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Weekly Fuel Facts

Average UK pump prices

As of 18 May 2026

158.40p a litre

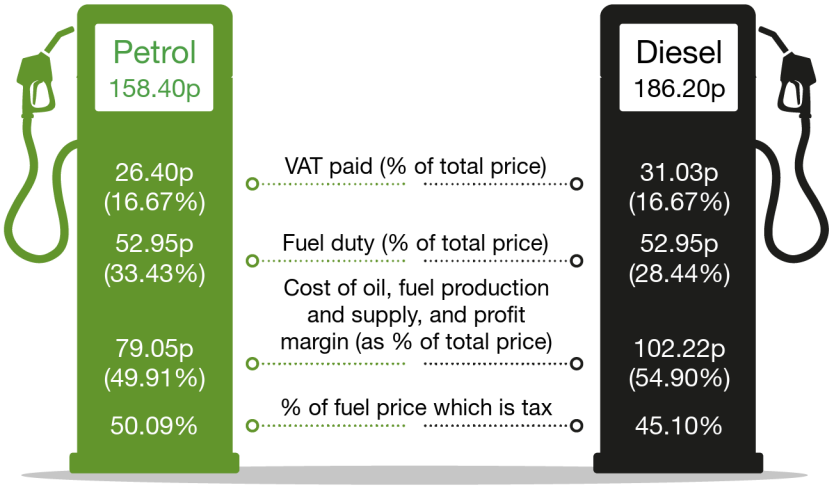
Up 0.5p from last week

186.20p a litre

Down 1.8p from last week

Breakdown of average UK pump prices

As of 18 May 2026



UK Fuel Duty

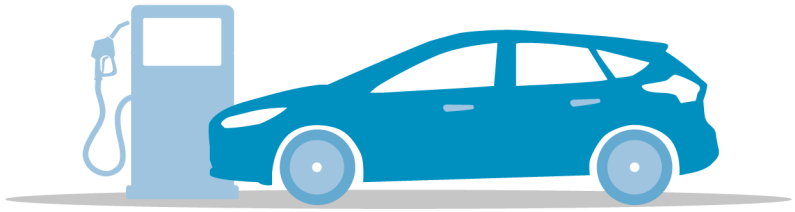
Fuel duty is **52.95p** a litre

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.

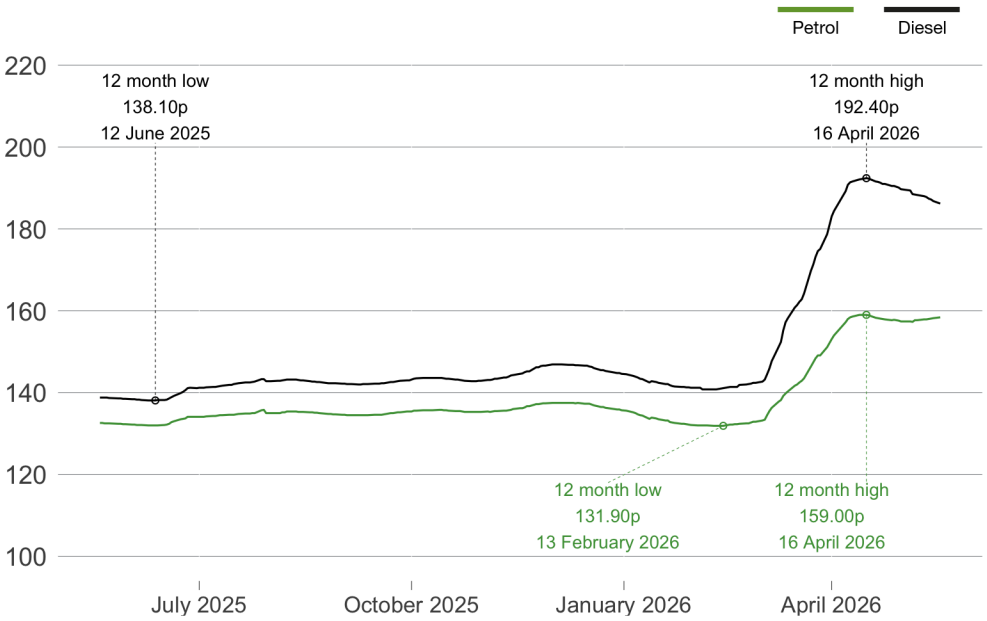
Cost to fill up an average car at the pumps in the UK*



Fuel	Today	One month ago	Six months ago	At the 12 month low
Petrol	£87.12	£87.39	£74.91	£72.54 (13 February 2026)
Diesel	£102.41	£105.76	£79.53	£75.96 (12 June 2025)

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

Fuel price over the last 12 months



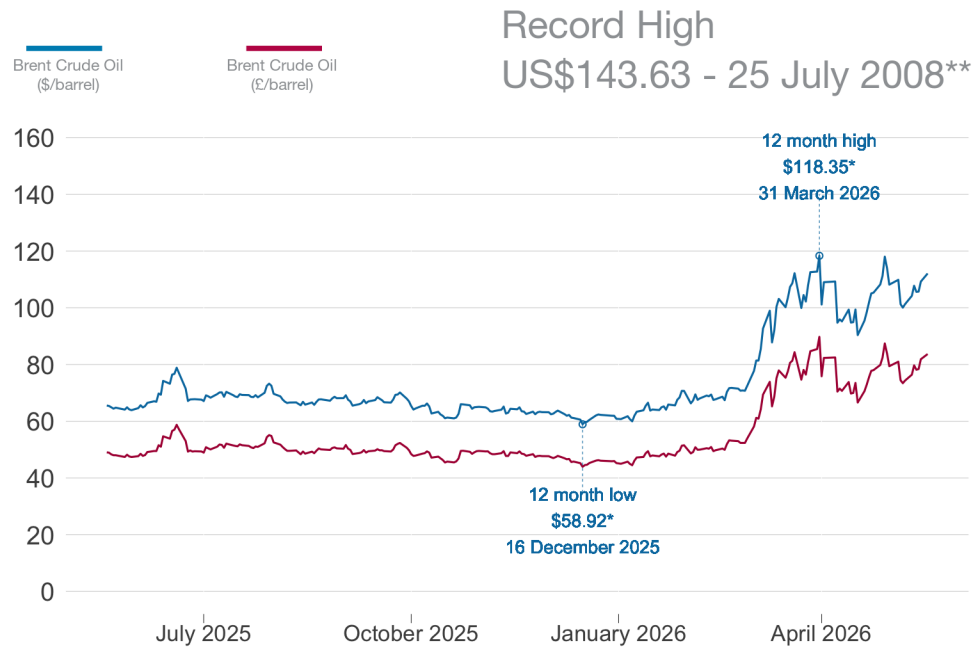
Petrol Record High

191.53p a litre on 4 July 2022

Diesel Record High

199.05p a litre on 1 July 2022

Oil price over the last 12 months



*London closing price **Europe Brent spot price FOB

Oil price

On 18 May 2026 a barrel of Brent crude oil cost

$112.10* (£83.69)



1 week change: Up $7.89 a barrel

1 month change: Up $21.72 a barrel

1 year change: Up $46.56 a barrel

*London closing price

UK average pump price change

	1 week change	1 month change	1 year change
Petrol	Up 0.50p a litre	Down 0.50p a litre	Up 25.80p a litre
Diesel	Down 1.80p a litre	Down 6.10p a litre	Up 47.40p 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
71.1p	75.4p

Ethanol is 6% more than fossil petrol

Fossil fuel diesel	Biodiesel
79.7p	100p

Biodiesel is 25% more than fossil diesel

UK vs EU fuel

Petrol		
Rank	Country	Price
1	Netherlands	£2.02
2	Denmark	£1.99
3	Finland	£1.85
4	Greece	£1.81
5	France	£1.80
6	Germany	£1.74
7	Portugal	£1.71
8	Belgium	£1.68
9	Italy	£1.67
10	Latvia	£1.59
11	UK	£1.58
12	Ireland	£1.57
13	Austria	£1.55
14	Lithuania	£1.55

Petrol		
Rank	Country	Price
15	Luxembourg	£1.55
16	Slovakia	£1.53
17	Romania	£1.52
18	Czechia	£1.51
19	Estonia	£1.51
20	Croatia	£1.47
21	Hungary	£1.45
22	Sweden	£1.45
23	Slovenia	£1.44
24	Cyprus	£1.35
25	Spain	£1.33
26	Bulgaria	£1.29
27	Poland	£1.28
28	Malta	£1.16

Diesel		
Rank	Country	Price
1	Finland	£2.04
2	Netherlands	£1.99
3	Denmark	£1.90
4	UK	£1.88
5	Belgium	£1.87
6	France	£1.86
7	Italy	£1.74
8	Germany	£1.70
9	Portugal	£1.70
10	Ireland	£1.69
11	Lithuania	£1.69
12	Latvia	£1.69
13	Austria	£1.65
14	Sweden	£1.63

Diesel		
Rank	Country	Price
15	Cyprus	£1.61
16	Estonia	£1.60
17	Croatia	£1.60
18	Greece	£1.59
19	Luxembourg	£1.59
20	Romania	£1.59
21	Slovakia	£1.53
22	Bulgaria	£1.51
23	Czechia	£1.51
24	Hungary	£1.51
25	Slovenia	£1.50
26	Spain	£1.48
27	Poland	£1.40
28	Malta	£1.05

Source: European Commission (11 May 2026)