

## GIMA Pulse

a monthly snapshot of the UK Economy from www.barometeroftrade.com

Date of Report: 05/09/2016

### What's happened since last month?

Index			Period
£ to Euro	UP	0.5%	Aug-Sep
£ to \$	UP	0.7%	Aug-Sep
£ to Yen	UP	1.6%	Aug-Sep
FTSE 100	UP	0.8%	Aug-Sep
FTSE 250	UP	4.1%	Aug-Sep
CPI	UP	0.1%	Jun-Jul
RPI	UP	0.3%	Jun-Jul
Retail Sales	UP	0.6%	May-Jul
Mortgage Approvals	DOWN	4.7%	Jun-Jul
Unemployment	NONE	0.0%	May-Jun
Energy Prices	NONE	0.0%	Jun-Jul
Crude Oil Prices	UP	2.5%	Jun-Jul
Petrol Prices	DOWN	0.5%	Jul-Aug
Diesel Prices	DOWN	0.4%	Jul-Aug

Figures show most recent month/period available

Bank Of England Base Rate: 0.25%

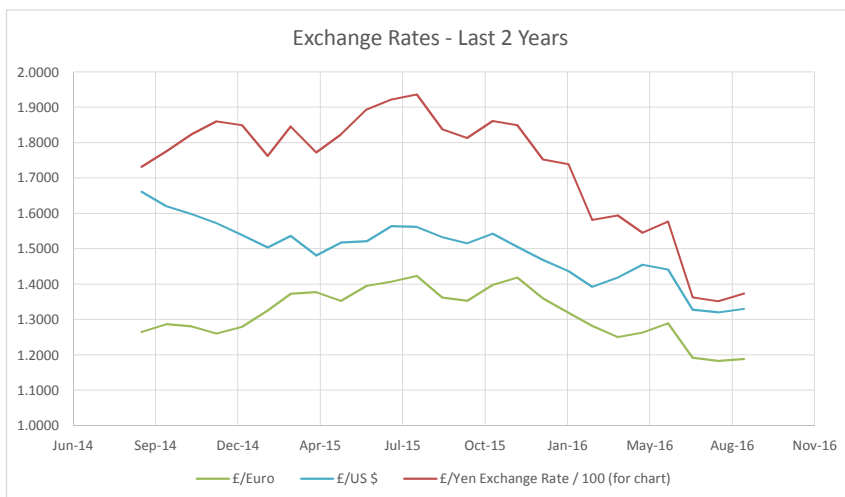
### Commentary

In last month's Pulse all three exchange rates were continuing the gradual downward trend caused by the 23 June referendum results, but in mid-August the pound strengthened to finish the month higher than at the start.

The FTSE continues to increase mirroring positive figures released in other areas: the PMI Index (Purchasing Managers Index) for construction and manufacturing both showed significant increases in August.

It's worth keeping an eye on inflation which is heading upwards on both measures, albeit very slowly, but this is also an indication of some warmth in the economy.

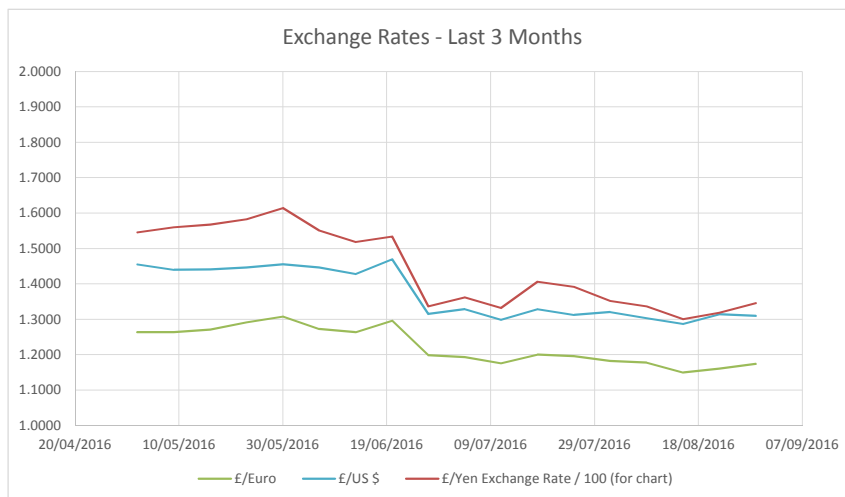
### Exchange Rates



What £1 buys in Euros / \$ / Yen  
Figures from 1st of each month

Source: Bank Of England

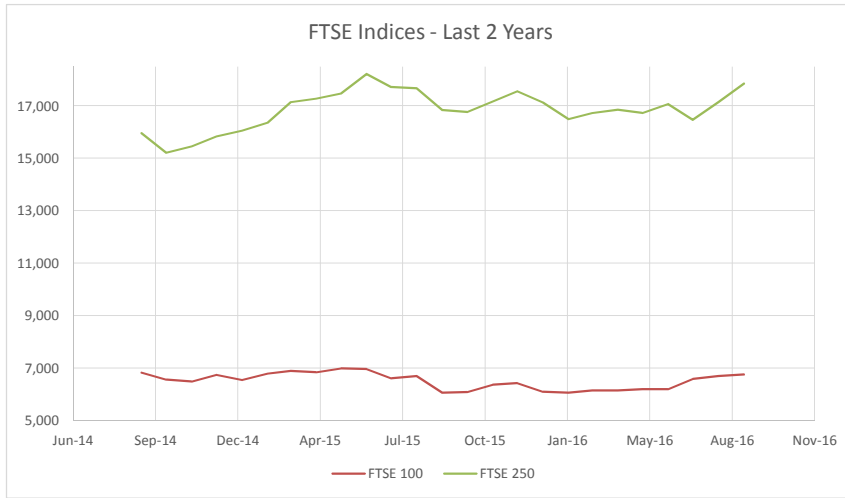
Month	£/Euro	£/US \$	£/Yen
Sep-14	1.2647	1.6615	173.2114
Oct-14	1.2866	1.6203	177.5687
Nov-14	1.2799	1.5978	182.4528
Dec-14	1.2602	1.5722	186.0227
Jan-15	1.2790	1.5388	184.9638
Feb-15	1.3256	1.5035	176.3004
Mar-15	1.3723	1.5362	184.5437
Apr-15	1.3773	1.4816	177.2734
May-15	1.3527	1.5177	182.2909
Jun-15	1.3955	1.5207	189.3728
Jul-15	1.4072	1.5633	192.2077
Aug-15	1.4234	1.5619	193.5975
Sep-15	1.3615	1.5325	183.7468
Oct-15	1.3526	1.5155	181.2993
Nov-15	1.3980	1.5428	186.1542
Dec-15	1.4191	1.5054	184.9685
Jan-16	1.3598	1.4689	175.2398
Feb-16	1.3191	1.4366	173.8861
Mar-16	1.2822	1.3925	158.1471
Apr-16	1.2503	1.4185	159.4252
May-16	1.2634	1.4551	154.5316
Jun-16	1.2898	1.4414	157.7324
Jul-16	1.1920	1.3270	136.2431
Aug-16	1.1823	1.3206	135.1898
Sep-16	1.1883	1.3299	137.3122



Source: Bank Of England

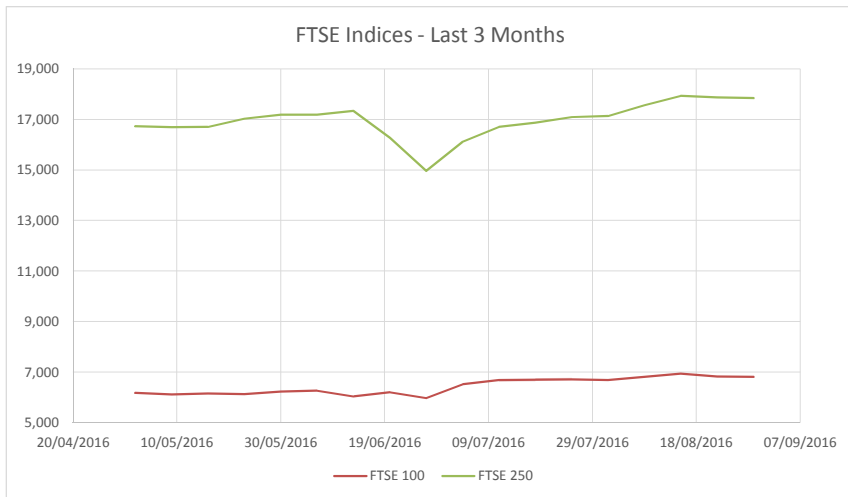
Date	£/Euro	£/US \$	£/Yen
02/05/2016	1.2634	1.4551	154.5316
09/05/2016	1.2634	1.4398	155.9879
16/05/2016	1.2712	1.4405	156.7552
23/05/2016	1.2915	1.4461	158.2756
30/05/2016	1.3077	1.4557	161.4808
06/06/2016	1.2726	1.4464	155.1264
13/06/2016	1.2639	1.4282	151.8319
20/06/2016	1.2960	1.4694	153.4201
27/06/2016	1.1986	1.3152	133.7295
04/07/2016	1.1929	1.3287	136.2316
11/07/2016	1.1759	1.2987	133.2726
18/07/2016	1.2006	1.3286	140.6589
25/07/2016	1.1961	1.3122	139.1982
01/08/2016	1.1823	1.3206	135.1898
08/08/2016	1.1774	1.3038	133.6656
15/08/2016	1.1499	1.2875	130.0761
22/08/2016	1.1604	1.3146	131.8675
29/08/2016	1.1744	1.3096	134.6138

## FTSE 100 & FTSE 250



Source: London Stock Exchange

Month	FTSE 100	FTSE 250
Sep-14	6,825	15,957
Oct-14	6,558	15,211
Nov-14	6,488	15,453
Dec-14	6,742	15,833
Jan-15	6,548	16,052
Feb-15	6,783	16,356
Mar-15	6,889	17,146
Apr-15	6,833	17,269
May-15	6,986	17,468
Jun-15	6,954	18,220
Jul-15	6,609	17,717
Aug-15	6,689	17,670
Sep-15	6,059	16,840
Oct-15	6,076	16,764
Nov-15	6,362	17,167
Dec-15	6,421	17,554
Jan-16	6,093	17,122
Feb-16	6,060	16,489
Mar-16	6,147	16,729
Apr-16	6,146	16,844
May-16	6,186	16,730
Jun-16	6,192	17,061
Jul-16	6,578	16,465
Aug-16	6,694	17,139
Sep-16	6,746	17,850

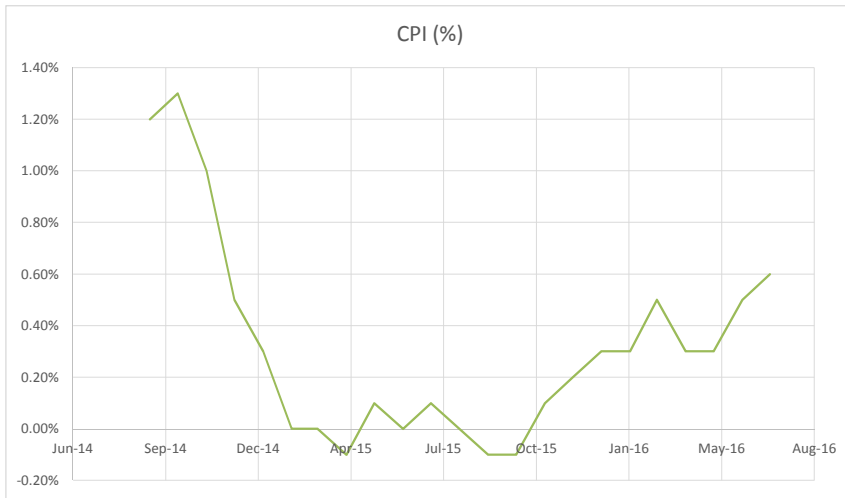


Source: London Stock Exchange

FTSE 100 - an index of the top 100 companies in UK  
FTSE 250 - an index of the top 250 companies in UK

Date	FTSE 100	FTSE 250
02/05/2016	6,186	16,730
09/05/2016	6,115	16,687
16/05/2016	6,151	16,699
23/05/2016	6,136	17,032
30/05/2016	6,231	17,185
06/06/2016	6,273	17,182
13/06/2016	6,045	17,334
20/06/2016	6,204	16,271
27/06/2016	5,982	14,968
04/07/2016	6,522	16,117
11/07/2016	6,683	16,706
18/07/2016	6,695	16,868
25/07/2016	6,710	17,091
01/08/2016	6,694	17,139
08/08/2016	6,809	17,558
15/08/2016	6,941	17,929
22/08/2016	6,829	17,872
29/08/2016	6,821	17,847

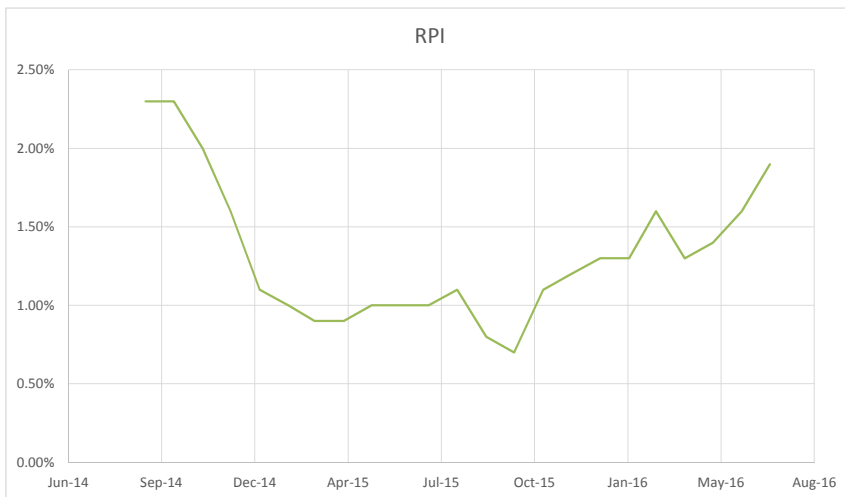
## CPI - Consumer Price Index



CPI - inflation measure which examines weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods & services, such as transportation, food & medical care  
Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	CPI (%)
Sep-14	1.20%
Oct-14	1.30%
Nov-14	1.00%
Dec-14	0.50%
Jan-15	0.30%
Feb-15	0.00%
Mar-15	0.00%
Apr-15	-0.10%
May-15	-0.10%
Jun-15	0.00%
Jul-15	0.10%
Aug-15	0.00%
Sep-15	-0.10%
Oct-15	-0.10%
Nov-15	0.10%
Dec-15	0.20%
Jan-16	0.30%
Feb-16	0.30%
Mar-16	0.50%
Apr-16	0.30%
May-16	0.30%
Jun-16	0.50%
Jul-16	0.60%

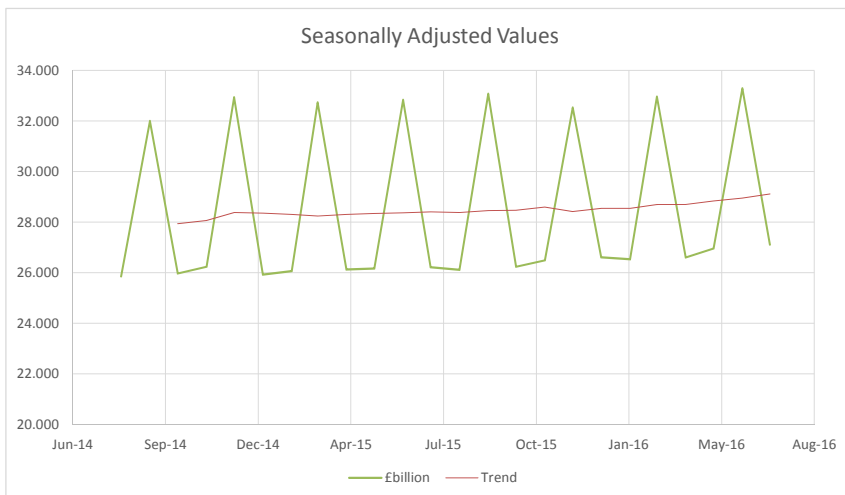
## RPI - Retail Price Index



RPI - inflation measure which is broadly the same as CPI but also includes home costs e.g. mortgage repayments/rent/council tax  
Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	RPI
Sep-14	2.30%
Oct-14	2.30%
Nov-14	2.00%
Dec-14	1.60%
Jan-15	1.10%
Feb-15	1.00%
Mar-15	0.90%
Apr-15	0.90%
May-15	1.00%
Jun-15	1.00%
Jul-15	1.00%
Aug-15	1.10%
Sep-15	0.80%
Oct-15	0.70%
Nov-15	1.10%
Dec-15	1.20%
Jan-16	1.30%
Feb-16	1.30%
Mar-16	1.60%
Apr-16	1.30%
May-16	1.40%
Jun-16	1.60%
Jul-16	1.90%

## Retail Sales

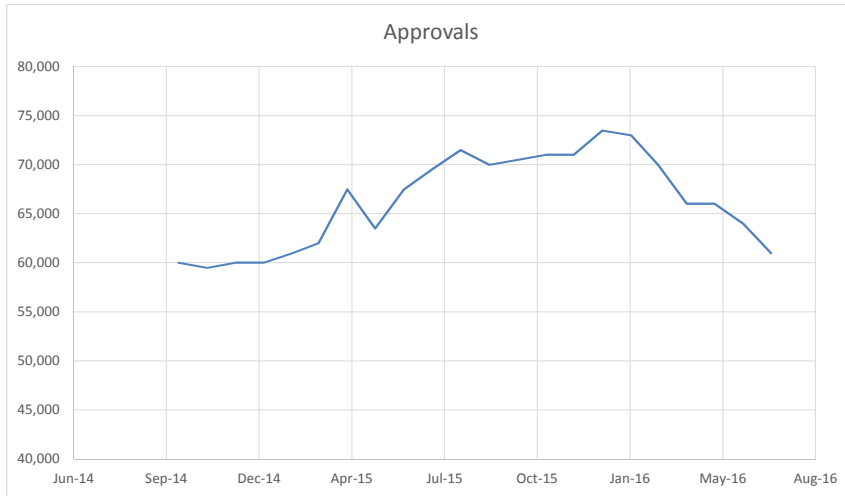


Total Retail Sales Excluding Automotive Fuel  
Figures based on weeks; every 3rd month is a 5-week month

Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	£billion
Aug-14	25.869
Sep-14	32.009
Oct-14	25.982
Nov-14	26.240
Dec-14	32.939
Jan-15	25.929
Feb-15	26.066
Mar-15	32.744
Apr-15	26.131
May-15	26.170
Jun-15	32.844
Jul-15	26.218
Aug-15	26.115
Sep-15	33.077
Oct-15	26.242
Nov-15	26.500
Dec-15	32.539
Jan-16	26.613
Feb-16	26.532
Mar-16	32.967
Apr-16	26.616
May-16	26.969
Jun-16	33.303
Jul-16	27.118

## Mortgage Approvals

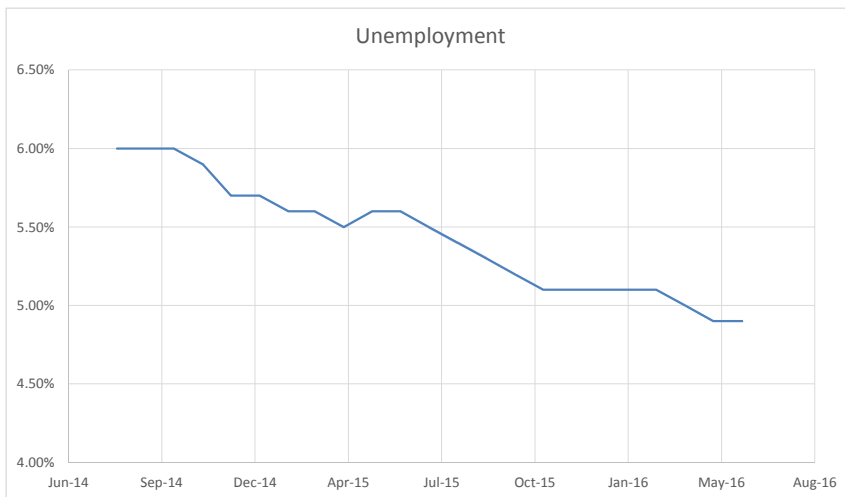


Total number of mortgage approvals by banks in UK

Source: Bank of England

Month	Approvals
Oct-14	60,000
Nov-14	59,500
Dec-14	60,000
Jan-15	60,000
Feb-15	61,000
Mar-15	62,000
Apr-15	67,500
May-15	63,500
Jun-15	67,500
Jul-15	69,500
Aug-15	71,500
Sep-15	70,000
Oct-15	70,500
Nov-15	71,000
Dec-15	71,000
Jan-16	73,500
Feb-16	73,000
Mar-16	70,000
Apr-16	66,000
May-16	66,000
Jun-16	64,000
Jul-16	61,000

## Unemployment

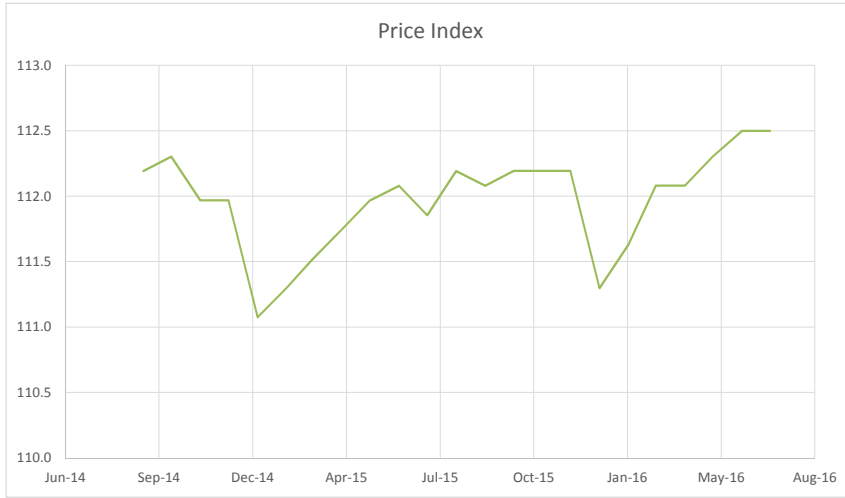


Unemployment as percentage of available workforce; figures relating to quarter ending in month shown

Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	Unemployment
Aug-14	6.00%
Sep-14	6.00%
Oct-14	6.00%
Nov-14	5.90%
Dec-14	5.70%
Jan-15	5.70%
Feb-15	5.60%
Mar-15	5.60%
Apr-15	5.50%
May-15	5.60%
Jun-15	5.60%
Jul-15	5.50%
Aug-15	5.40%
Sep-15	5.30%
Oct-15	5.20%
Nov-15	5.10%
Dec-15	5.10%
Jan-16	5.10%
Feb-16	5.10%
Mar-16	5.10%
Apr-16	5.00%
May-16	4.90%
Jun-16	4.90%

## Energy Prices



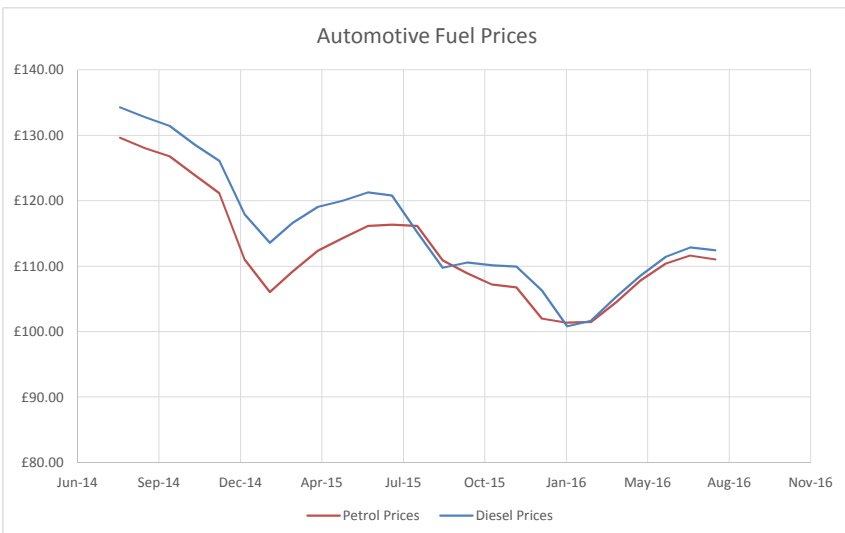
Month	Price Index
Sep-14	112.2
Oct-14	112.3
Nov-14	112.0
Dec-14	112.0
Jan-15	111.1
Feb-15	111.3
Mar-15	111.5
Apr-15	111.7
May-15	112.0
Jun-15	112.1
Jul-15	111.9
Aug-15	112.2
Sep-15	112.1
Oct-15	112.2
Nov-15	112.2
Dec-15	112.2
Jan-16	111.3
Feb-16	111.6
Mar-16	112.1
Apr-16	112.1
May-16	112.3
Jun-16	112.5
Jul-16	112.5

## Crude Oil Prices



Month	Oil Prices
Aug-14	119.5
Sep-14	116.3
Oct-14	106.4
Nov-14	98.7
Dec-14	80.5
Jan-15	64.6
Feb-15	70.0
Mar-15	73.8
Apr-15	76.2
May-15	80.4
Jun-15	76.8
Jul-15	71.6
Aug-15	59.9
Sep-15	60.0
Oct-15	61.5
Nov-15	57.1
Dec-15	50.8
Jan-16	44.1
Feb-16	43.0
Mar-16	51.9
Apr-16	55.7
May-16	62.0
Jun-16	67.1
Jul-16	68.8

## Automotive Fuel Prices



Month	Petrol Prices	Diesel Prices
Aug-14	£129.63	£134.31
Sep-14	£128.01	£132.77
Oct-14	£126.78	£131.43
Nov-14	£123.94	£128.56
Dec-14	£121.18	£126.11
Jan-15	£111.06	£117.93
Feb-15	£106.04	£113.61
Mar-15	£109.20	£116.64
Apr-15	£112.37	£119.09
May-15	£114.27	£120.00
Jun-15	£116.13	£121.30
Jul-15	£116.34	£120.76
Aug-15	£116.12	£115.17
Sep-15	£110.90	£109.78
Oct-15	£108.94	£110.57
Nov-15	£107.21	£110.14
Dec-15	£106.75	£109.92
Jan-16	£102.00	£106.32
Feb-16	£101.36	£100.84
Mar-16	£101.46	£101.67
Apr-16	£104.51	£105.32
May-16	£107.82	£108.58
Jun-16	£110.40	£111.43
Jul-16	£111.65	£112.86
Aug-16	£111.05	£112.43