



California's \$6 Gas Prices Indicate Energy Crunch Intensifies

Description

The price of 87-octane gasoline in California is now over \$6 per gallon. This is because of a global energy problem linked to the war in Iran. California has the highest gas prices in the United States. The average national price is about \$4.30 per gallon.

In October 2023, gas prices in California were \$4.64 per gallon. Now, diesel fuel costs an average of \$7.48 per gallon. This is much higher than last year when it was \$4.98.

On a national level, gasoline prices stay above \$4 for a month, reaching \$4.30. Diesel prices are around \$5.49 and are still below the highest price of \$5.69 from early April.

The price of oil has also gone up. West Texas Intermediate oil is nearly \$110.50 per barrel. Brent oil has reached over \$126. The rise in oil prices is due to uncertainty about peace talks between the U.S. and Iran.

Experts say gas prices may rise even more soon. Many people may change their buying habits because of these high prices.

Vocabulary List:

1. **octane** /'ɒk,tetn/ (noun): a number that shows fuel quality
2. **gasoline** /'gæsə,li:n/ (noun): liquid fuel used to power many cars
3. **diesel** /'di:zəl/ (noun): heavy fuel used in trucks and some cars
4. **global** /'glɒbəl/ (adjective): relating to the whole world or worldwide
5. **linked** /lɪŋkt/ (verb): connected to something else or caused by
6. **uncertainty** /ʌn'sɜːnti/ (noun): not being sure about what will happen

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the price of 87-octane gasoline in California as mentioned in the text?

Option: \$4.30

Option: \$6.00



Option: \$7.48

Option: \$5.69

2. What was the average national price for gasoline in October 2023?

Option: \$4.30

Option: \$4.64

Option: \$5.49

Option: \$7.48

3. How much does diesel fuel cost on average in California?

Option: \$4.98

Option: \$5.49

Option: \$7.48

Option: \$6.00

4. What is the highest price for diesel mentioned in the text?

Option: \$5.49

Option: \$5.69

Option: \$4.98

Option: \$7.48

5. What is the price of West Texas Intermediate oil per barrel?

Option: \$100.50

Option: \$110.50

Option: \$126.00

Option: \$4.30

6. What is the approximate price of Brent oil mentioned in the text?

Option: \$100

Option: \$110.50

Option: \$126

Option: \$4.30

True-False

7. California has the lowest gas prices in the United States.

8. Diesel prices in California are higher than gasoline prices.



9. In October 2023, the price for gasoline in California was lower than the national average.
10. Gas prices may rise even more according to experts.
11. The price of Brent oil has decreased to below \$110.
12. Last year, the average price of diesel fuel was \$4.98 per gallon.

Gap-Fill

13. The price of 87-octane gasoline in California is now over \$6 per gallon due to _____
global energy problem.
14. California has the highest gas prices in the _____ States.
15. Diesel fuel costs an average of \$7.48 per gallon, which is much higher than last _____
when it was \$4.98.
16. Experts say gas prices may rise even more due to _____ regarding peace talks.
17. The average national price for gasoline is about _____ per gallon.
18. The price of oil has also gone _____ recently.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. \$6.00 2. \$4.64 3. \$7.48 4. \$5.69 5. \$110.50 6. \$126

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. a 14. United 15. year 16. uncertainty 17. \$4.30 18. up

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the primary purpose of octane in gasoline?



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- Option: Increase fuel efficiency
Option: Enhance flavor
Option: Reduce emissions
Option: Improve color
2. Which of the following vehicles typically uses diesel fuel?
Option: Gasoline cars
Option: Bicycles
Option: Large trucks
Option: Electric cars
3. Which event caused significant disruptions in global transportation?
Option: World War II
Option: The Great Depression
Option: The pandemic
Option: The Industrial Revolution
4. What type of vehicle is powered by electricity rather than gasoline or diesel?
Option: Hybrid vehicle
Option: Electric vehicle
Option: Gasoline vehicle
Option: Diesel vehicle
5. What economic concept refers to the amount of a product available in the market?
Option: Demand
Option: Deficit
Option: Supply
Option: Equilibrium
6. In government, what is the title given to a person who oversees a particular department?
Option: Governor
Option: Commissioner
Option: Mayor
Option: Senator
7. What term describes the movement of people or goods from one place to another?
Option: Transportation
Option: Manufacturing
Option: Production
Option: Distribution
8. What is a partnership or union formed for mutual benefit called?
Option: Alliance



- Option: Conflict
- Option: Independence
- Option: Rivalry

9. What profession represents clients in legal matters?

- Option: Doctor
- Option: Engineer
- Option: Lawyer
- Option: Accountant

10. What is the act of giving money or goods to help a charity or cause?

- Option: Payment
- Option: Donation
- Option: Compensation
- Option: Transaction

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Most vehicles on the road today rely on _____ as their primary fuel source.
12. The report was presented in a standard _____ to facilitate understanding.
13. The company decided to _____ for additional services provided to customers.
14. She _____ on receiving a full explanation before making a decision.
15. The price of diesel has _____ in the last year due to increased demand.
16. The patient required _____ to address the health issue.
17. After many years of service, he finally _____ from his job in the company.
18. The study provided a _____ overview of the economic situation.
19. The market's _____ led to cautious investment strategies.
20. The company is _____ its operations to meet growing consumer demand.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The two events were linked, showing a clear cause-and-effect relationship.



22. The car was damaged in the accident and required extensive repairs.
23. Education is considered a primary concern for all societies aiming for progress.
24. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the event was cancelled without rescheduling.
25. Many people rely on public transportation for their daily commutes.
26. The countries formed an alliance to address shared security concerns.
27. Electric vehicles are becoming increasingly popular in urban areas.
28. Transportation infrastructure is critical for economic growth and development.
29. The commissioner presented new policies for environmental protection.
30. Diesel engines are known for their fuel efficiency and torque.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Increase fuel efficiency 2. Large trucks 3. The pandemic 4. Electric vehicle 5. Supply 6. Commissioner 7. Transportation 8. Alliance 9. Lawyer 10. Donation

Gap-Fill: 11. gasoline 12. metric 13. charge 14. insisted 15. doubled 16. surgery 17. retired 18. comprehensive 19. uncertainty 20. expanding

Matching sentence: 1. linked 2. damaged 3. primary 4. cancelled 5. rely 6. alliance 7. vehicles 8. transportation 9. commissioner 10. diesel

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