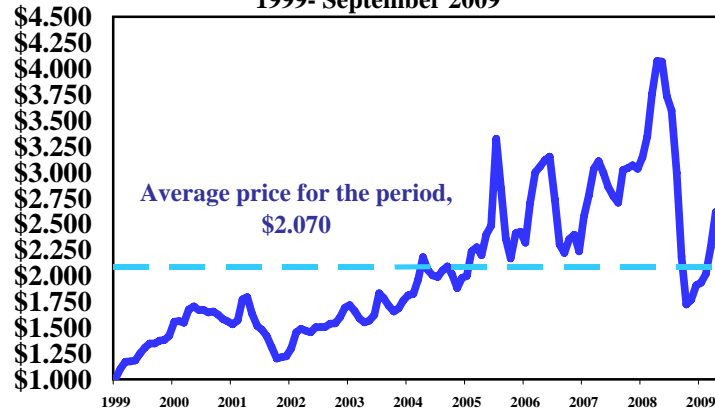




Gasoline Prices in Boston, 1999 to 2009

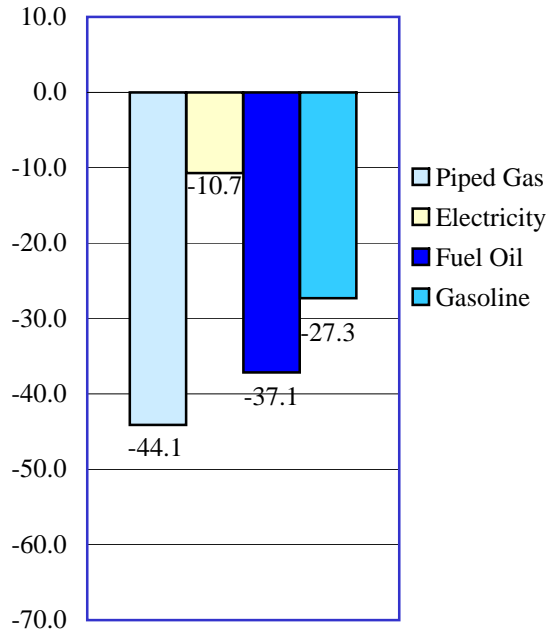
Chart 1. Boston gasoline prices, per gallon, March 1999- September 2009

	Gasoline prices	
	March 1999	September 2009
U.S.		
All types	\$1.048	\$2.626
Unleaded regular	\$0.991	\$2.574
Unleaded premium	\$1.186	\$2.845
Boston		
All types	\$1.013	\$2.619
Unleaded regular	\$0.959	\$2.575
Unleaded premium	\$1.144	\$2.822



Landmark dates (Boston gasoline)		Price
March	1999	\$1.013
June	2001	\$1.795
Dec.	2001	\$1.201
Sept.	2005	\$3.323
Aug.	2006	\$3.149
Feb.	2007	\$2.237
June	2008	\$4.074
Dec.	2008	\$1.723

Over-the-year percent change in Boston energy prices, September 2008-09



- The price of a gallon of gasoline in Boston decreased 4 pennies over the month to \$2.619.
- The price of a gallon of gasoline has averaged \$2.070, from March 1999 to September 2009.
- Gasoline prices have been more volatile in the recent years. Consumers in Boston saw prices increase by 77.2 percent between March 1999 and June 2001. Prices increased dramatically between February 2007 and June 2008 when consumers saw an increase in prices of \$1.837 or 82.1 percent. Meanwhile, prices fell precipitously between August 2006 and February 2007 and have recently fallen dramatically between the June 2008 peak of \$4.074 and the December 2008 trough.
- Boston area motorists paid an average of \$3.594 per gallon in September of last year. Prices at the pump have fallen by 27.3 percent over the year.
- In other energy categories, the price of utility (piped) gas service declined 44.1 percent over the year. The price of electricity fell by 10.7 percent. The price of fuel oil declined 37.1 percent.
- In September, the Boston gasoline (all types) index on the 1982-84 base was 219.352, meaning that Boston area consumers would have to spend \$21.94 for gasoline that cost \$10.00 in 1982-84.

**Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil,
average prices per gallon for gasoline - Boston, MA.**

	Piped Gas 40 Therms	Piped gas 100 Therms	Electricity 500 KWH	Fuel oil #2	Gasoline All types	Gasoline Unleaded Regular	Gasoline Unleaded Premium 1/
2007							
January	80.147	180.758	92.726	2.356	2.396	2.347	2.590
February	75.789	170.017	92.726	2.387	2.237	2.187	2.423
March	75.802	170.064	90.744	2.507	2.573	2.532	2.727
April	75.758	169.945	90.751	2.492	2.770	2.727	2.937
May	60.068	126.690	87.482	2.515	3.033	2.987	3.202
June	62.230	132.079	87.482	2.493	3.107	3.067	3.271
July	62.270	132.161	85.136	2.557	2.994	2.946	3.175
August	61.352	129.988	85.136	2.571	2.856	2.801	3.053
September	60.033	126.638	85.136	2.653	2.767	2.713	2.961
October	58.788	123.689	85.136	2.796	2.706	2.661	2.916
November	73.566	164.003	86.703	3.112	3.021	2.983	3.210
December	73.725	164.428	86.703	3.257	3.040	3.000	3.237
2008							
January	73.876	164.791	89.149	3.373	3.067	3.027	3.266
February	73.779	164.541	89.149	3.367	3.034	2.989	3.247
March	74.977	167.413	88.713	3.725	3.144	3.103	3.340
April	74.939	167.319	88.713	3.940	3.344	3.306	3.528
May	74.824	163.056	90.667	4.238	3.759	3.722	3.945
June	81.207	179.089	90.234	4.570	4.074	4.036	4.255
July	93.876	210.992	93.870	4.627	4.066	4.025	4.259
August	92.319	207.294	93.870	4.121	3.734	3.688	3.948
September	66.133	141.441	93.870	3.918	3.594	3.547	3.816
October	66.232	141.654	95.038	3.504	2.994	2.909	3.235
November	76.356	170.856	96.914	2.972	2.186	2.117	2.494
December	76.389	170.951	96.914	2.622	1.723	1.670	1.964
2009							
January	76.351	170.854	98.628	2.470	1.766	1.722	1.980
February	71.869	159.814	98.628	2.468	1.907	1.861	2.119
March	71.856	159.786	98.244	2.299	1.933	1.891	2.139
April	71.853	159.774	98.244	2.259	2.017	1.975	2.216
May	44.657	87.706	91.893	2.172	2.271	2.234	2.456
June	44.537	87.491	91.893	2.314	2.617	2.579	2.803
July	43.592	84.941	83.915	2.304	2.567	2.524	2.770
August	42.995	83.566	83.939	2.445	2.661	2.620	2.857
September	42.155	81.572	83.931	2.463	2.619	2.575	2.822

1/ Unleaded premium replaced leaded premium in January 1984.

**Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil,
average prices per gallon for gasoline - U.S. City Average**

	Piped Gas 40 Therms	Piped gas 100 Therms	Electricity 500 KWH	Fuel oil #2	Gasoline All types	Gasoline Unleaded Regular	Gasoline Unleaded Premium 1/
2007							
January	55.986	126.568	59.043	2.368	2.321	2.274	2.501
February	55.977	126.488	59.047	2.425	2.333	2.285	2.509
March	57.001	128.906	59.297	2.505	2.639	2.592	2.818
April	56.763	128.324	59.175	2.555	2.909	2.860	3.093
May	57.327	128.872	59.779	2.567	3.176	3.130	3.348
June	57.835	129.922	61.568	2.561	3.100	3.052	3.281
July	57.018	127.919	61.562	2.621	3.013	2.961	3.200
August	54.913	122.701	61.368	2.634	2.833	2.782	3.018
September	54.195	120.904	61.457	2.706	2.839	2.789	3.021
October	54.705	122.110	60.885	2.808	2.843	2.793	3.037
November	56.757	127.507	60.418	3.169	3.118	3.069	3.307
December	57.088	128.131	60.520	3.247	3.069	3.020	3.264
2008							
January	57.151	128.011	61.275	3.337	3.096	3.047	3.291
February	58.628	131.301	61.190	3.338	3.083	3.033	3.272
March	60.477	135.891	61.390	3.699	3.307	3.258	3.502
April	63.244	142.727	62.149	3.875	3.491	3.441	3.690
May	66.368	150.492	62.952	4.185	3.813	3.764	4.003
June	69.348	157.626	65.068	4.589	4.115	4.065	4.319
July	74.245	169.907	66.553	4.649	4.142	4.090	4.350
August	69.814	159.225	67.078	4.217	3.838	3.786	4.045
September	63.942	144.793	66.210	3.952	3.749	3.698	3.940
October	62.062	139.487	65.693	3.535	3.205	3.155	3.404
November	61.122	137.232	64.995	3.003	2.208	2.151	2.433
December	60.572	135.442	65.497	2.637	1.742	1.689	1.951
2009							
January	59.255	131.977	66.148	2.509	1.838	1.787	2.036
February	57.118	126.739	66.200	2.451	1.979	1.928	2.182
March	54.865	121.194	65.885	2.319	2.000	1.949	2.197
April	51.479	112.297	65.618	2.354	2.107	2.056	2.309
May	48.814	105.288	65.446	2.344	2.314	2.265	2.511
June	49.362	106.350	66.268	2.449	2.681	2.631	2.883
July	49.887	107.516	65.890	2.452	2.594	2.543	2.806
August	49.361	106.126	65.743	2.559	2.677	2.627	2.887
September	48.165	103.198	65.958	2.553	2.626	2.574	2.845

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