

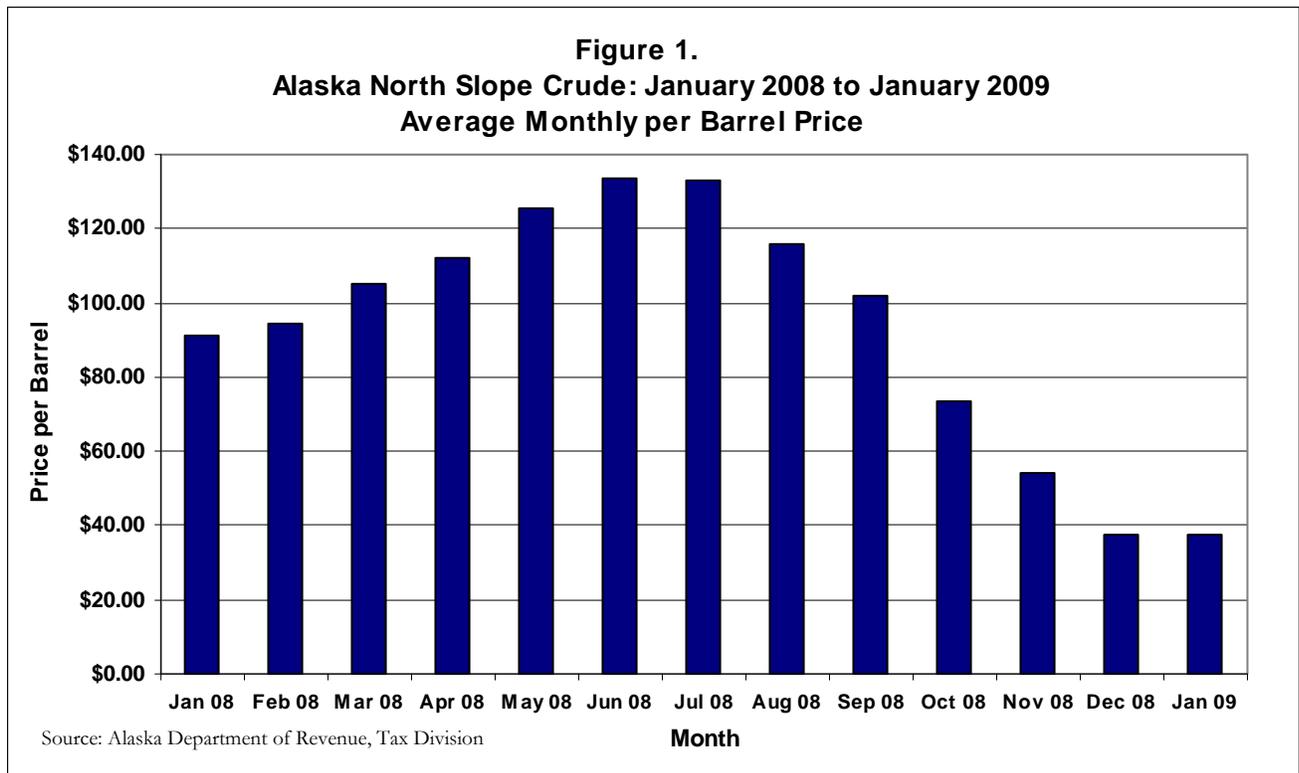


# DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR

## CURRENT COMMUNITY CONDITIONS: FUEL PRICES ACROSS ALASKA

FEBRUARY 2009 UPDATE

### INTRODUCTION



In December 2008, the price of Alaskan North Slope (ANS) crude dropped to \$37.70, its lowest price since June 2004. This drop continued in January 2009, and prices fell to \$37.38. This is markedly lower than the price six months earlier in June 2008, when ANS crude oil reached a record average monthly price of \$133.78 per barrel (Figure 1). The national average price of gasoline dropped 55 percent from its peak of \$4.05 per gallon in mid-July to \$1.84 at the end of January. Similarly, national average heating fuel prices have dropped 36 percent since October

2008, from \$3.66 to \$2.36<sup>1</sup> per gallon. Alaska has not experienced the same level of decline. Due to transportation issues, many remote rural Alaska communities purchased most or all of this winter's fuel at peak prices during June and July. These communities are unlikely to see price relief until the middle of 2009.

During February 2009, the Division of Community & Regional Affairs (DCRA) repeated a statewide survey of retail heating fuel and gasoline prices in a cross-section of 100 select Alaska communities, first initiated during 2005 (*Community Conditions: Fuel Prices Across Alaska*). This report, *Current Community Conditions: Fuel Prices Across Alaska, February 2009 Update*, summarizes fuel survey findings, discusses changes in fuel prices during the recent past, and provides a current and historical perspective on fluctuating fuel prices. This report details fuel prices in each community on the date of contact.

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## METHODOLOGY

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The DCRA Research and Analysis Section and Local Government Assistance Section, developed the survey and selected a community sample during 2005. Communities were strategically selected to represent differing socioeconomic conditions and all Alaska regions, including the Interior, North Slope, South Coastal, Southeast, and Western regions. Selected communities had also generally been the recipient of an Alaska Energy Authority bulk fuel project during the recent past.

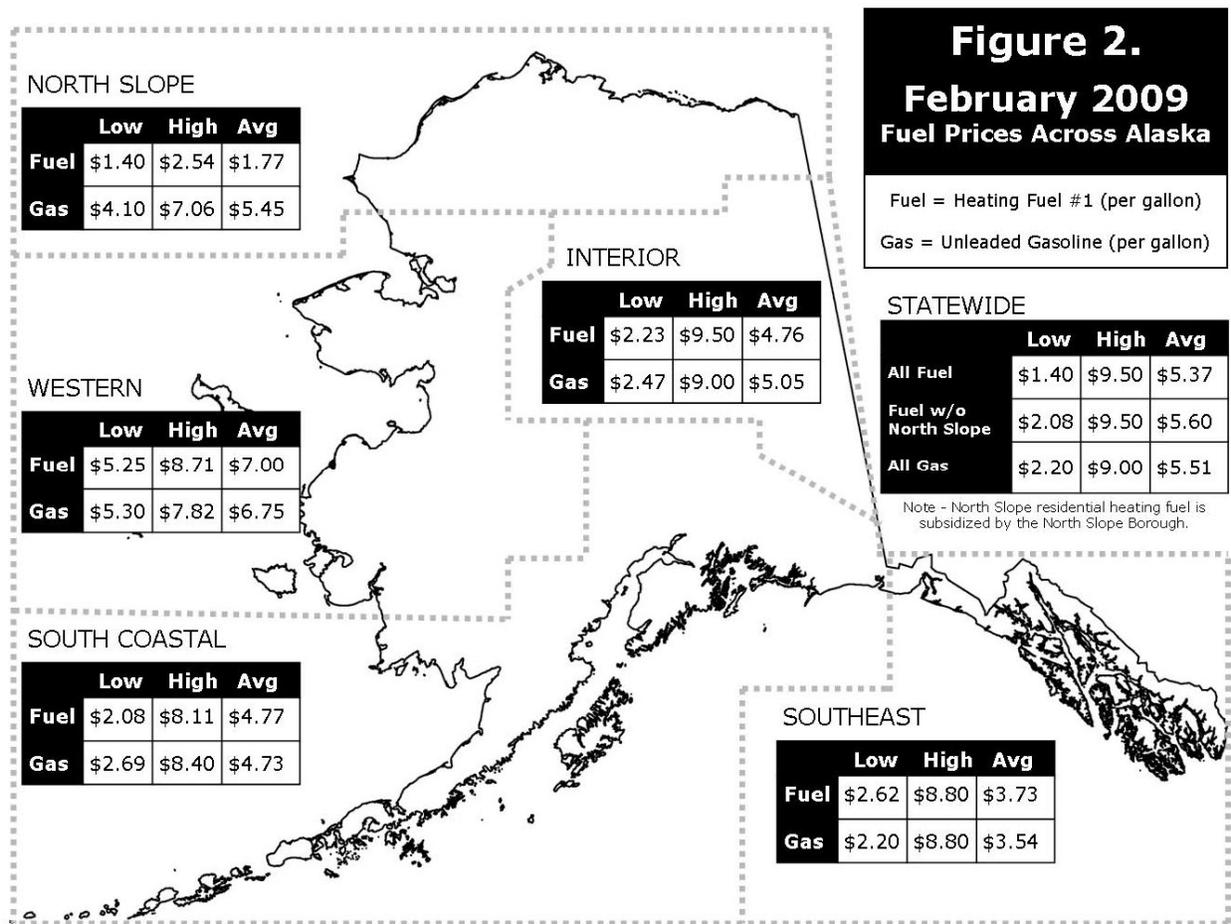
Since a non-probability sampling method was utilized, this survey is considered a non-scientific study with results not generalizable to the entire population of rural Alaska. To accurately and consistently track longitudinal changes in fuel prices, the 2005 survey and community sample were used to collect 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 fuel information – the communities and core questionnaire items remained the same from 2005 to 2009.

DCRA Research and Analysis staff conducted a survey between February 3 - 6, 2009. In total, local fuel retailers serving 100 communities were contacted (via telephone) and asked to provide current heating fuel (#1) and gasoline per gallon prices. Survey results are one-time measurements and representative of retail fuel prices on the particular day of contact. Heating fuel and gasoline prices may have changed between the time of contact and publishing of this report.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: United States Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration. Note: Heating fuel prices are only recorded from October to March. Gasoline prices are recorded year-round.

## CURRENT FUEL PRICES ACROSS ALASKA



Average heating fuel prices per gallon vary across Alaska by region (Figure 2). Western Alaska communities report the highest average heating fuel retail price at \$7.00 per gallon, while North Slope communities report the lowest average retail price at \$1.77 per gallon. Of noteworthy importance, the North Slope Borough provides free heating fuel for residential use through village corporations, who distribute fuel to residents throughout the borough, charging only a delivery fee on a per gallon basis. The North Slope Borough does not subsidize heating fuel for commercial use. Consequently, the retail price of heating fuel for commercial entities is significantly higher than for residences (Table 1). Compared to other regions, excluding the North Slope, Southeast communities experience the lowest heating fuel prices, at an average price of \$3.73 per gallon.

**Table 1. North Slope Heating Fuel (#1) and Gasoline Retail Prices**

Community	Community Retailer	Heating Fuel Retail Price		Gasoline Retail Price
		Residential	Commercial	
Anaktuvuk Pass	Nunamiut Corporation	\$1.55	\$9.20	\$6.50
Atqasuk	Atqasuk Corporation	\$1.40	\$4.10	\$4.10
Barrow	BUEC, Inc.	Natural Gas	\$5.78	\$4.70
Kaktovik	Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation	\$2.00	\$6.95	\$4.90
Nuiqsut	Kuukpik Corporation	\$2.54	\$3.95	\$4.95
Point Hope	Tigara Corporation	\$1.65	\$6.35	\$5.95
Wainwright	Olgoonik Corporation	\$1.50	\$7.83	\$7.06

To accurately summarize statewide heating fuel prices, it is appropriate to exclude North Slope Region communities because of the North Slope Borough subsidy for residential use heating fuel. The Arctic Village Traditional Council in Arctic Village (Interior Region) reports the highest heating fuel retail price at \$9.50 per gallon (see Appendix). In contrast, Homer Run Oil in Homer (South Coastal Region) reports the lowest heating fuel retail price at \$2.08 per gallon. On average, excluding North Slope Region communities, heating fuel retails for \$5.60 per gallon across the 93 surveyed Alaska communities.

As Figure 2 illustrates, average gasoline prices per gallon also vary across Alaska by region. Western Region communities report the highest average gasoline retail price at \$6.75 per gallon while Southeast communities report the lowest average retail price at \$3.73 per gallon. Statewide retail prices indicate significant variation in gasoline retail price. Specifically, the Arctic Village Traditional Council in Arctic Village (Interior Region) reports the highest gasoline prices at \$9.00 per gallon. In contrast, Fred Meyer Gas in Juneau (Southeast Region) reports the lowest gasoline retail price at \$2.20 per gallon. On average, gasoline retails for \$5.51 per gallon across 99 Alaska communities.

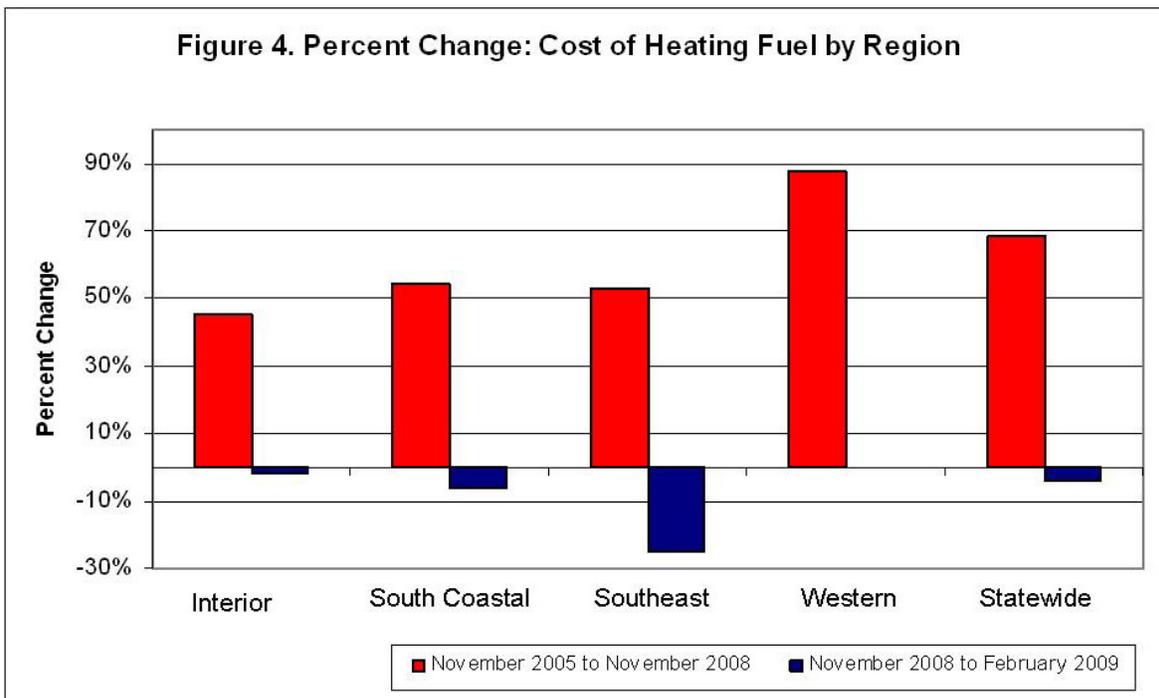
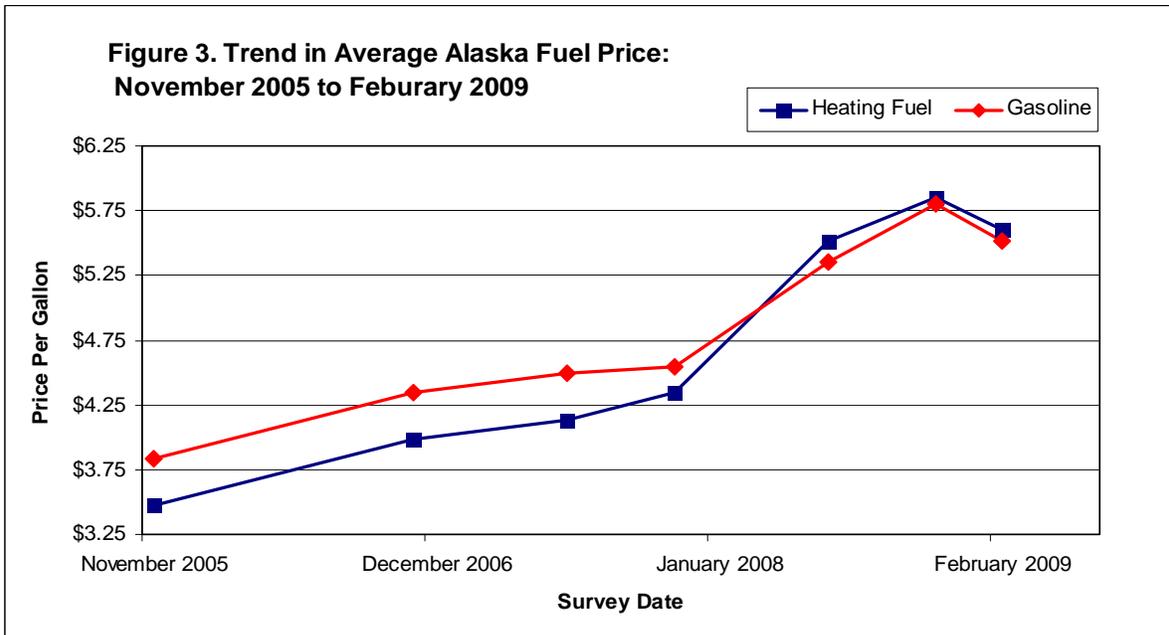
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## CHANGE IN FUEL PRICES ACROSS ALASKA

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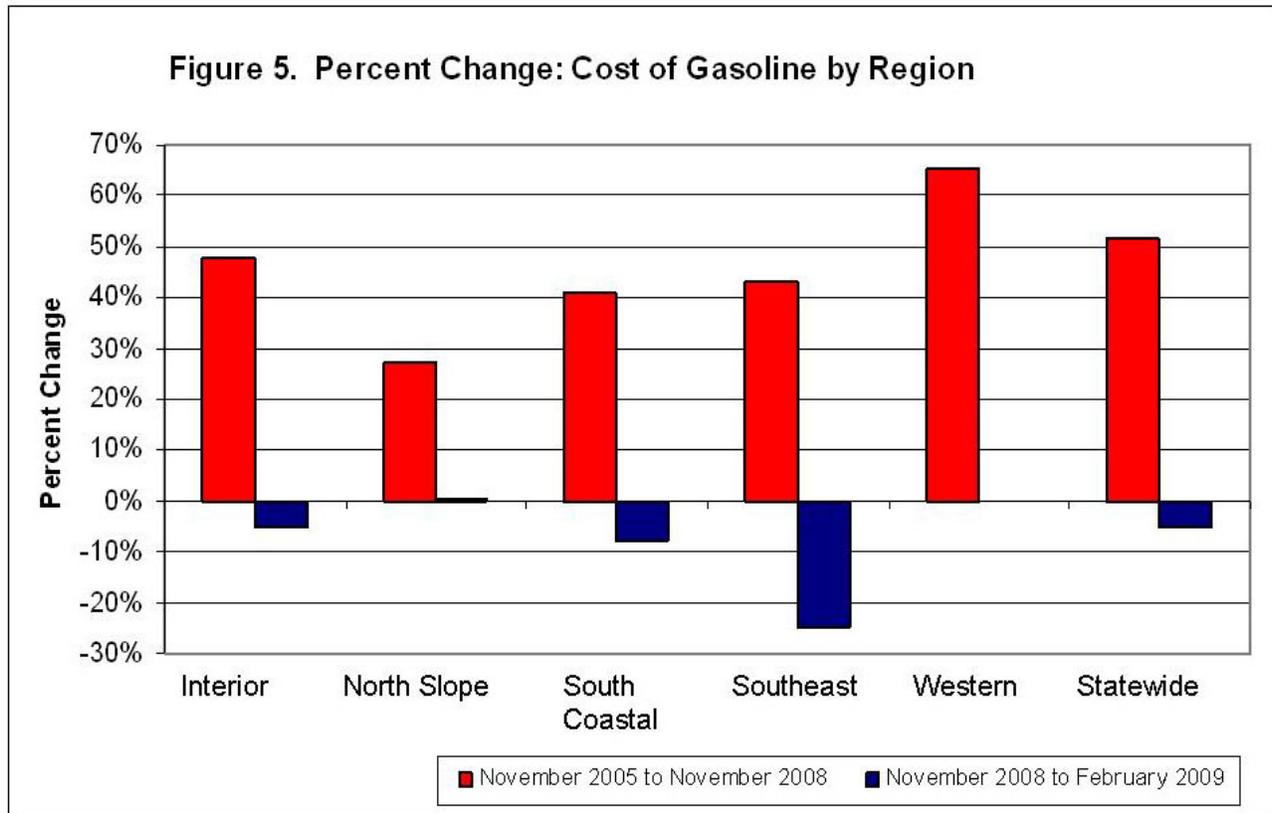
Portions of Alaska have begun to realize fuel price relief (Figure 3). Excluding North Slope Region communities, the statewide average per gallon heating fuel price decreased from \$5.85 to \$5.60 from November 2008 to February 2009. This \$0.25 per gallon average price change represents a four percent decrease in the statewide average heating fuel price per gallon. Prices in the Southeast (-25%), South Coastal (-6%), Interior (-2%), and North Slope (-2%) regions

decreased from November 2008 to February 2009 (Figure 4). The Western Region experienced a \$.01 increase, less than one percent.



The statewide average gasoline price also decreased from November 2008 to February 2009, from \$5.80 to \$5.51 per gallon (Figure 5). This \$0.29 per gallon average price decrease

represents a five percent decrease in the statewide average price per gallon of gasoline. Prices in the Southeast (-25%), South Coastal (-8%), and Interior (-5%) regions declined during the past three months. Western Region prices decreased by \$.01, less than one percent. Prices in the North Slope Region increased one percent.



From November 2005, when this survey began, to November 2008, the statewide average price for heating fuel increased \$2.37 per gallon. From June 2008 to November 2008, it increased \$0.34 per gallon; from November 2008 to February 2009, it decreased by \$0.25 per gallon. Similarly, from November 2005 to November 2008, the statewide average price for gasoline increased \$1.97 per gallon. From June 2008 to November 2008, it increased \$0.45 per gallon; from November 2008 to February 2009, it decreased by \$0.29 per gallon.

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### ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS ON HEATING FUEL

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Due to the high price of fuel in Rural Alaska, vendors were asked if any discounts were being offered to residents. Of the one hundred surveyed, nine vendors were offering discounts. The discounts were not consistent. For example, Point Hope offers a 10% discount for elders, the

City of Akutan is selling their fuel at cost, and Dillingham dropped its gas tax from six to three percent (see Appendix). Twenty-one respondents were unsure whether the business offered discounts or not. Fuel vendors operated by a tribe, such as in Quinhagak, often give discounts to local tribal shareholders.

In the previous fuel survey, one of the questions posed to fuel vendors was whether they offered volume discounts. Volume discounts are more prevalent in larger and/or more accessible communities. In the Southeast Region, where most communities have regular barge service, two-thirds (64%) of fuel vendors offer volume discounts. Only five Western Region vendors (13%) offer volume discounts, two of them located in the regional hubs of Kotzebue and McGrath. Generally speaking, residents of remote rural Alaska communities have the least opportunity to benefit from volume purchases of residential heating fuel.

Other fuel cost relief came during the 2008 legislative special session, in which the final outcome was a \$1200 energy rebate to every Permanent Fund eligible individual. From September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009, there was also a one-year suspension of both the state motor fuel tax of \$0.08 and the state tax on resident heating fuel. Despite these measures, the cost of fuel remains an issue for Alaska.

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## SUMMARY

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While Alaska North Slope crude oil prices have dropped significantly during the past few months, Alaskans have continued to pay high prices for heating fuel and gasoline. As the price of crude oil continues to drop, communities along the road system and in temperate coastal regions have seen their cost of fuel decline; however, many remote rural Alaska communities are still plagued with high fuel prices.

From November 2008 to February 2009, the statewide average per gallon price of heating fuel decreased four percent from \$5.85 to \$5.60. Concurrently, the statewide average per gallon price of gasoline decreased five percent from \$5.80 to \$5.51. Since DCRA began keeping track of fuel prices in November 2005, this period is the first time the average price of fuel has decreased. From November 2005 to November 2008, the statewide average cost of fuel increased 68%; from November 2008 to February 2009, prices declined 4%. Although the average cost of fuel is still several dollars higher in 2009 than it was in 2005, this decline in the price of fuel has offered some relief to residents of Southeast and communities on the road system. Unfortunately, many of the communities off the road system are not experiencing the same relief, continue to pay high fuel costs, and are unlikely to see a decline in fuel prices any time in the near future.

## Community Heating Fuel and Gasoline Survey – February 2009

Community	Region	Community Retailer: (entity selling fuel)	Heating Fuel #1 02/2009 Retail: (selling price per gallon - \$\$)	Percent (%) +/- Statewide Heating Fuel Average (\$5.38*):	Percent +/- 11/2008 Retail: (selling price per gallon)	Gasoline 02/2009 Retail Price: (selling price per gallon - \$\$)	Percent (%) +/- Statewide Gasoline Average (\$5.51):	Percent +/- 6/2008 Retail: (selling price per gallon)	Reduced price?	Amount Price Reduced?
Alatna	Interior	Alatna Traditional Council	\$5.50	2%	0%	\$7.00	27%	0%	No	
Anderson	Interior	Nenana Heating	\$2.53	-53%	-10%	\$2.76	-50%	-21%	No	
Arctic Village	Interior	Arctic Village Traditional Council	\$9.50	77%	6%	\$9.00	63%	0%	No	
Circle	Interior	Steese (HF) HC Company Store (Gas)	\$2.46	-54%	-18%	\$3.60	-35%	-23%	No	
Delta Junction	Interior	Crowley Fuel (HF) Buffalo Service (Gas)	\$2.36	-56%	-14%	\$2.70	-51%	-7%	No	
Eagle	Interior	Telegraph Hill Services	\$4.95	-8%	0%	\$5.50	0%	0%	No	
Fairbanks	Interior	Alaska Petroleum	\$2.23	-59%	-15%	\$2.47	-55%	-10%	No	
Galena	Interior	Crowley Marine Services	\$6.27	17%	0%	\$6.00	9%	0%	No	

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Healy	Interior	Fisher Fuel (HF) Keith's Healy Service (Gas)	\$2.77	-49%	-16%	\$2.79	-49%	-20%	No	
Hughes	Interior	Hughes City Council	\$8.55	59%	0%	\$8.50	54%	0%	No	
Huslia	Interior	Huslia Gas & Oil	\$7.00	30%	0%	\$7.00	27%	0%	No	
Minto	Interior	North Fork Store	\$2.85	-47%	-14%	\$3.40	-38%	-16%	Don't know	
Nenana	Interior	Nenana Heating	\$2.44	-55%	-13%	\$2.87	-48%	-18%	No	
Ruby	Interior	Dinega Fuel Corporation	\$6.15	14%	0%	\$5.70	3%	0%	No	
Tanana	Interior	Tanacon Fuel	\$5.80	8%	26%	\$6.39	16%	0%	Don't know	
Anaktuvuk Pass	North Slope	Nunamiut Corporation	\$1.55	-71%	0%	\$6.50	18%	-24%	No	
Atkasuk	North Slope	Atkasuk Corporation	\$1.40	-74%	0%	\$4.10	-26%	0%	No	

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Barrow	North Slope	Eskimo Inc.	Natural Gas	N/A	N/A	\$4.70	-15%	0%	No	
Kaktovik	North Slope	Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation	\$2.00	-63%	0%	\$4.90	-11%	0%	No	
Nuiqsut	North Slope	Kuukpik Corporation	\$2.54	-53%	-8%	\$4.95	-10%	0%	No	
Point Hope	North Slope	Tigara Corporation	\$1.65	-69%	0%	\$5.95	8%	0%	Yes - for elders	10%
Wainwright	North Slope	Olgoonik Corporation	\$1.50	-72%	3%	\$7.06	28%	48%	No	
Akutan	South Coastal	City of Akutan	\$3.65	-32%	-24%	\$4.40	-20%	0%	Yes	Selling at cost, no profit
Atka	South Coastal	Atka Native Store	\$7.99	49%	10%	\$5.09	-8%	0%	No	
Chenegga Bay	South Coastal	Chenegga Bay Utility	\$5.60	4%	0%	\$5.70	3%	0%	No	Costs them \$4000 to transport fuel
Chignik	South Coastal	City of Chignik (HF) Trident (Gas)	\$3.85	-28%	-1%	\$3.31	-40%	0%	No	

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Chitina	South Coastal	Chitina Services (HF) Kenny Lake Mercantile (Gas)	\$2.87	-47%	-10%	\$2.91	-47%	-17%	No	
Clark's Point	South Coastal	City of Clark's Point	\$6.00	12%	0%	\$6.00	9%	0%	No	
Cordova	South Coastal	Hovers Mover	\$3.30	-39%	-24%	\$3.50	-36%	-29%	No	
Dillingham	South Coastal	Delta Western	\$6.12	14%	0%	\$5.76	5%	-9%	Yes	From Jan to Apr, city tax on gas drops from 6% to 3%
Glennallen	South Coastal	Crowley (HF) The Hub (Gas)	\$2.77	-49%	-13%	\$2.80	-49%	-19%	Don't know	
Goodnews Bay	South Coastal	Mumtram Pikkai Village Corporation	\$6.14	14%	0%	\$6.71	22%	-3%	Don't know	
Homer	South Coastal	Homer Run Oil	\$2.08	-61%	-22%	\$2.69	-51%	-15%	No	
King Cove	South Coastal	Peter Pan Seafood	\$4.64	-14%	0%	\$4.61	-16%	3%	No	
Kodiak	South Coastal	Petro Marine	\$3.10	-42%	-19%	\$2.85	-48%	-20%	Don't know	

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Kokhanok	South Coastal	Kokhanok Tribal Council	\$8.11	51%	1%	\$8.40	52%	-5%	Don't know	
Larsen Bay	South Coastal	City of Larsen Bay	\$5.53	3%	-3%	\$5.75	4%	-3%	Don't know	
Nelson Lagoon	South Coastal	Nelson Lagoon Enterprises	\$5.96	11%	0%	\$5.71	4%	0%	No	
New Stuyahok	South Coastal	New Stuyahok Village Corporation	\$6.64	23%	5%	\$6.34	15%	0%	No	
Nondalton	South Coastal	City of Nondalton	\$5.35	-1%	-11%	\$5.95	8%	-11%	No	
Old Harbor	South Coastal	City of Old Harbor	\$3.47	-36%	-22%	\$3.86	-30%	-35%	Don't know	
Ouzinkie	South Coastal	Ouzinkie Native Corporation	\$3.47	-36%	-3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	
Port Lions	South Coastal	Kizhuyak Oil Sales (open M, W, F)	\$5.65	5%	-13%	\$5.60	2%	0%	No	
Saint George	South Coastal	Delta Fuel Company	\$6.50	21%	0%	\$6.63	20%	0%	Don't know	

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Sand Point	South Coastal	TDX Svcs (HF) Trident (Gas)	\$3.62	-33%	-26%	\$3.09	-44%	-22%	No	
Seldovia	South Coastal	Seldovia Fuel and Lube	\$4.29	-20%	5%	\$3.81	-31%	-2%	No	
Togiak	South Coastal	Togiak Village Corporation	\$5.87	9%	0%	\$5.53	0%	-2%	No	
Unalaska	South Coastal	Delta Western	\$3.44	-36%	-23%	\$3.00	-46%	-34%	Don't know	
Valdez	South Coastal	North Pacific (HF) Captain Joe's (Gas)	\$2.65	-51%	-15%	\$2.86	-48%	-8%	Don't know	
Angoon	Southeast	Angoon Oil and Gas	\$3.69	-31%	-26%	\$3.53	-36%	-29%	No	
Craig	Southeast	Petro Marine	\$2.75	-49%	-29%	\$2.71	-51%	-27%	Don't know	
Gustavus	Southeast	Gustavus Dray - Gustavus Propane	\$2.84	-47%	-39%	\$2.74	-50%	-37%	Don't know	
Hoonah	Southeast	Hoonah Trading	\$3.50	-35%	-23%	\$2.89	-48%	-30%	Don't know	

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Juneau	Southeast	Delta Western - Fred Meyer Gas	\$3.02	-44%	-26%	\$2.20	-60%	-24%	No	
Kake	Southeast	Kake Tribal Fuel	\$3.61	-33%	-26%	\$3.33	-40%	-29%	Don't know	
Pelican	Southeast	Pelican Fuel Dock	\$4.27	-21%	-28%	\$3.96	-28%	-38%	No	
Petersburg	Southeast	Petro Marine	\$2.62	-51%	-33%	\$2.63	-52%	-25%	Don't know	
Point Baker	Southeast	Point Baker Trading Post	\$8.80	64%	0%	\$8.80	60%	0%	Don't know	
Thorne Bay	Southeast	Petro (Craig - HF) Bayview (Gas)	\$2.75	-49%	-31%	\$2.91	-47%	-26%	Don't know	
Wrangell	Southeast	Wrangell Oil - Fennemore's Service	\$3.18	-41%	-35%	\$3.21	-42%	-28%	Don't know	
Akiak	Western	Kokarmiut Corporation	\$6.45	20%	0%	\$6.25	13%	0%	No	
Anvik	Western	Deloyges, Inc.	\$5.25	-2%	0%	\$5.50	0%	0%	No	

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Atmautluak	Western	Atmautluak Limited	\$5.86	9%	0%	\$5.92	7%	0%	No	
Bethel	Western	Crowley	\$5.58	4%	-3%	\$5.48	-1%	-2%	Quantity discount	\$.07/gallon if more than 100 gallon
Brevig Mission	Western	Brevig Mission Native Store	\$7.00	30%	-3%	\$6.80	23%	-3%	No	
Deering	Western	Deering IRA	\$7.88	46%	-1%	\$7.82	42%	0%	No	
Emmonak	Western	Emmonak Corp. Tank Farm	\$8.71	62%	11%	\$7.25	32%	0%	No	Lowest possible mark-up, barely making profit
Gambell	Western	ANICA (Gambell Native Store)	\$7.88	46%	0%	\$7.26	32%	0%	No	
Golovin	Western	Golovin Public Utilities	\$5.32	-1%	0%	\$5.30	-4%	0%	No	
Grayling	Western	AYL Grayling Fuel Company	\$7.00	30%	0%	\$6.00	9%	0%	No	
Holy Cross	Western	Holy Cross O.L. Company	\$7.66	42%	0%	\$7.28	32%	0%	No	

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Hooper Bay	Western	Crowley Marine	\$7.37	37%	0%	\$7.16	30%	0%	No	
Kaltag	Western	Kaltag Cooperative	\$5.50	2%	0%	\$5.75	4%	0%	Yes	\$.25/gallon rebate
Kiana	Western	Kiana Traditional Council	\$6.64	23%	0%	\$7.21	31%	0%	No	
Kotlik	Western	Kotlik Yupik Enterprises	\$7.79	45%	0%	\$7.55	37%	0%	No	
Kotzebue	Western	Crowley (HF) EZ Market (Gas)	\$6.35	18%	0%	\$7.25	32%	0%	No	
Koyuk	Western	Koyuk Native Corporation	\$8.06	50%	0%	\$7.71	40%	0%	No	
Kwigillingok	Western	KWIK Marina Inc.	\$6.70	25%	0%	\$5.75	4%	0%	No	
Marshall	Western	Maserculiq Inc.	\$7.21	34%	-4%	\$6.21	13%	-14%	No	
McGrath	Western	Crowley	\$6.85	27%	-1%	\$6.35	15%	0%	No	

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Mountain Village	Western	Azachorak Fuel	\$7.02	30%	0%	\$6.50	18%	0%	No	
Noorvik	Western	Morris Trading Post	\$7.50	39%	0%	\$7.22	31%	0%	Yes	5%
Nulato	Western	City of Nulato	\$5.40	0%	0%	\$5.75	4%	0%	No	
Nunapitchuk	Western	Nunapitchuk LTD.	\$6.59	22%	12%	\$6.54	19%	11%	Don't know	
Pilot Station	Western	Pilot Station Native Corporation	\$7.42	38%	0%	\$6.66	21%	-1%	Don't know	
Quinhagak	Western	Qanirtuuq Corporation	\$7.02	30%	-4%	\$6.22	13%	-3%	No	Shareholders get for \$5.24 and \$5.26/gallon
Russian Mission	Western	Russian Mission Corporation	\$6.15	14%	0%	\$6.05	10%	0%	Yes	Markup lower this year (DK how much)
Saint Michael	Western	Saint Michael Fuel Company	\$8.06	50%	0%	\$7.80	42%	0%	No	
Savoonga	Western	ANICA (Savoonga Native Store)	\$7.88	46%	0%	\$7.26	32%	3%	No	

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Scammon Bay	Western	Askinuk Corporation	\$7.04	31%	0%	\$6.93	26%	0%	No	
Shishmaref	Western	Shishmaref Native Store	\$7.91	47%	2%	\$7.54	37%	2%	No	
Sleetmute	Western	Henry Hill Store	\$7.75	44%	0%	\$7.70	40%	0%	No	Discount by volume
Stebbins	Western	Tapraq Fuel Company	\$7.99	49%	0%	\$7.71	40%	0%	No	Ration community members to 5 gall/day
Teller	Western	Teller Native Fuel Business	\$6.95	29%	0%	\$6.64	21%	0%	First year in business	As low as possible
Toksook Bay	Western	Nunakauiak Yupik Corporation	\$7.86	46%	0%	\$7.74	40%	0%	No	
Tuntutuliak	Western	Qinarmiut Corporation	\$6.86	28%	0%	\$6.60	20%	0%	Yes	Don't know (6%?)
Unalakleet	Western	Unalakleet Native Corporation	\$6.81	27%	0%	\$6.97	26%	0%	Yes	By less than a dollar
Upper Kalskag	Western	City of Upper Kalskag	\$6.50	21%	0%	\$6.50	18%	0%	No	

Community	Region	Community Retailer: (entity selling fuel)	Heating Fuel #1 02/2009 Retail: (selling price per gallon - \$\$)	Percent (%) +/- Statewide Heating Fuel Average (\$5.38*):	Percent +/- 11/2008 Retail: (selling price per gallon)	Gasoline 02/2009 Retail Price: (selling price per gallon - \$\$)	Percent (%) +/- Statewide Gasoline Average (\$5.51):	Percent +/- 6/2008 Retail: (selling price per gallon)	Reduced price?	Amount Price Reduced?
Wales	Western	Wales Native Store	\$7.98	48%	0%	\$7.73	40%	0%	No	Tried to make as low as possible
White Mountain	Western	White Mountain Native Store	\$6.31	17%	1%	\$6.05	10%	0%	No	

\* Heating fuel average does not include North Slope Region communities, whose residential fuel is subsidized by the North Slope Borough.

\*\* Petro Alaska closed its Thorne Bay location in 2008. Heating fuel deliveries for Thorne Bay residents are now being provided by Petro Alaska in Craig.



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