Middle East Crisis: Impact on Jet Fuel Prices

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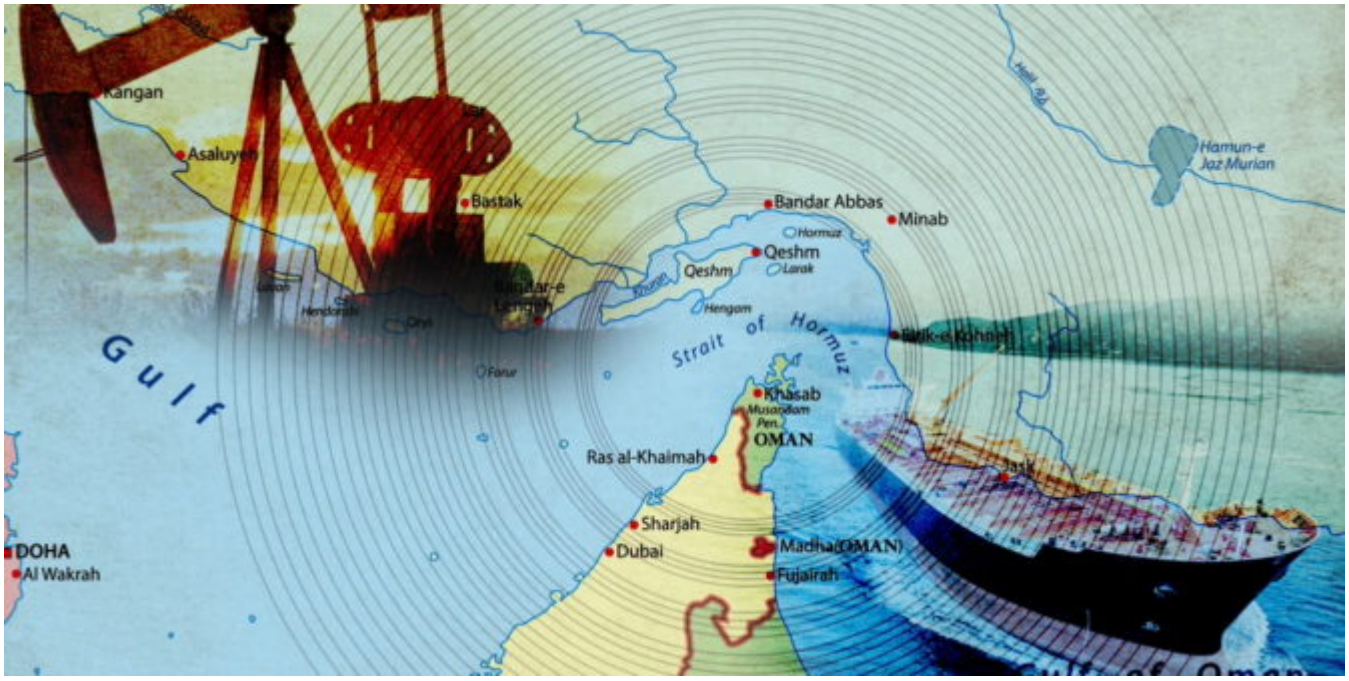

Jet fuel is becoming more expensive across the US as the crisis in the Middle East continues to push up global oil prices.

On March 6 we reported that retail prices at some FBOs had reached **$10 per gallon**, particularly in the Northeast.

The good news is that this isn't being driven by shortages. But if supply isn't the problem, what is pushing prices higher, and what can operators expect moving forward?

Why prices are rising

The main driver is crude oil.

Whenever tensions increase in the Middle East, global oil markets react quickly because a large proportion of the world's energy supply moves through that region.

In recent days the situation has been amplified by political rhetoric around the Strait of Hormuz, the world's most important oil chokepoint.

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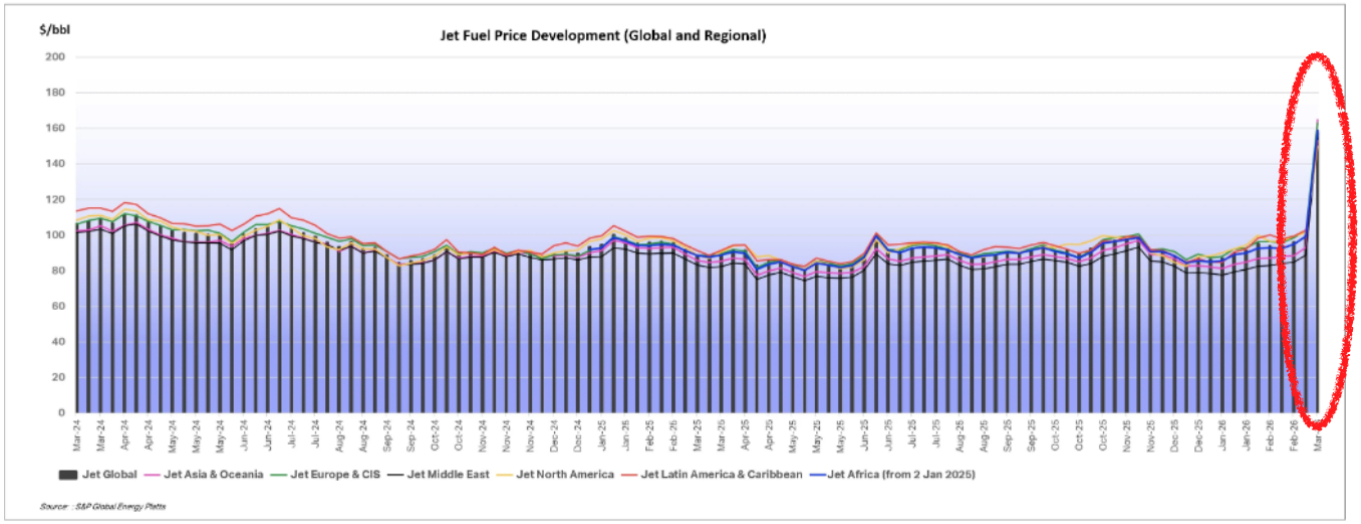


Shortages not expected

Despite the sudden surge in prices, actual fuel shortages in the US are unlikely.

Domestic refinery capacity remains strong and the US produces large amounts of crude oil. What we're seeing is **price volatility rather than a lack of supply.**

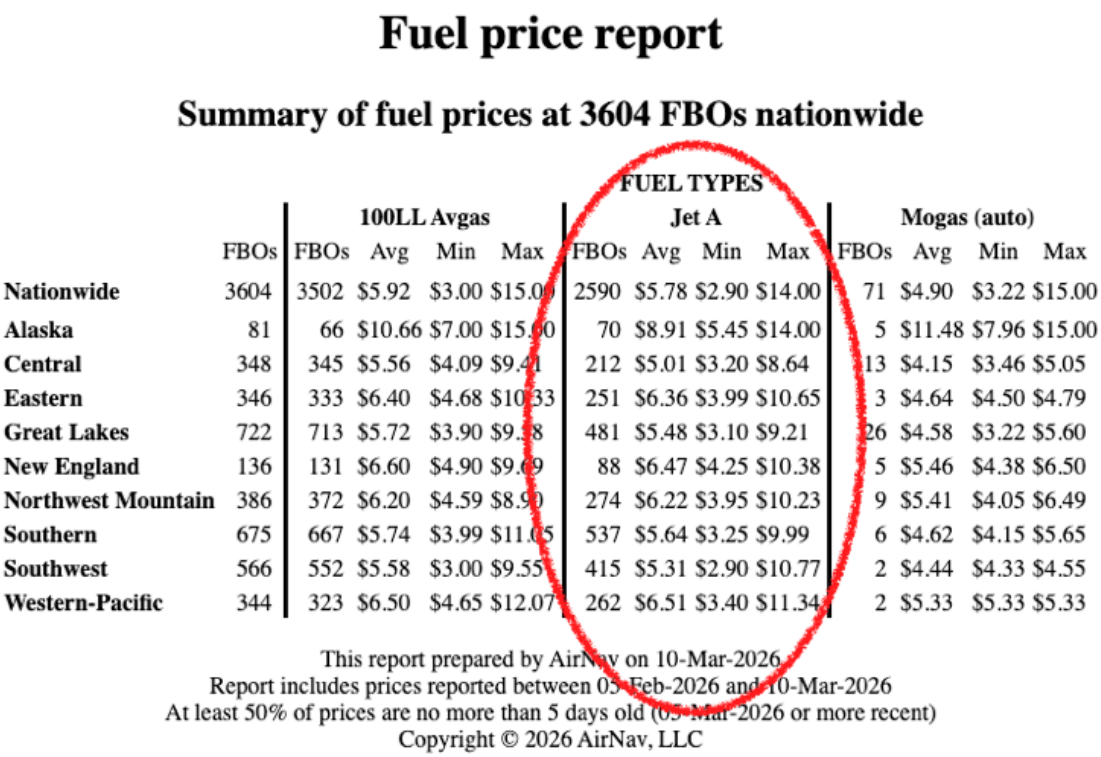
Unfortunately, this doesn't help with our smouldering wallets. Operators will likely continue to see **wide price differences between airports as FBOs** adjust their inventory and contract pricing.

How to compare prices

In the current environment, it has become more important than usual to **check fuel prices** when filing a flight plan.

There are a few ways to make this easier:

AirNav is a useful free resource that shows posted retail fuel prices at many US airports. It pulls data from a database of more than 3,000 FBOs nationwide.



Fuel price report

Summary of fuel prices at 3604 FBOs nationwide

		FUEL TYPES											
		100LL Avgas				Jet A				Mogas (auto)			
	FBOs	FBOs	Avg	Min	Max	FBOs	Avg	Min	Max	FBOs	Avg	Min	Max
Nationwide	3604	3502	$5.92	$3.00	$15.00	2590	$5.78	$2.90	$14.00	71	$4.90	$3.22	$15.00
Alaska	81	66	$10.66	$7.00	$15.00	70	$8.91	$5.45	$14.00	5	$11.48	$7.96	$15.00
Central	348	345	$5.56	$4.09	$9.41	212	$5.01	$3.20	$8.64	13	$4.15	$3.46	$5.05
Eastern	346	333	$6.40	$4.68	$10.33	251	$6.36	$3.99	$10.65	3	$4.64	$4.50	$4.79
Great Lakes	722	713	$5.72	$3.90	$9.38	481	$5.48	$3.10	$9.21	26	$4.58	$3.22	$5.60
New England	136	131	$6.60	$4.90	$9.69	88	$6.47	$4.25	$10.38	5	$5.46	$4.38	$6.50
Northwest Mountain	386	372	$6.20	$4.59	$8.90	274	$6.22	$3.95	$10.23	9	$5.41	$4.05	$6.49
Southern	675	667	$5.74	$3.99	$11.05	537	$5.64	$3.25	$9.99	6	$4.62	$4.15	$5.65
Southwest	566	552	$5.58	$3.00	$9.55	415	$5.31	$2.90	$10.77	2	$4.44	$4.33	$4.55
Western-Pacific	344	323	$6.50	$4.65	$12.07	262	$6.51	$3.40	$11.34	2	$5.33	$5.33	$5.33

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At least 50% of prices are no more than 5 days old (05-Mar-2026 or more recent)
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If you have **contract fuel** through the likes of Shell, World Fuel or Colt check whether they have an app. These often show contract prices at nearby airports.

Lastly, call ahead to the FBO and avoid **nasty surprises.** The posted prices don’t always reflect discounts or contract rates.

How long will this all last?

Like the rest of the world, we simply don’t know.

Oil prices can rise quickly, but they can also fall just as fast. Fuel markets react rapidly to geopolitical risk and often normalise once the situation stabilises.

If tensions in the Middle East ease, prices could settle within days, weeks or months. If the conflict escalates and disrupts major oil infrastructure or shipping routes, higher prices may persist for longer.