

## EIA-878

### MOTOR GASOLINE PRICE SURVEY

#### **YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW**

Response to the Form EIA-878 is mandatory pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) for the scientifically selected sample of companies selling gasoline at retail outlets. Companies sampled are notified in writing or by phone in advance.

#### **PURPOSE**

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form EIA-878, *Motor Gasoline Price Survey*, is a mandatory survey consisting of two parts: Schedules A and B. Schedule A is designed to collect data on the cash, pump price (including taxes) of self-serve, unleaded gasoline, by grade of gasoline. Schedule B is designed to collect total annual sales volume for each grade of gasoline sold at newly sampled stations during a full calendar year. Schedule B is not conducted each year, and the data collected are strictly for internal statistical purposes and are not published.

The data collected on Schedule A are used to calculate average gasoline prices at the national, regional, and select state and city levels across all grades and formulations. These data are point-in-time estimates as of 8:00 a.m. Monday.

#### **RESPONSE DUE DATE**

**Schedule A:** The data are collected on Monday of each week by telephone, except for Federal holidays, in which case, the data are collected on the following Tuesday.

**Schedule B:** The data are collected on a one-time basis for newly sampled outlets. This data must be reported within 10 days of receiving official notice of selection.

#### **HOW TO FILE A RESPONSE**

**Schedule A:** EIA personnel collect the data by telephone. Respondents are required to provide the data when contacted. Companies preferring to report by other electronic means should contact the toll-free number 1-877-267-2879 in advance to make arrangements.

**Schedule B:** Report data on the form provided to your station/company.

#### **Data Submission Methods:**

By Secure File Transfer:	<a href="https://signon.eia.doe.gov/upload/form/878">https://signon.eia.doe.gov/upload/form/878</a>
By Fax:	919-541-8812, ATTN: EIA-878 Schedule B
By Mail:	U.S. Department of Energy (EI-23) c/o RTI International ATTN: Cox Building – FDC (Gas Price Survey) P O Box 12194 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194

## QUESTIONS

Please contact the EIA Survey Support Team using the following communication methods:

By email: [eia4usa@eia.gov](mailto:eia4usa@eia.gov)

By phone: 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) [Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM E.T.]

## SANCTIONS

The timely submission of Form EIA-878 by those required to report is mandatory under 15 USC 772(b), as amended. Failure to respond may result in a civil penalty of not more than \$12,937 per day for each violation. The government may bring a civil action to prohibit reporting violations which may result in a temporary restraining order or a preliminary or permanent injunction without bond. In such civil action, the court may also issue mandatory injunctions commanding any person to comply with these reporting requirements. Title 18 U.S.C. 1001 makes it a criminal offense for any person knowingly and willingly to make to any Agency or Department of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

## REPORTING BURDEN

Respondents are not required to file or reply to any Federal collection of information unless it has a valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6.5 minutes per response, including the time of reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information including suggestions for reducing this burden to: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Office of Statistical Methods & Research, EI-21, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

## DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

The information you provide on Form EIA-878 will be used for statistical purposes only and is confidential by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your consent. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data. Every EIA employee, as well as every agent, is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both if he or she makes public ANY identifiable information you reported.

## SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

### SCHEDULE A., PART 1. IDENTIFICATION DATA

At the time of respondent initiation, the identification information will be verified with the company. Should any of this information change after initiation, report the change the next data collection time. If the outlet is sold to another company, this change should also be reported.

Indicate the month, day, and year (e.g., November 8, 2024, is: Month 11 Day 08 Year 24) of the price in the "Prices for" area. Prices are as of Monday 8:00 a.m. local time.

## **SCHEDULE A., PART 2. PRICE DATA**

The reported prices should be the cash pump price for self-serve unleaded gasoline. If the station does not offer self-serve, then report the cash price for mini-serve (if available) or full serve. If the station does not accept cash, then report the credit card price.

If the station sells more than one type of the same grade of gasoline, please list the octane rating and ethanol content. Prices for motor gasoline containing more than 15% ethanol are currently out of scope for this survey.

## **SCHEDULE B., PART 1. IDENTIFICATION DATA**

Please provide up-to-date station and contact information. The preparer or contact person must be able to verify all the information submitted and answer any questions concerning the information reported on EIA-878 Schedule B.

## **SCHEDULE B., PART 2. STATION STATUS**

Provide your station's current operating status. If your station was sold, please provide the contact information of the new owner.

Report whether there is a difference between cash and credit prices for motor gasoline at your station. Report the number of vehicles that can pump motor gasoline at once at your station.

## **SCHEDULE B., PART 3. ANNUAL RETAIL MOTOR GASOLINE SALES DATA**

Select the octane rating and ethanol content for each grade of gasoline sold at your station. Report annual sales volumes in actual gallons for each grade of gasoline sold at your station. Annual refers to the last full calendar or fiscal year. If the sales volume is zero or blank for any grade, please select a reason.

If your sales volume does not represent a full calendar or fiscal year, please enter the dates the sales volume represent.

Regular grade has an octane rating greater than or equal to 85 and less than 88. Midgrade gasoline has an octane rating greater than or equal to 88 and less than 91. Premium gasoline has an octane rating greater than or equal to 91. Note: Octane requirements may vary by altitude.

## **SCHEDULE B., PART 4. COMMENTS**

Describe any unusual or substantially different aspects of your station that affected data reporting. Provide any feedback that could improve this form.

**STATE ABBREVIATIONS**

AL - Alabama  
AR - Arkansas  
CO - Colorado  
CT - Connecticut  
DE - Delaware  
DC - District of Columbia  
FL - Florida  
GA - Georgia  
ID - Idaho  
IL - Illinois  
IN - Indiana  
IA - Iowa  
KS - Kansas  
KY - Kentucky  
ME - Maine  
MD - Maryland  
MA - Massachusetts  
MI - Michigan  
MN - Minnesota  
MS - Mississippi  
MO - Missouri  
MT - Montana  
NE - Nebraska  
NH - New Hampshire  
NJ - New Jersey  
NY - New York  
NC - North Carolina  
ND - North Dakota  
OH - Ohio  
OK - Oklahoma  
PA - Pennsylvania  
RI - Rhode Island  
SD - South Dakota  
TN - Tennessee  
TX - Texas  
UT - Utah  
VT - Vermont  
VA - Virginia  
WI - Wisconsin