IRELAND

Date of data collection or reference period	Weekly average consumer prices on Monday
Reporting Body	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Reporting price discount on motor fuels	Prices provided are the retail pump prices displayed at the fuel service stations and include all taxes.
Market coverage and data sources	Un95 & Diesel: Average weekly prices are taken from the consumer website <u>www.pumps.ie</u> . This is a website where customers input petrol and diesel prices that they see at pumps around Ireland. It is updated by consumers on a continuous basis.
	Home Heating Oil/Gas Oil: A large number of Irish home heating oil is kerosene rather than gas oil. The price reflects the kerosene home heating oil price from a consumer website called <u>www.cheapestoil.ie</u> that covers the whole of Ireland. The difference between list prices for kerosene and gasoil, provided on a voluntary basis by 3 large oil companies, is added to the kerosene price on <u>www.cheapestoil.ie</u> to determine average home heating oil price in Ireland.
	HFO: Price data is list prices provided, on a voluntary basis, by 3 large oil companies that are members of the Irish Petroleum Industry Association. Discounts are not included in these prices and may be applied by the companies.
Price averages	Arithmetic average. Prices on a national basis.
Biofuels	Since 1 July 2010, the Biofuel Obligation Scheme (BOS) has been in place. Under the scheme, road transport fuel suppliers are compelled to use a certain percentage of biofuel in their overall fuel mix. As of 1 January 2013, the obligation is set at 6% by volume. Oil companies meet this obligation in a variety of ways and the blending mix for each product may differ between different companies and may vary on a weekly basis.
	Excise is paid on biofuels. However, a separate carbon tax is paid by suppliers on the fossil fuel portion of a blend, but not on the biofuel portion. The effective size of the tax is not recalculated to reflect the share of biofuels.
Other indirect taxes included in prices reported	Strategic Stockholding Levy: (20 Euro/1000L). Better Energy Levy: (6 Euro/1000L). Carbon Tax: (€45.9/1000L (petrol) and €53.3/1000L (diesel)).
Other specific remarks by national administrations	The bulk of home heating oil consumed in Ireland is Kerosene so this is reflected in the home heating oil price provided.