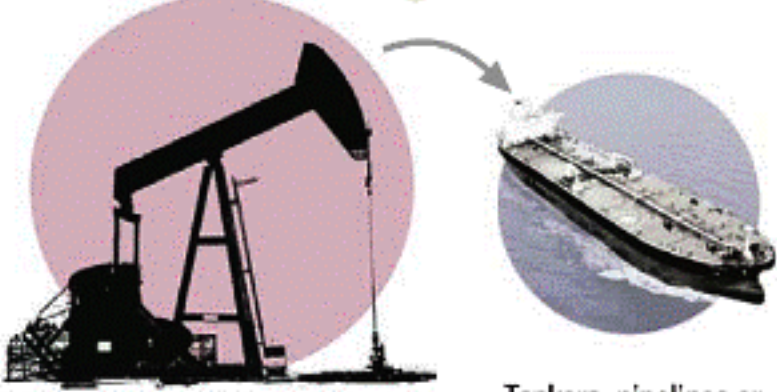

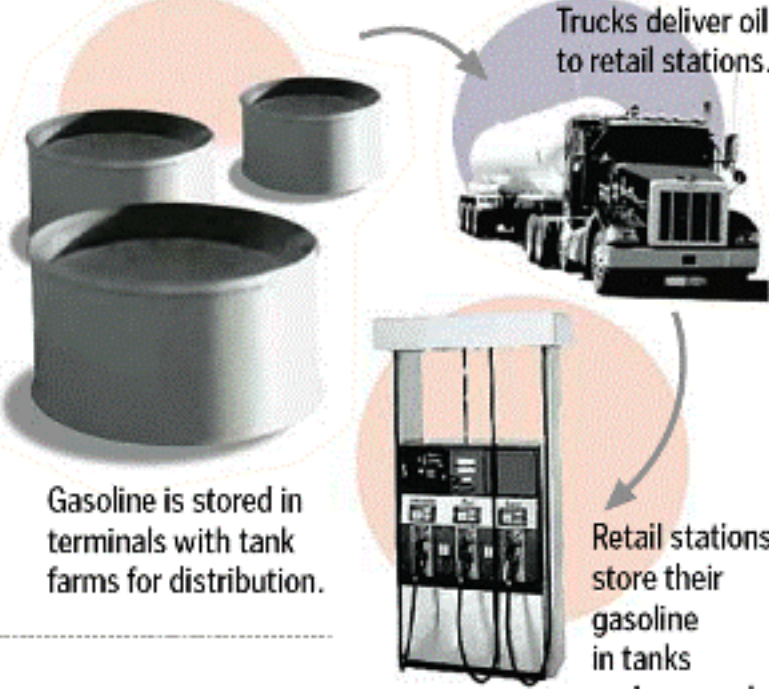



From the Ground to the Pump

The recent rise in gasoline prices has not benefited everyone in the production and distribution chain equally. A look at how the price paid by consumers at the pump is distributed through the chain, based on national averages:

SEPT. 5, 2005	SEPTEMBER 2004	PERCENTAGE INCREASE SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER	
\$1.466 per gallon	\$1.003	46%	<p>Crude Oil Producer</p>  <p>Domestic and foreign companies pump crude oil from the ground.</p> <p>Tankers, pipelines or rail transport crude oil to refineries.</p>
\$0.985	\$0.277	255%	<p>Refiner</p>  <p>Refineries process crude oil into a variety of products, including gasoline.</p> <p>Pipelines or tankers transport oil to distribution terminals.</p>
\$0.178	\$0.170	5%	<p>Distributors and Retailers</p>  <p>Gasoline is stored in terminals with tank farms for distribution.</p> <p>Trucks deliver oil to retail stations.</p> <p>Retail stations store their gasoline in tanks underground.</p>
\$0.44	\$0.42	Average of local, state and federal taxes	<p>Taxes</p>
\$3.069	\$1.870	64%	<p>Consumer</p> 

SOURCES: Analyst estimates; Energy Department's Energy Information Administration

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