

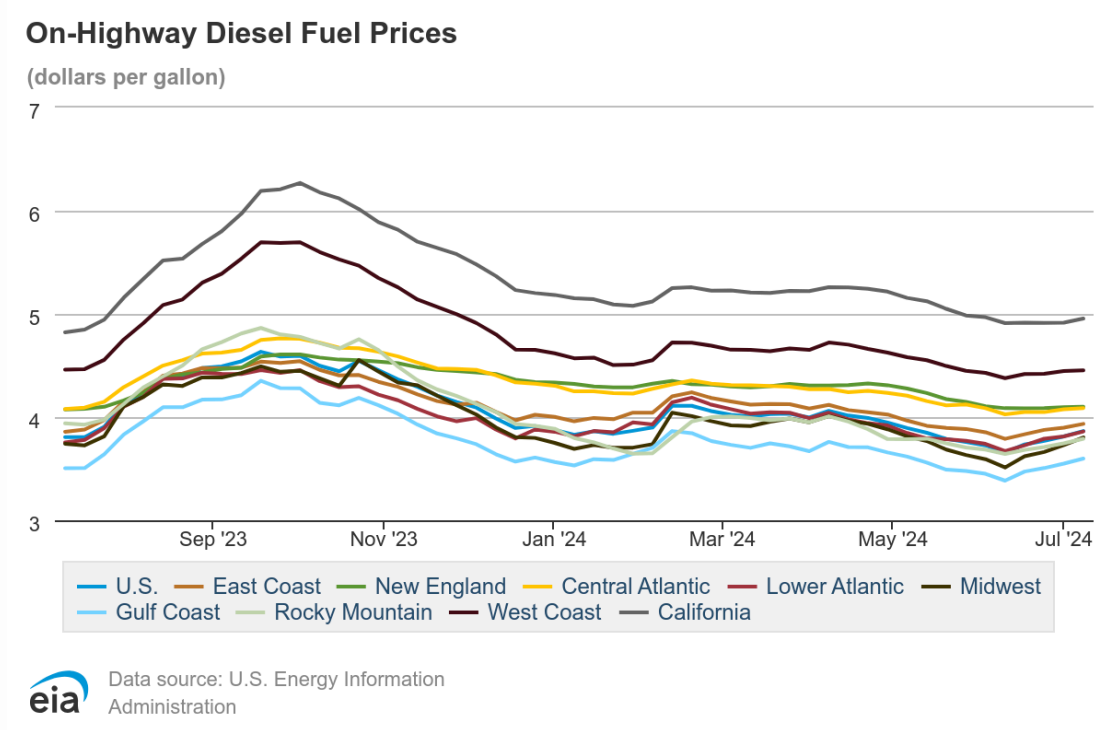
TL & LTL MONTHLY MARKET UPDATE

JULY 2024



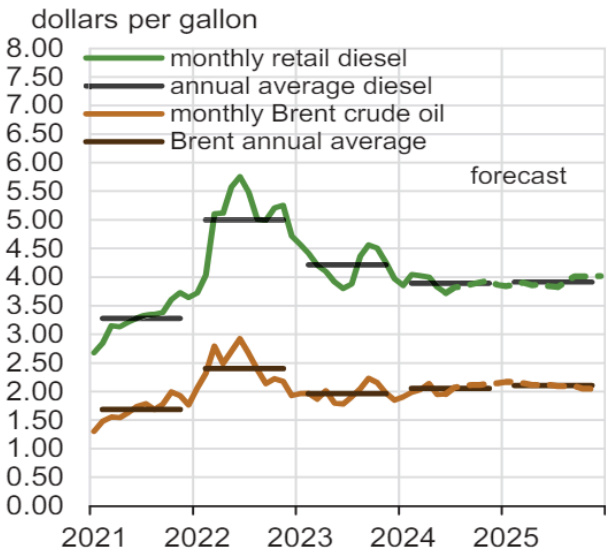
Diesel prices gain slightly throughout June relative to May

The national average diesel prices held relatively steady in June. Diesel prices finished the last full week of the month at \$3.769/gal, compared to \$3.758 /gal at the end of the prior month. This was up \$0.034 from the prior week and down \$0.032 relative to the preceding year. The EIA has reduced its 2024 projections by another \$0.11.



(Source: [EIA](#))

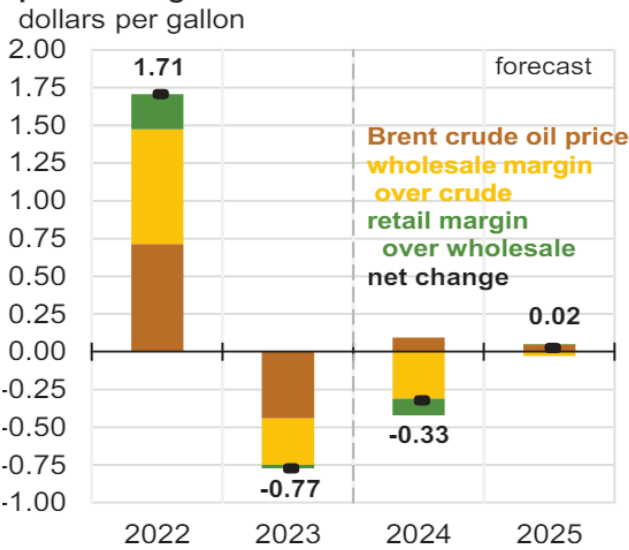
U.S. diesel and crude oil prices



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Short-Term Energy Outlook, July 2024, and Refinitiv an LSEG Business

(Source: [EIA](#))

Components of annual diesel price changes



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Holiday Spot Rates Show Marginal Increase

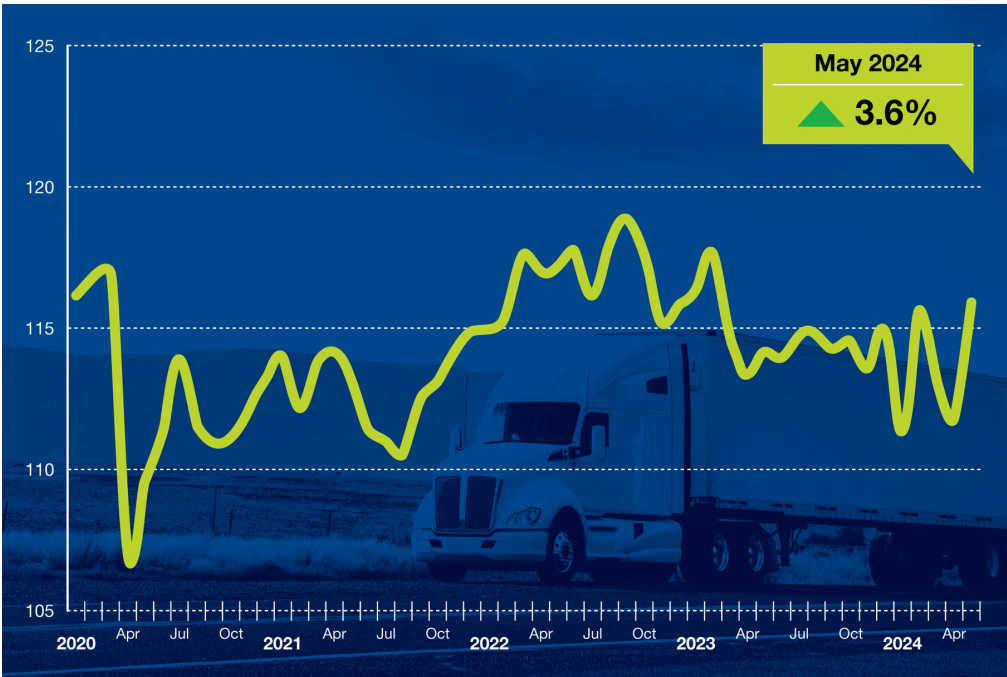
Van and reefer spot rates increased very modestly for the Fourth of July Holiday buildup. Despite the marginal increase in rates, they remain historically low. Historically, the usual holiday buildup drives rates up much more significantly than we've seen this year or last.



(Source: [DAT](#))

Truck Tonnage Index jumped 3.6% in May

American Trucking Associations’ advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index increased by 3.6% in May after decreasing by 1% in April. The index is up 1.5% from May 2023, the first year-over-year gain in fifteen months. While the year-over-year tonnage increase has shifted the momentum, it’s still too early to tell if it’s truly an indicator of a freight recovery.



(Source: [ATA](#))

News from around the industry

Shuttered California LTL carrier files for bankruptcy

Tony's Express, based in Fontana, CA, has filed for bankruptcy protection. The company abruptly ceased operations three months ago, informing their employees via text message that they no longer had jobs. Tony's Express President and sole shareholder, John Ohle, is planning to rekindle operations as a truck trailer rental business. (Source: [FreightWaves](#))

FedEx explores options for freight division

FedEx is exploring options to divest from its freight division to focus on its logistics and parcel divisions. As the largest LTL carrier in the market, any shakeup would ripple through the LTL industry, which is still recovering from the Yellow collapse about a year ago. (Source: [TruckingDive](#))

Hurricane Beryl shuts Texas coastal shipping lanes

Houston, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Freeport, and Texas City have all halted their port operations as Hurricane Beryl made landfall in Southeast Texas early Monday morning. Texas ports primarily handle liquid chemicals, steel, and automotive goods. (Source: [FreightWaves](#))

Market Outlook

At first glance, truckload rates appear to be on the precipice of increasing after a year-long recession in both tonnage and spot rates. We're just starting to see the first indicators of the tide potentially turning, but we will need another month or two of data to determine if it's a true market shift or a holiday blip.

We will be here for you no matter what the future holds for LTL and Truckload.

As always, you can contact your IL2000 Client Services team if you have any questions.

Sources: EIA, DAT, ATA, FreightWaves, Trucking Dive