

PETROL PRICES 1896 TO PRESENT  
(average price per gallon per year + tax content)

The **AA** Motoring Trust

Year	4*Equiv.		Unleaded		Diesel		Super Unleaded	
	Cost	Tax%	Cost	Tax%	Cost	Tax%	Cost	Tax%
	(old pence 240d to £1)							
1896	9.00							
1903	11.00							
1904	10.00							
1905	10.00							
1906	12.25							
1907	13.50							
1908	11.20							
1909	13.50	21.42%						
1910	12.75	24.00%						
1911	12.75	23.50%						
1912	16.75	17.90%						
1913	21.00	14.28%						
1914	20.00	15.00%						
1915	25.50	24.00%						
1916	34.00	17.60%						
1917	43.00	13.90%						
1918	43.50	13.79%						
1919	37.75	15.89%						
1920	48.20							
1921	35.50							
1922	24.00							
1923	19.50							
1924	20.33							
1926	18.00							
1927	14.50							
1928	14.50							
1929	18.75	21.33%						
1930	16.50	24.24%						
1931	15.50	45.16%						
1932	19.50	41.03%						
1933	17.50	45.70%						
1934	17.00	47.05%						
1935	18.00	44.50%						
1936	19.00	42.10%						
1937	19.00	42.10%						
1938	19.00	47.37%						
1939	20.37	44.20%						
1940	24.00	41.70%						
1942	25.50	41.60%						
1945	24.00	37.50%						
1947	24.25	37.11%						
1948	25.00	36.00%						
1949	25.75	34.95%						
1950	36.25	49.65%						
1951	39.75	47.80%						
1952	51.00	62.74%						
1953	53.45	56.13%						
1954	53.50	56.07%						
1955	54.50	55.04%						
1956	64.00	56.25%						
1957	61.00	52.00%						
1958	56.33	53.28%						
1959	Unavailable							
1960	55.83	53.73%						
1961	58.50	56.41%						
1962	58.50	56.41%						
1963	57.00	57.89%						
1964	60.50	59.50%						
1965	62.00	53.22%						
1966	65.00	60.00%						

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1967	65.00	66.15%							
1968	74.00	63.51%							
1969	78.00	69.23%							
1970	80.00	67.50%							
	<b>Decimalisation</b>								
	<b>(new pence - 100p to £1)</b>								
1971	34.25	65.69%							
1972	35.25	63.83%							
1973	38.70	58.14%							
1974	49.60	51.56%							
1975	73.20	50.73%							
1976	77.00	50.00%							
1977	78.20	49.60%							
1978	76.50	50.40%							
1979	98.25	46.95%							
1980	128.50	45.20%							
1981	160.00	52.45%							
1982	164.00	55.50%							
1983	176.00	54.55%							
1984	187.05	54.66%							
1985	199.80	54.00%							
1986	179.36	61.25%							
1987	170.05	64.85%			157.80	60.25%			
1988	171.65	56.80%	167.00	61.10%	156.30	62.90%			
1989	185.80	63.80%	175.10	59.25%	163.20	61.25%			
1990	213.50	59.40%	194.40	58.65%	190.30	59.15%			
1991	228.10	67.70%	209.40	61.55%	204.80	59.45%			
1992	227.10	70.00%	209.50	65.55%	208.35	64.50%			
1993	247.49	70.12%	225.22	67.13%	225.29	65.73%			
1994	259.54	74.41%	235.02	69.64%	235.17	68.75%	253.21	69.54%	
1995	273.40	75.41%	246.38	73.17%	246.63	73.08%	267.71	73.14%	
1996	279.31	78.83%	257.57	76.10%	260.74	75.36%	286.69	74.55%	
1997	305.73	79.35%	281.74	77.14%	283.08	76.80%	322.60	76.34%	
1998	323.00	83.10%	296.28	81.48%	298.23	82.26%	354.49	77.43%	
1999	351.69	82.55%	320.88	81.14%	330.13	82.92%	376.22	76.48%	
2000	389.00	74.84%	367.19	75.07%	372.87	74.78%			
2001	368.93	72.72%	349.03	75.33%	357.43	73.84%			
2002	359.00	73.31%	337.91	76.56%	346.53	75.03%			
2003	368.40	71.93%	348.07	75.26%	356.18	73.92%			
2004	391.38	69.66%	367.63	73.18%	374.82	72.08%			
2005			396.53	68.89%	414.95	66.50%	423.83	65.41%	

Notes:

1. Tax (fuel duty) was introduced in 1909, suspended in 1919 (when car tax was introduced) and reintroduced in 1928.
2. There are no costs for 4\* Equiv (or LRP) for 2005 as this fuel was becoming increasingly unavailable. We have been able to source prices for Super Unleaded again which have been included.