# Alaska Fuel Price Report: Winter 2026

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The Alaska Fuel Price Report was originally created in 2005 to provide information about actual energy costs across Alaska. These data were used to inform decision making relating to grant and loan programs administered by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

Since the initial report in 2005, the Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) has conducted 41 surveys to obtain heating fuel and gasoline prices from 100 selected Alaskan communities. At the time the survey was launched, the national AAA fuel survey only reported Anchorage and Mat-Su pricing, so these areas were deliberately excluded from the 100 select communities. For twenty years, DCRA fuel survey data have been used by public and private entities as a consistent frame of reference for gasoline and heating fuel prices over time.

This report provides summary information about current fuel prices across Alaska, comparisons of historical fuel prices in the surveyed communities versus the national average, and interactive maps that contain both current and historical fuel price data.

All reported prices are "point in time" as reported by local fuel vendors, community contacts, and the corporate offices of major Alaskan retailers. Survey calls for the Winter 2026 survey were placed between January 6, 2026, and January 28, 2026. All prices include any applicable local taxes.

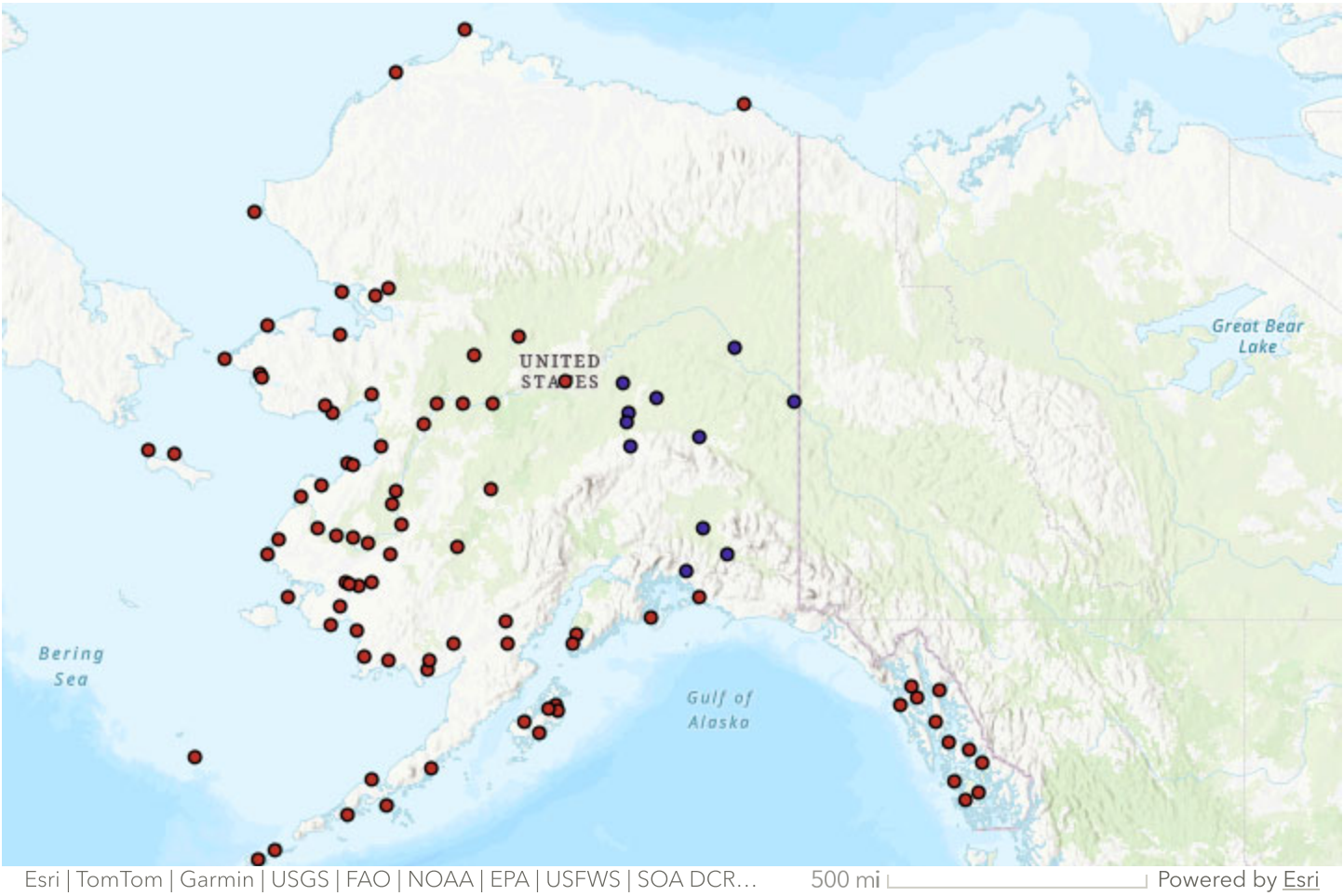
**Circumstances Surrounding the Winter 2026 Survey**

Responses were received from vendors representing 99 of the 100 surveys in communities in DCRA's fuel survey resulting in a 99 percent response rate. Pricing in Kwigillingok was not available, as much of the community evacuated after Typhoon Halong and services have not returned to normal.

The January 2026, per barrel price for Alaska North Slope (ANS) crude oil was $64.84. This continues a period of relative stability where monthly average ANS prices have hovered between $62 and $75 per barrel since September 2024.

This compares to a six-month run where the average monthly price topped $100 per barrel leading up to the Summer 2022 survey. While there is not a one-to-one relationship between crude and distillate pricing, lower crude prices generally mean lower gasoline and heating fuel prices for those communities that receive fuel shipments year-round.

With crude prices dropping by nearly half from June 2022 ($120.17) and December 2025 ($62.70), rural and remote communities could have been expected to see relief; however, prices have largely remained stable during these periods, with regular gasoline in the surveyed communities ranging between $6.61 and $6.77 per gallon and heating fuel between $6.49 and $6.72 per gallon.



## About Fuel Transportation in Alaska

Most communities in Alaska receive heating fuel and gasoline by barge or via the road system; however, some communities receive fuel by air cargo, local refineries, or seasonal ice roads.

Communities on the road system or those near local refineries receive regular fuel shipments and have access to less expensive and more reliable deliveries than other parts of the state.

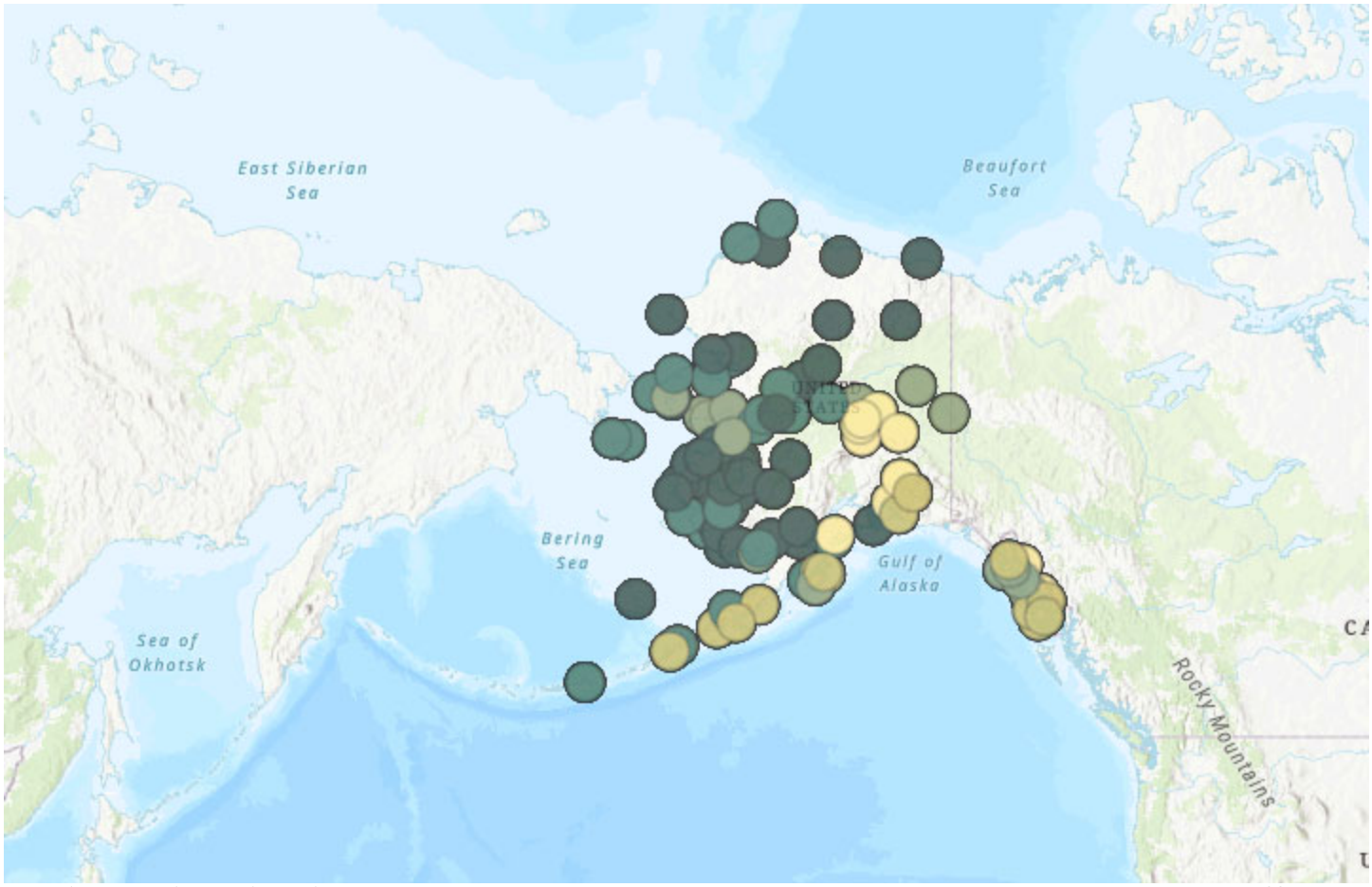
Southeast and Gulf Coast communities are generally able to receive fuel barges or chartered boats year round. Most of these communities will have gasoline and heating fuel prices that rise and fall throughout the year.

Coastal communities in western Alaska and communities along Alaska's major river systems have a shorter window in which to receive fuel. Rough waters, ice buildup, and shallow river depths limit when fuel barges can make deliveries. Specialized barges are required to deliver fuel to river communities where docking facilities are underdeveloped or nonexistent and rivers can be shallow. Longer shipping distances and unique shipping solutions add to the overall cost of fuel delivery.

Communities in these areas have a large fuel delivery in the summer, and possibly a small top-off delivery shortly before the rivers and ports freeze over. Because of the limited delivery schedule, prices in these communities often remain fixed for a full year until the arrival of the next barge.

Communities that are not on the road system and not located near the coast or a major river rely on air service for fuel delivery. As these communities are usually rural, remote communities, delivery volumes are limited. Retail prices in these communities reflect the inefficiencies involved in shipping fuel via general aviation.

**Researchers:** DCRA's Community Database Online has data about fuel transportation methods for download.




## Gasoline Pricing in Alaskan Communities

The average retail price of unleaded gasoline in the 99 surveyed communities in Winter 2026 was $6.63 per gallon, which is 1.8 percent lower than the reported Summer 2025 price of $6.75 per gallon. The national average on January 19, 2026, was $2.70 per gallon.

The map to the right includes the price per gallon in each of the responsive surveyed communities, as reported in the Winter 2026 survey.

**Researchers:** National average price is from the January 19, 2026, report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration and is based upon regular, conventional gasoline.


**Gasoline Price Average by Region**

Among the surveyed communities, the Southeast region had the lowest average gasoline price at $4.73 per gallon. The Northern and Western regions had the highest average gasoline price at $7.92 and $7.97 per gallon, respectively.

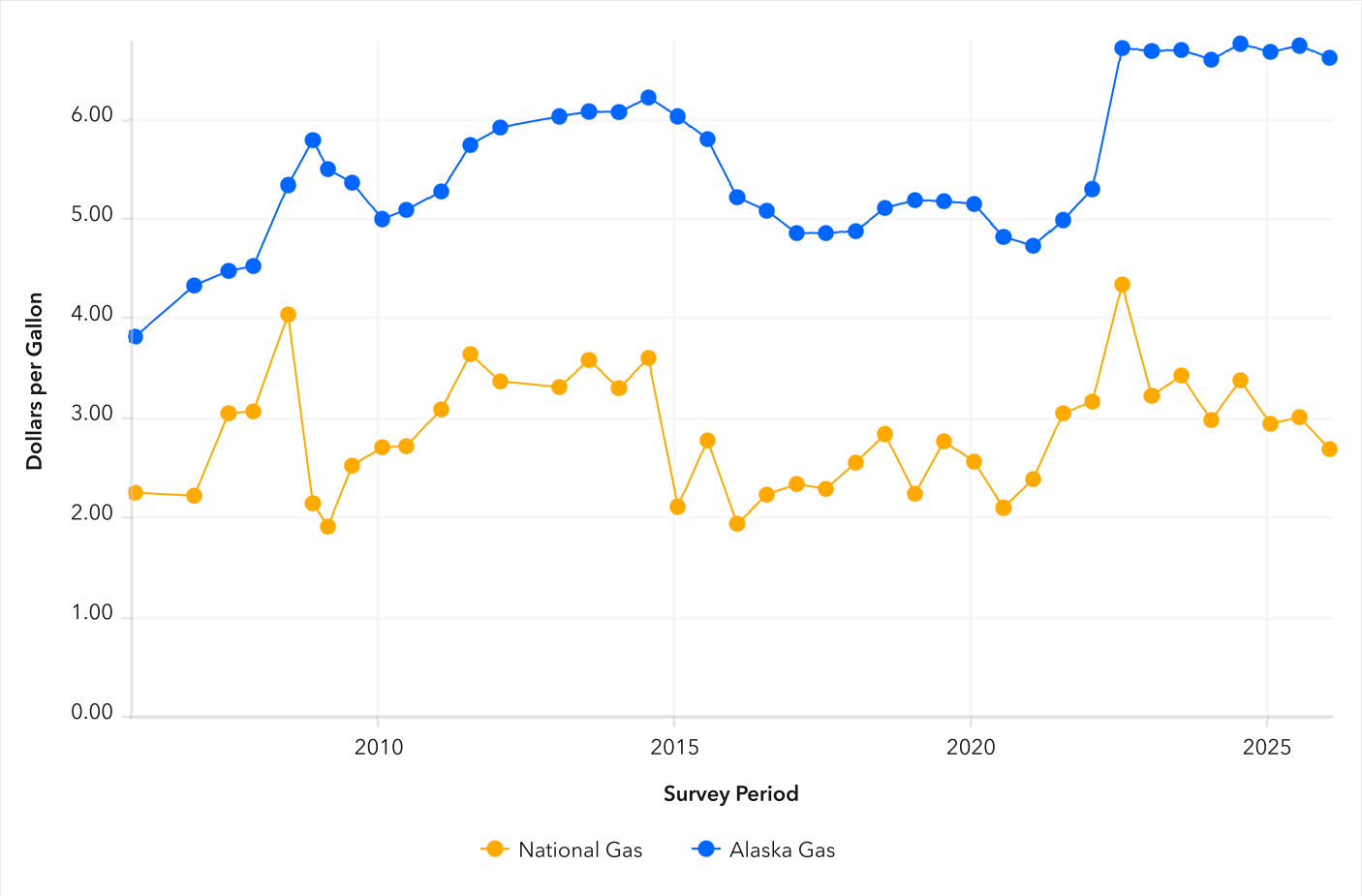
The Interior region includes the four communities with the lowest per gallon gasoline prices: Anderson ($3.06), Nenana ($3.06), Fairbanks ($3.34), and Healy ($3.36).

The Interior region also includes three of the four communities with the highest retail price per gallon for gasoline: Alatna ($11.50), Hughes ($11.50), and Galena ($10.29). The Southwest region community of Saint George had the third highest price at $10.49 per gallon.

| Region | Average |
| --- | --- |
| Gulf Coast | $4.97 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Interior | $6.87 |
| Northern | $7.92 |
| Northwest | $6.67 |
| Southeast | $4.73 |
| Southwest | $6.77 |
| Western | $7.97 |

**Note:** Because national fuel surveys in 2005 included Southcentral Alaska only, the DCRA fuel survey was intentionally designed to report on fuel prices in unreported regions of Alaska. For this reason, the DCRA survey does not report on prices in the Anchorage/Mat-Su region.




## Comparison of Gasoline Prices vs. National Average: 2005 to Present

Average gasoline prices for the 100 surveyed communities have generally been between $2.00 and $3.00 per gallon higher than the national average. The gap has widened in recent years, with the gap exceeding $3.25 per gallon in every survey since Winter 2023.

Comparing the survey results to the national average price of regular unleaded gasoline on January 19, 2026, the gap in Winter 2026 was $3.93 per gallon.

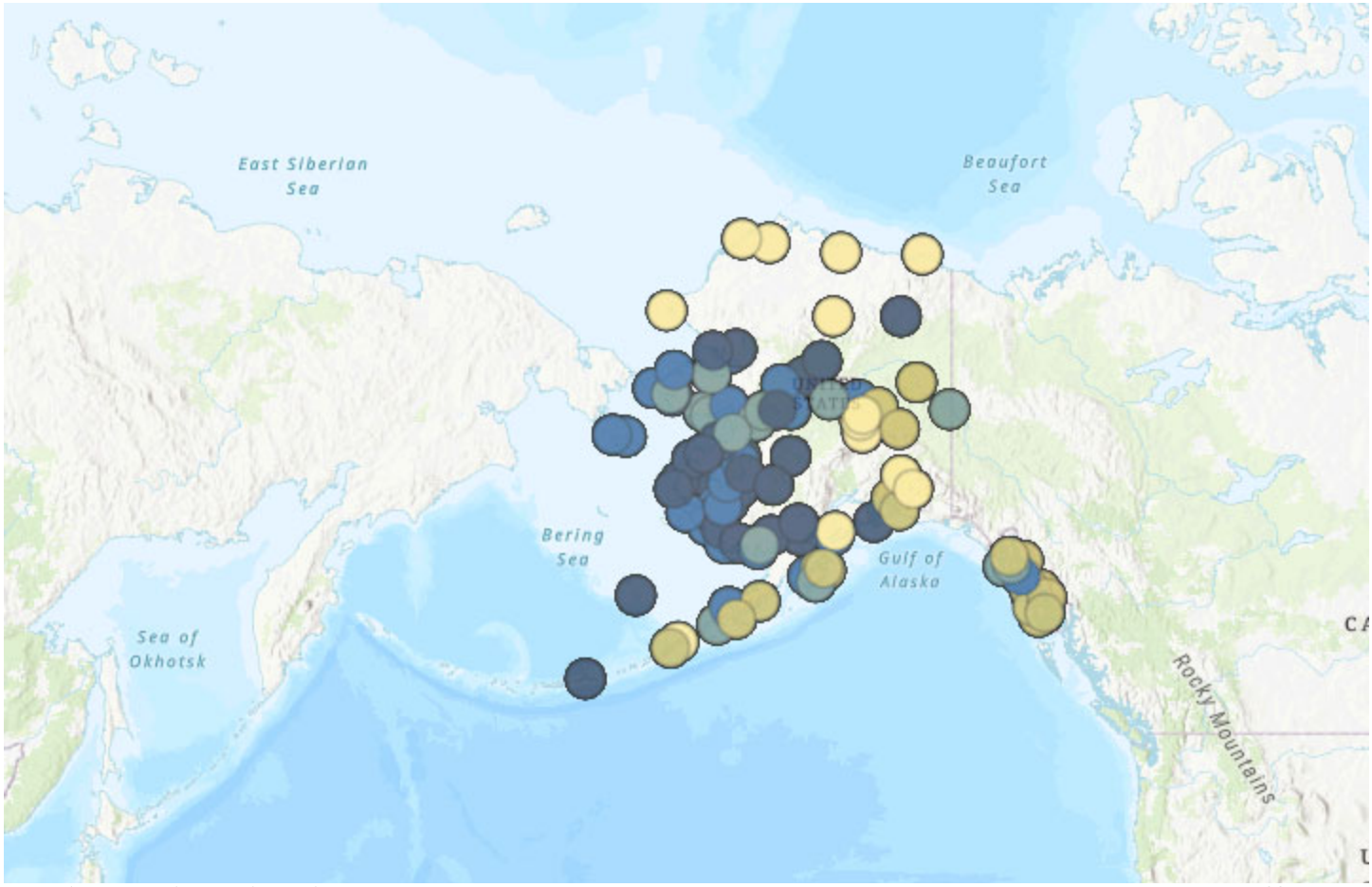
In western regions and river communities of Alaska, communities are locked into the prior summer's prices even when winter prices drop significantly elsewhere. These gaps were exaggerated in winters when a summer spike in the price per barrel of Alaska North Slope Crude was followed by a winter crash, such as those in 2009 and 2015:

- $133.78 in June 2008 vs. $39.01 in January 2009
- $114.47 in July 2014 vs. $48.84 in January 2015

In the Winter 2009 and Winter 2015 surveys, gasoline prices were between $3.50 and $4.00 per gallon higher in the surveyed communities - nearly triple the national average ($5.51 vs. $1.92 and $6.04 vs. $2.12, respectively).

The $3.93 per gallon difference in Winter 2026 does not follow this pattern, as there has not been a significant summer spike or winter crash. DCRA is not in a position to speculate on the causes of the pricing gap between the surveyed communities and the national average given the relatively minimal change in crude pricing.

**Researchers:** The national unleaded gasoline average is tracked by the US Energy Information Administration and is based on regular, conventional gasoline.




## Heating Fuel Prices in Alaskan Communities

In Winter 2026, the average retail heating fuel price per gallon for the 92 unsubsidized communities who reported was $6.49. This was 1.7 percent lower than the $6.60 reported in Summer 2025. The January 19, 2026, national average price of heating fuel was $3.67 per gallon.

The map to the right includes the price per gallon for heating fuel in each of the surveyed communities as reported in the Summer 2025 survey.

**Note:** All North Slope communities are excluded from the statewide average, as the cost of heating fuel is subsidized by the North Slope Borough. See the section *About Heating Fuel Pricing in the North Slope Borough* for more details.

**Researchers:** National average price is from the January 19, 2026, weekly report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Through 2023, EIA

reported weekly retail heating fuel prices during the "winter heating season" from October through March. Beginning in 2024, EIA began reporting heating fuel prices weekly during the fall and winter, then monthly during the spring and summer months. Monthly reporting ceased following the May 2025 report.


### Heating Fuel Price Average by Region

Among the 92 surveyed communities that reported pricing, excluding the subsidized Northern region, the Southeast region had the least expensive average heating fuel price at $4.90 per gallon, followed by the Gulf Coast region ($4.92). The Western region had the most expensive average heating fuel price at $7.85 per gallon.

The communities with the lowest retail price for heating fuel are the Southwest community of Akutan ($3.44) and the Interior communities of Nenana ($3.59) and Anderson ($3.66).

The highest heating fuel prices per gallon were reported in the Interior communities of Arctic Village ($15.00) and Hughes ($13.00),

and the Southwest communities of New Stuyahok ($10.15), Kokhanok ($10.00), and Saint George ($9.99).

| Region | Average |
|---|---|
| Gulf Coast | $4.92 |
| Interior | $6.81 |
| Northwest | $6.67 |
| Southeast | $4.90 |
| Southwest | $6.67 |
| Western | $7.85 |

**Note:** Because national fuel surveys in 2005 included Southcentral Alaska only, the DCRA fuel survey was intentionally designed to report on fuel prices in unreported regions of Alaska. For this reason, the DCRA survey does not report on prices in the Anchorage/Mat-Su region.

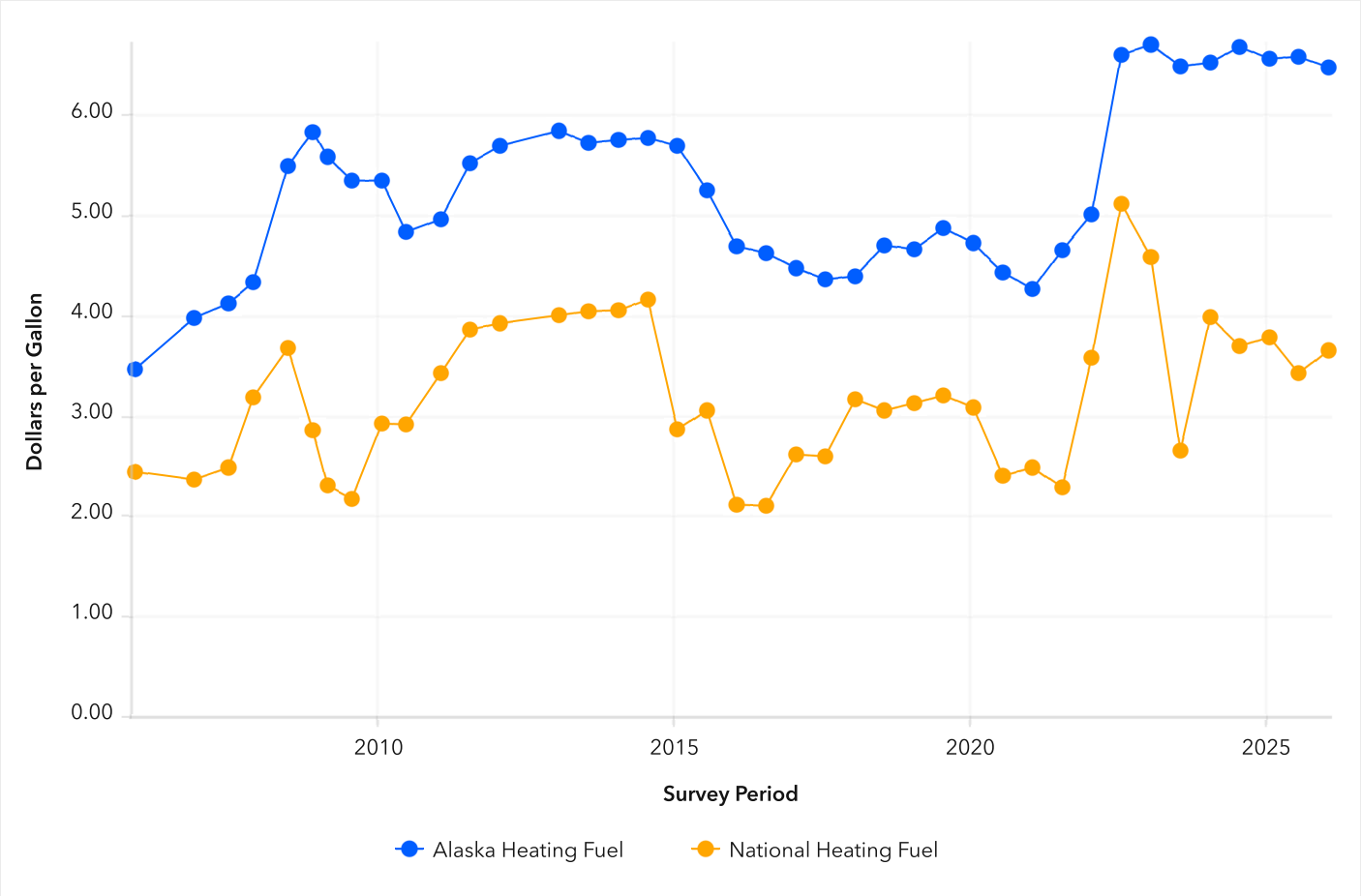
## About Heating Fuel Pricing in the North Slope Borough

Residential heating fuel in the North Slope region is subsidized by the North Slope Borough. This subsidy is not extended to commercial businesses. The commercial heating fuel price in North Slope communities is routinely many times higher than the residential price.

Because residential heating fuel costs are subsidized in this region, North Slope communities are not factored into the average heating fuel price of DCRA's surveyed communities.

| Community | Residential | Commercial |
|---|---|---|
| Anaktuvuk Pass | $1.50 | $9.97 |
| Atqasuk | $1.50 | $8.80 |
| Kaktovik | $2.50 | $7.50 |
| Nuiqsut | $1.50 | $7.70 |
| Point Hope | $1.74 | $7.60 |
| Utqiagvik | n/a | n/a |
| Wainwright | $1.75 | $6.96 |

**Note:** Residential heating fuel is not sold in Utqiagvik, where homes are heated with natural gas. The local vendor chose not to report a commercial heating fuel price during the Winter 2026 survey.




**Comparison of Heating Fuel Prices vs. National Average: 2005 to Present**

Historically, average heating fuel prices in the surveyed communities ranged between $1.00 and $2.00 per gallon higher than the national average. This trend has recently changed, as the price differences have exceeded $2.00 per gallon in every survey since Summer 2023. In Winter 2026, there was a difference of $2.82 per gallon between the surveyed, unsubsidized communities and the national average, as of January 19, 2026.

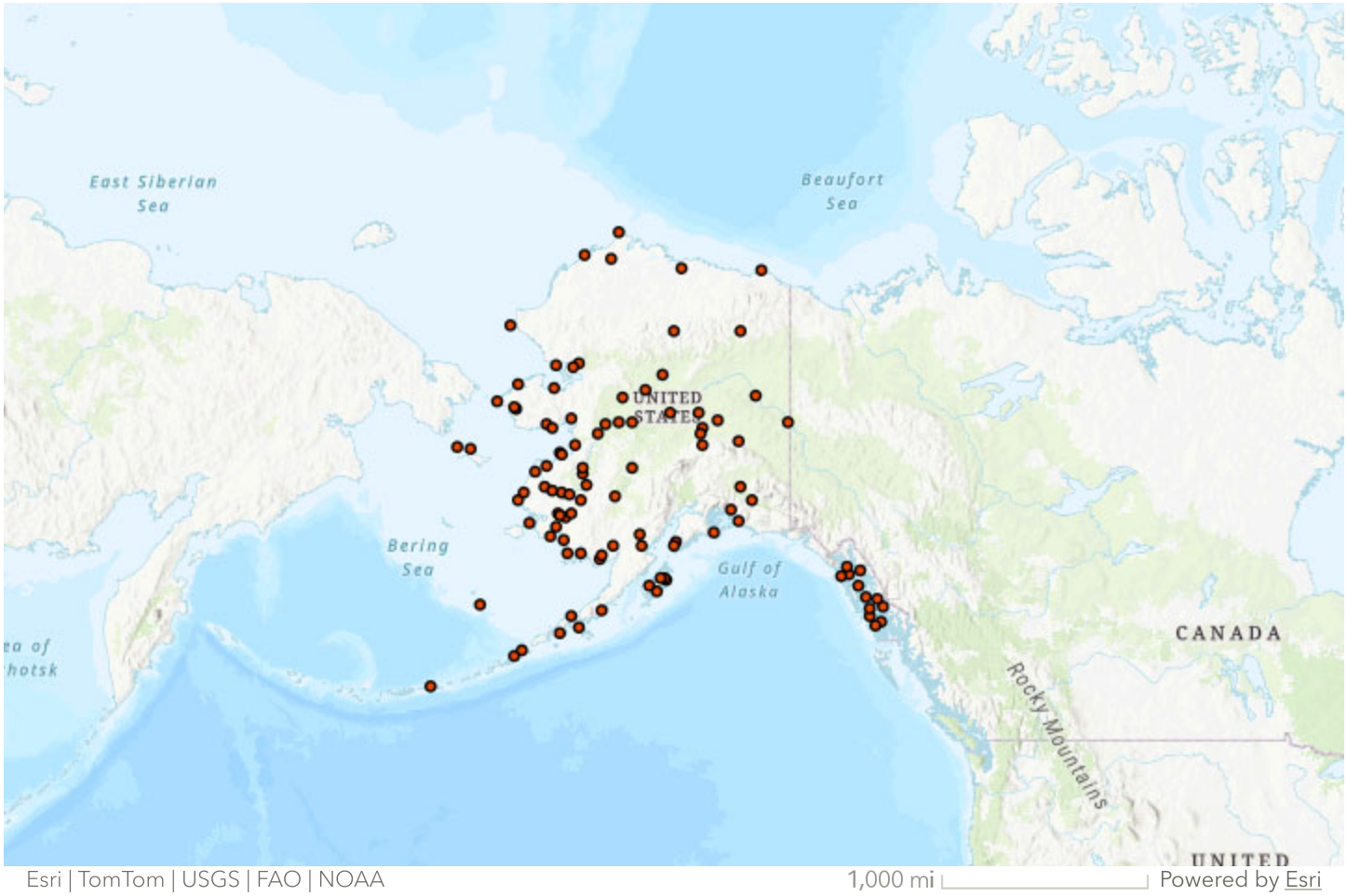
In western regions and river communities of Alaska, communities are locked into the prior summer's prices even when winter prices drop significantly elsewhere. These gaps were exaggerated in winters when a summer spike in the price per barrel of Alaska North Slope Crude was followed by a winter crash, such as those in 2009 and 2015:

- $133.78 in June 2008 vs. $39.01 in January 2009
- $114.47 in July 2014 vs. $48.87 in January 2015

In the Winter 2009 survey, heating fuel prices were $3.28 per gallon higher in the surveyed communities ($5.60 vs. $2.32), a premium of 141 percent. In the Winter 2015 survey, heating fuel prices were $2.83 per gallon higher ($5.71 vs. $2.88), a 98 percent premium. With the $6.49 average in the 92 surveyed, unsubsidized communities and the $3.67 national average, the statewide average in Winter 2026 is 77 percent higher than the national average.

**Note:** The national heating fuel average is based on the price of heating fuel #2, the primary heating fuel utilized in the Lower 48. The average of Alaska's surveyed, unsubsidized communities is based on the fuel most commonly sold in the community. This is often heating fuel #1, which is better suited to Alaska's cold climates.

**Researchers:** National average price is from the January 19, 2026, price report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Through 2023 EIA reported weekly retail heating fuel prices during the "winter heating season" from October through March, which meant summer price comparisons were made against the national average price at the end of March. Starting in 2024, EIA began providing monthly heating fuel prices in the spring and summer in addition to the weekly updates in the fall and winter. In 2025, monthly reports ceased after the May report. For these reasons, summer price discrepancy data prior to 2024 may not be comparable to data from 2024 and beyond.




**Interactive Map of DCRA Fuel Survey Data**

The map to the right contains historical pricing for all 100 surveyed communities from Winter 2005 to present. Note that Point Baker stopped selling fuel in 2023 and was replaced by Edna Bay beginning in Winter 2024.

There are missing data points within the historical collection. Missing data points indicate that one of the following conditions occurred:

- The vendor did not sell a given fuel type at the time of the survey
- The vendor was out of inventory at the time of the survey
- The vendor was unresponsive or unreachable during the survey period
- In two instances, the recorded survey response was determined to be in error and the value was removed from the historical data

- Summer 2018, Wainwright - The commercial heating fuel price of $7.30 per gallon was recorded instead of the residential rate
- Winter 2018, Shishmaref - The heating fuel price was recorded as $15.30 per gallon, more than $10.00 per gallon higher than either the reported Summer 2017 or Summer 2018 price

**Researchers:** DCRA fuel survey data is available through the Community Database Online for both heating fuel and gasoline data.

## About Alaska North Slope Crude Pricing

Alaska North Slope Crude pricing is relevant to any conversation relating to unleaded gasoline and heating fuel prices in Alaska, although some of Alaska's fuel may be sourced from other indices, such as OPIS and PLATTS Singapore.

While high crude oil prices inevitably lead to high prices for petroleum distillates, these prices also increase state revenue and allow Alaska's decision makers to enact programs and policies to

mitigate the impacts these prices have upon its residents, such as the energy rebate that was distributed in 2008, a similar rebate in 2022 to every eligible Permanent Fund Dividend recipient, and the energy relief payment that was paid to PFD recipients in 2024.

The Alaska Department of Revenue's Tax Division reports on the daily price and output and the monthly average price of Alaska North Slope Crude.


**Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Program**

The Division of Community and Regional Affairs administers the Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Program to assist communities, utilities, and fuel retailers with purchases of bulk fuel to generate power or supply the public with fuel for use in rural communities.

More information about this program is available on DCRA's website.


**Historical Alaska Fuel Price Reports**

All prior interactive Alaska Fuel Price Reports are available through the Interactive Maps portion of the Community Database Online.

PDF copies of all historical (2005 to 2017) Alaska Fuel Price Reports may be obtained here.


**About the Alaska Fuel Price Report**

The Alaska Fuel Price Report is an ongoing project of the Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA). On 36 occasions from November 2005 to Summer 2023, DCRA surveyed the same 100 selected communities across Alaska and obtained pricing information for unleaded gasoline and heating fuel.

Beginning with the Winter 2024 report, one community, Point Baker, no longer had a fuel vendor. Point Baker was replaced in the survey by Edna Bay, another community on Prince of Wales Island in Southeast Alaska. The Winter 2026 report is the fifth to include Edna Bay.

Due to the inherent challenges related to surveying rural Alaskan communities, actual contact dates within a given survey period may range from a few days to several weeks apart. Gasoline and heating

fuel prices are based on the price of fuel on the actual day of contact.

National pricing data is sourced from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Alaska North Slope crude pricing data is sourced from the Alaska Department of Revenue.

For more information about this report, please contact DCRA Mapping, Analytics, and Data Resources.