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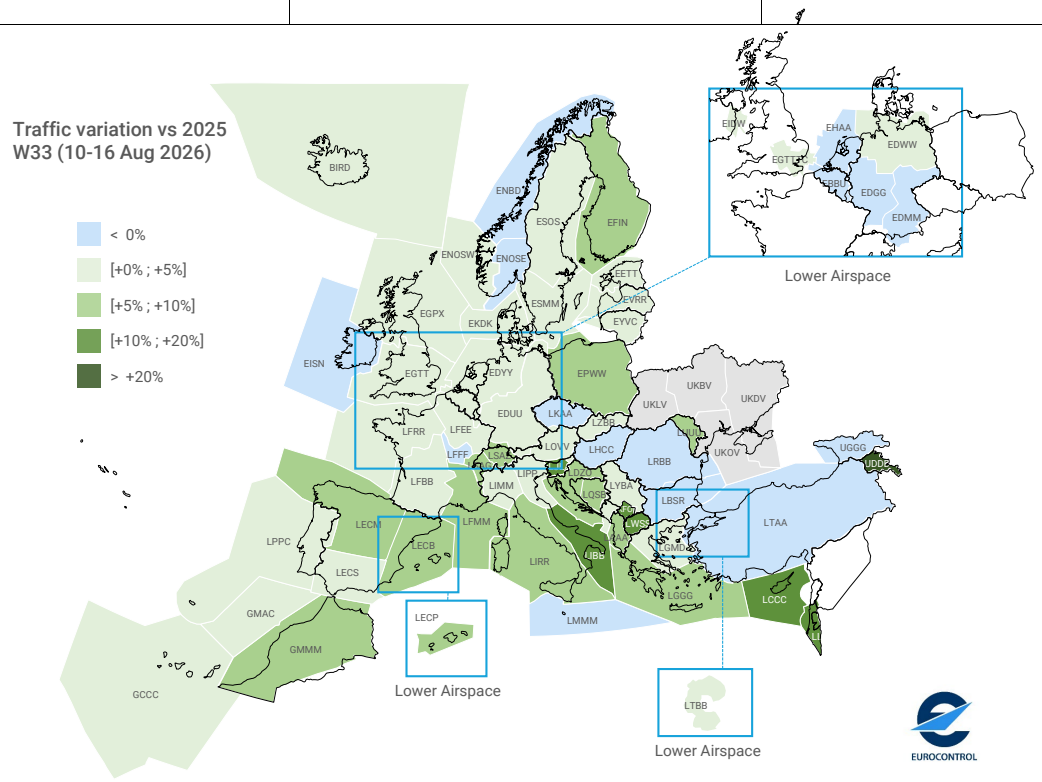
THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Traffic	ATFM delays	Arrival punctuality
36,174 daily flights	**3.10** min/flight	**74%**
+0.1% vs the previous week	**2.42** en-route	
+3.0% vs 2025	**0.68** airport	



SUMMER TO DATE (1 JUNE - 16 AUGUST 2026)

Traffic	ATFM delays	Arrival punctuality
+2.3% vs 2025	**-19%** vs 2025	**+1.9 pp** vs 2025

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SUMMARY OF THE WEEK

Category	Key figures	Situation Overview
Traffic	36,174 daily flights +3.0% vs 2025	• Traffic distribution is still influenced by the Middle East crisis, with lower traffic in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Türkiye, but a high increase in traffic in Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia – and continuous growth in south-west Europe. • ATFM delay constraints experienced at Marseille, Barcelona, Reims and Beograd ACCs due to capacity/staffing issues and some severe weather impacts. • The application of capacity and weather-based operations (CWBO) procedures and related scenarios continues in response to strong weather phenomena. Approximately 2.6 million minutes of en-route ATFM delays have now been saved to date through the application of these updated procedures.
ATFM delays	3.10 minutes per flight: • 2.42 mins/flight en-route air traffic flow management (ATFM) delays • 0.68 mins/flight airport ATFM delays • -10% vs the previous week • -3% vs 2025 A total of 50,707 flights were delayed by air traffic flow management (ATFM) restrictions, an average of 7,244 flights a day and 20% of all flights.	
Arrival punctuality	Up 1.3 percentage points (pp) vs Week 32 to 74%, better than last year by 0.7pp.	
Departure punctuality	Up 1.4pp vs Week 32 to 67%, better than last year by 1.5pp.	**Network hot spots** • France (32% of all en-route delays in the network year to date (YTD), of which 11% attributed to Marseille, 8% to Reims and 6% to Brest area control centres (ACCs)): affected by ongoing capacity, staffing and 4-FLIGHT transition issues. This has been compounded by increasing weather delays; despite this, average en-route delays are 32% lower for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD. • Spain (17% of all en-route delays in the network YTD, of which 11% attributed to Barcelona ACC): affected mostly by capacity, staffing issues and high traffic growth; average en-route delays are 11% higher for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD. • Greece (12% of all en-route delays in the network YTD, of which 8% attributed to Athens ACC): affected mostly by capacity and staffing issues, with additional complexity due to traffic demand related to the Middle East crisis; average en-route delays are 65% higher for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD.

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Network Operations Plan (NOP) delivery

- With 1.3% YTD traffic growth, average en-route ATFM delay for 2026 YTD is 19% better than 2025 YTD, with good delivery by the vast majority of air navigation service providers (ANSPs), and with the perspective of being 24% better by the end of the year compared to all of 2025.
- The main issues related to delivery against the NOP for Week 33 concerned Marseille, Barcelona and Beograd ACCs.
- Despite some persistent hotspots, overall improvements are being seen to delays compared to 2025 in Austria, Croatia, France, Germany and Hungary when compared to the NOP.
- Barcelona and Marseille ACCs will need to revise their plans to align with the NOP for the upcoming weeks.
- NOP delivery remains critical up to the end of August, with significant traffic growth continuing to be expected, and traffic peaks around or over 37,500 flights on Fridays.
- Week 33 saw once more new traffic records set that beat ones set in previous weeks, as follows:
    - Ireland recorded their highest-ever traffic in terms of daily arrivals/departures
    - 4 ACCs managed record traffic levels: Athens, Dublin, Istanbul and Yerevan ACCs
    - 4 airlines/airline groups: Pegasus, SunExpress, Turkish Airlines, WizzAir
    - 3 airports: Istanbul Airport, Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen and Dublin.
- **Weather**
    - CWBO procedures and related scenarios have been applied since the beginning of May 2026 to manage strong weather phenomena across the network. Approximately 2.6 million minutes of en-route ATFM delays have now been saved to date, with the updated procedures applied now in total to approximately 9,000 flights.
- **Industrial action/Other**
    - No major issues were recorded in Week 33 (10-16 August 2026).

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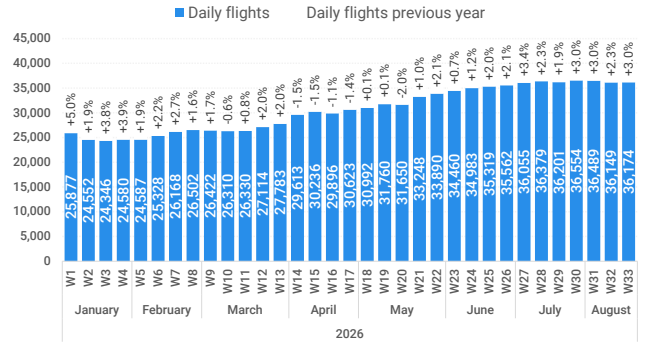
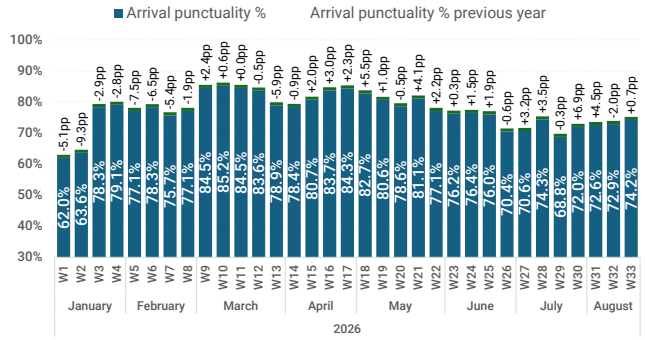
ROLLING OVERVIEW

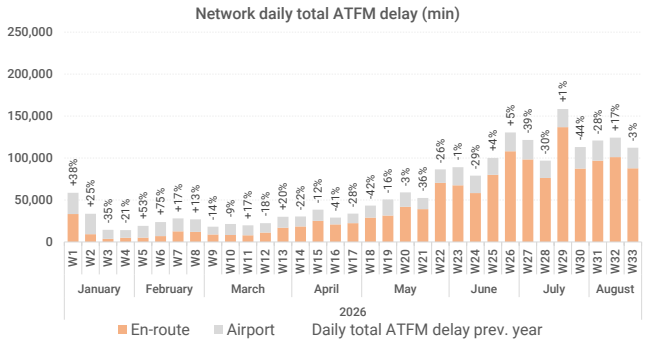
Traffic



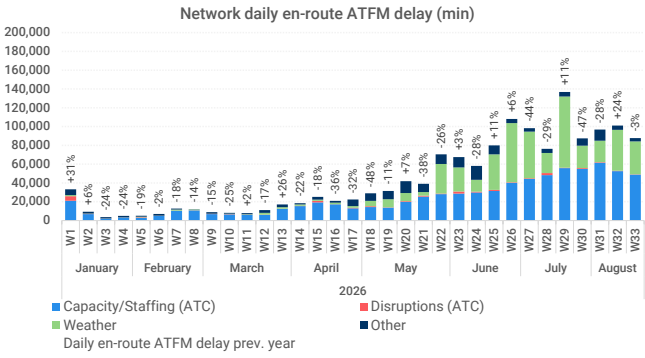
Punctuality (On Time Performance 15')



Total ATFM delay



En-route ATFM delay



AIRCRAFT OPERATORS: **Arrival punctuality** and the three most penalising ATFM locations for the 20 busiest aircraft operators*.

Rotation: All **Period: W33 (10 to 16 Aug 2026)**

Aircraft operator	Arrival punct (OTP15)	ATFM delay / flight (min)	Most penalising location (ATFM)	2nd most penalising location (ATFM)	3rd most penalising location (ATFM)
SAS Group	89%	1.08	Makedonia ACC - 11%	Karlsruhe UAC - 11%	Athens ACC - 10%
Austrian Airlines	86%	2.23	Belgrade ACC - 16%	Marseille ACC - 8%	Makedonia ACC - 7%
Norwegian Group	84%	2.09	Barcelona ACC - 11%	Reims ACC - 8%	Karlsruhe UAC - 8%
Turkish Airlines Group	84%	0.89	Belgrade ACC - 21%	Makedonia ACC - 12%	Karlsruhe UAC - 11%
KLM Group	82%	2.84	Amsterdam Airport - 32%	Reims ACC - 9%	Barcelona ACC - 7%
Lufthansa Airlines	81%	2.13	Marseille ACC - 17%	Karlsruhe UAC - 12%	Langen ACC - 10%
Iberia Group	79%	4.47	Barcelona ACC - 31%	Madrid ACC - 17%	Marseille ACC - 15%
Air France Group	76%	3.69	Marseille ACC - 22%	Barcelona ACC - 11%	Bordeaux ACC - 10%
Pegasus	76%	1.08	Belgrade ACC - 22%	Makedonia ACC - 11%	Karlsruhe UAC - 10%
British Airways Group	76%	3.37	Marseille ACC - 15%	Reims ACC - 13%	Barcelona ACC - 9%
Vueling	75%	5.62	Barcelona ACC - 37%	Barcelona Airport - 19%	Marseille ACC - 15%
TUI Group	75%	4.97	Reims ACC - 12%	Barcelona ACC - 11%	Athens ACC - 8%
Wizz Air Group	74%	3.25	Marseille ACC - 19%	Barcelona ACC - 17%	Belgrade ACC - 15%
Ryanair Group	72%	4.24	Barcelona ACC - 21%	Marseille ACC - 18%	Brest ACC - 6%
TAP Group	71%	5.28	Barcelona ACC - 19%	Marseille ACC - 17%	Madrid ACC - 17%
SWISS Group	70%	4.14	Zurich Airport - 39%	Marseille ACC - 16%	Reims ACC - 7%
easyJet Group	68%	5.60	Marseille ACC - 25%	Barcelona ACC - 11%	Reims ACC - 9%
Eurowings Group	67%	5.13	Marseille ACC - 24%	Karlsruhe UAC - 10%	Barcelona ACC - 10%
AEGEAN Group	63%	4.11	Athens Airport - 34%	Makedonia ACC - 18%	Athens ACC - 11%
ITA Airways	59%	2.51	Palermo Airport - 21%	Marseille ACC - 21%	Barcelona ACC - 9%

** Aircraft operator groups in the table above are defined @ https://www.eurocontrol.int/directory/airline-groups-lookup*

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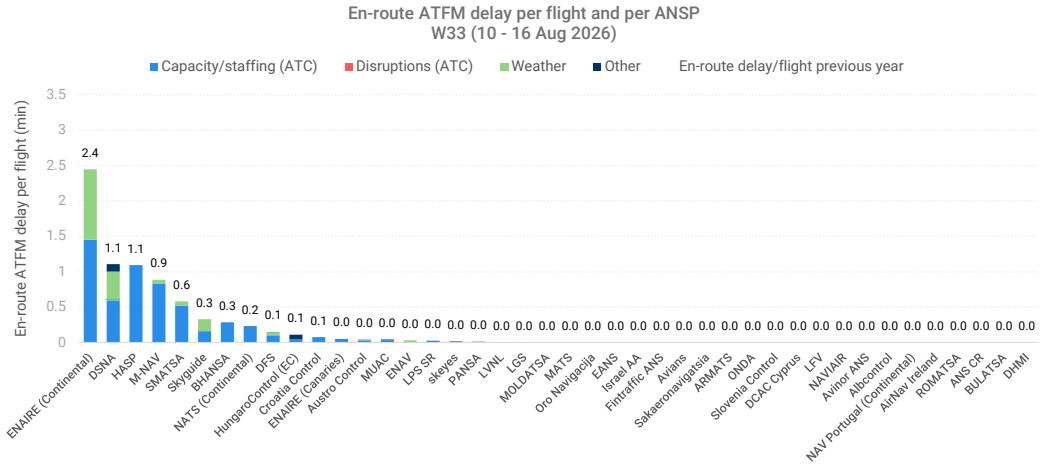
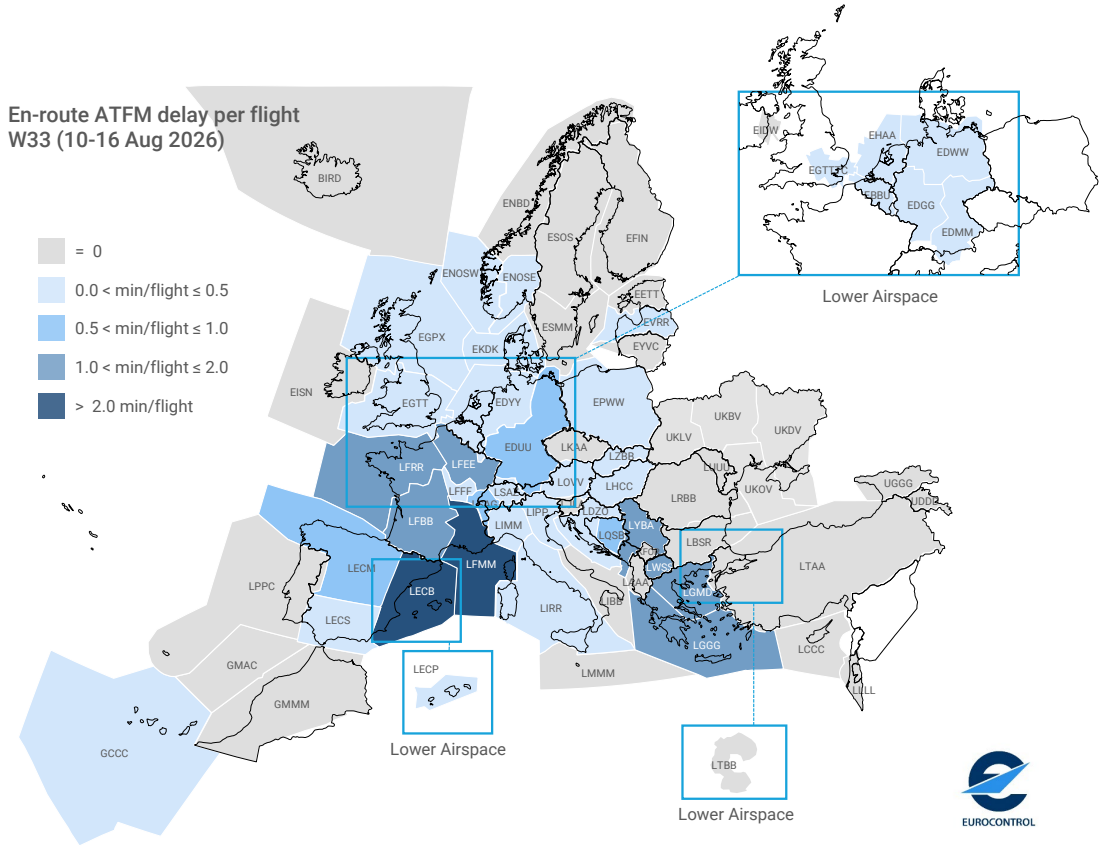
AIR NAVIGATION SERVICE PROVIDERS (ANSPs):

En-route ATFM delay per flight and per ANSP



ANSPs: En-route ATFM delay per flight and per ACC



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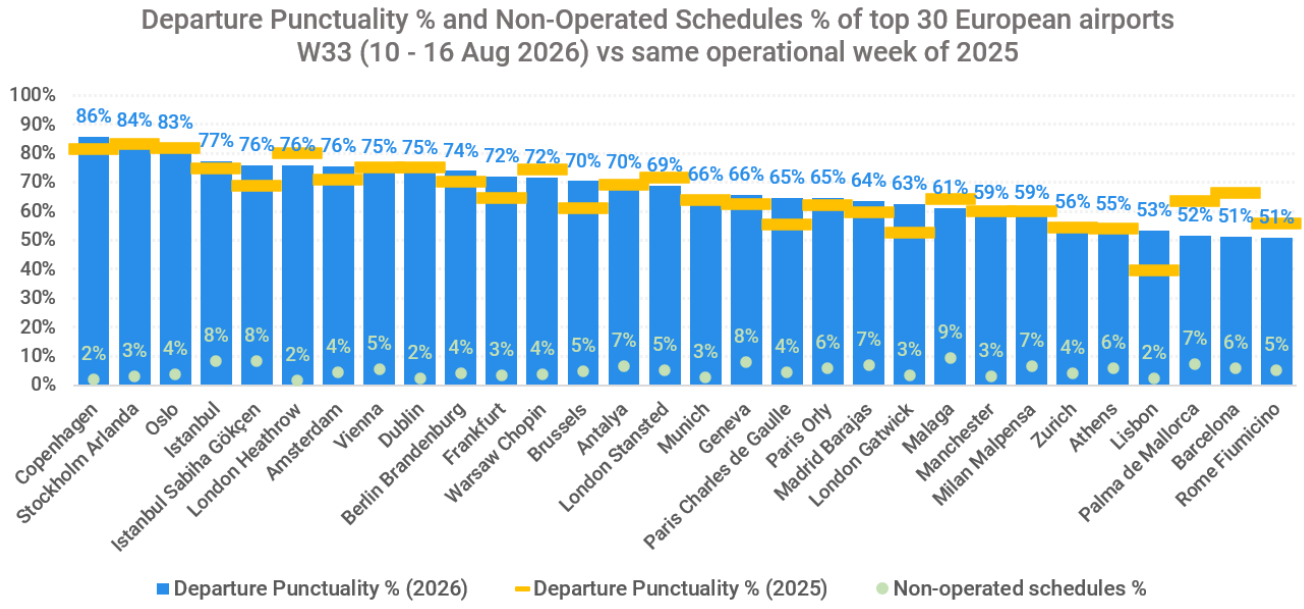
AIRPORTS:

Departure punctuality for the top 30 busiest airports in the network.



** Non-operated schedules defined @ https://ansperformance.eu/definition/opschedules/*

ADHERENCE TO THE NETWORK OPERATIONS PLAN (NOP)

The table below represents the EUROCONTROL Network Manager's assessment of the planned sector openings per ACC compared to the commitments in the NOP. It covers the expected situation over the 8 coming weeks.

ACCs that according to current plans will deliver sector openings agreed in the NOP 2026/27-2030:		**ACCs that according to current plans will not deliver sector openings agreed in the NOP 2026/27-2030:**	
- Tirana - Wien - BH - Zagreb - Nicosia - Maastricht - Bordeaux - Brest - Marseille East (except 17-30 August) - Marseille West (except 17-30 August) - Reims	- Karlsruhe - Athinai - Makedonia - Skopje - Beograd - Ljubljana - Barcelona East - Barcelona West (except Wednesdays/ Thursdays in August) - Madrid - Sevilla - London - Prestwick	- Barcelona West: Wednesdays/ Thursdays in August - Marseille East (17-30 August) - Marseille West (17-30 August)	

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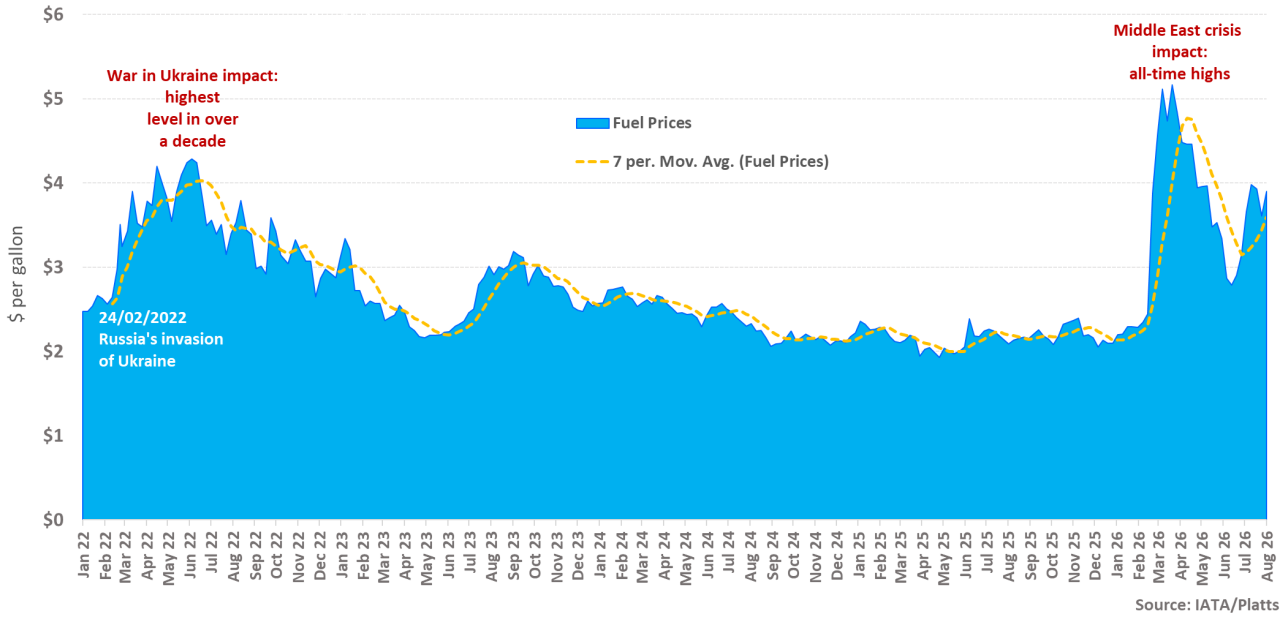
IMPACT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS



Source: IATA/Platts

Fuel price	**14 August 2026**	**$3.90** /gallon **+8.2%** over one week