# Petroleum Product Price Formation

An analysis of the factors that influence product prices, with chart data updated monthly, quarterly and annually











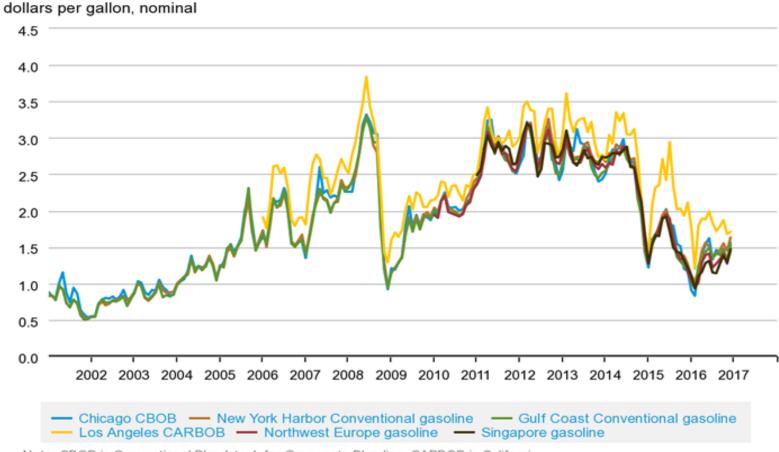




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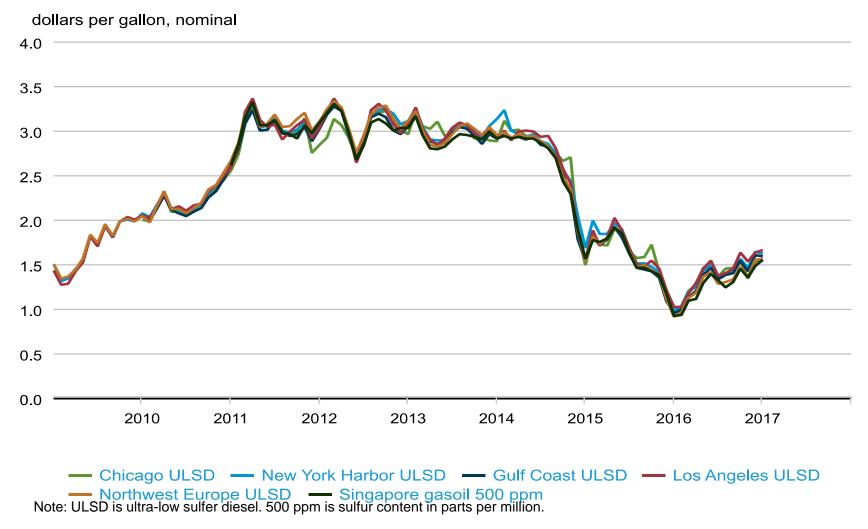


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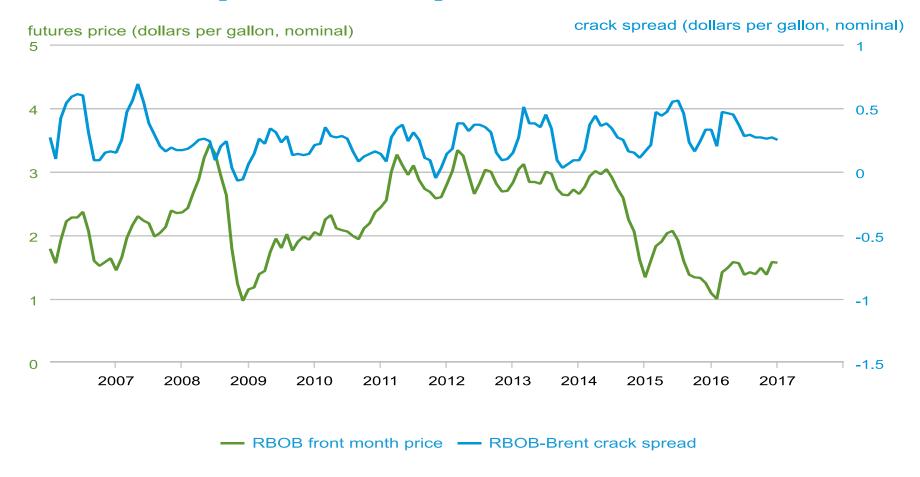


#### Distillate spot prices





#### RBOB futures price and crack spread

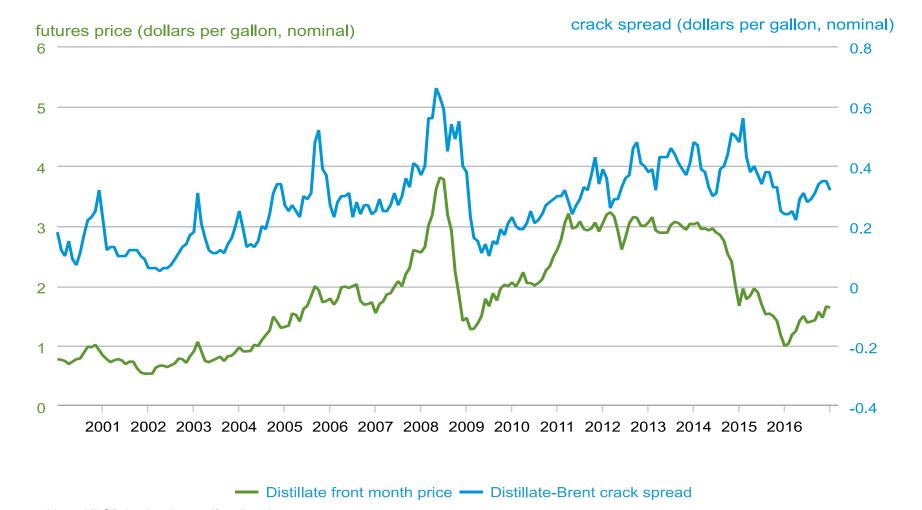


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#### ULSD futures price and crack spread

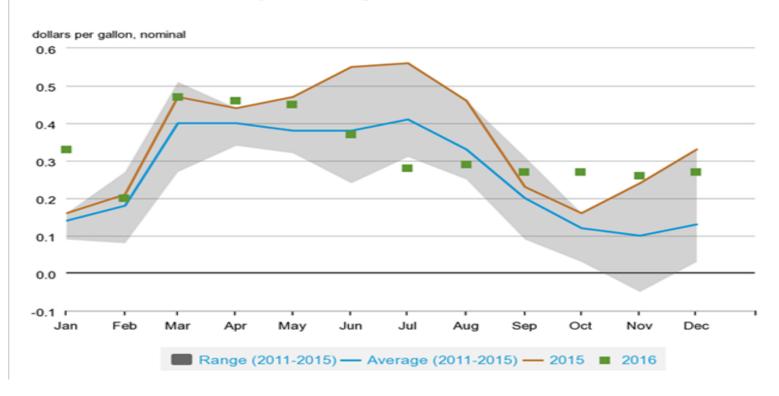


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## RBOB – Brent Crack Spread Range



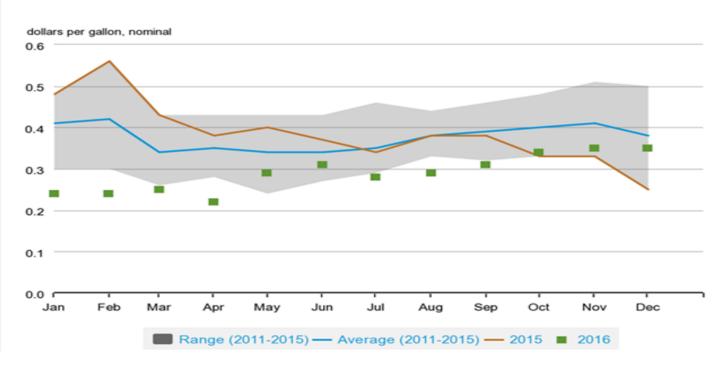


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#### Distillate – Brent Crack Spread Ranges





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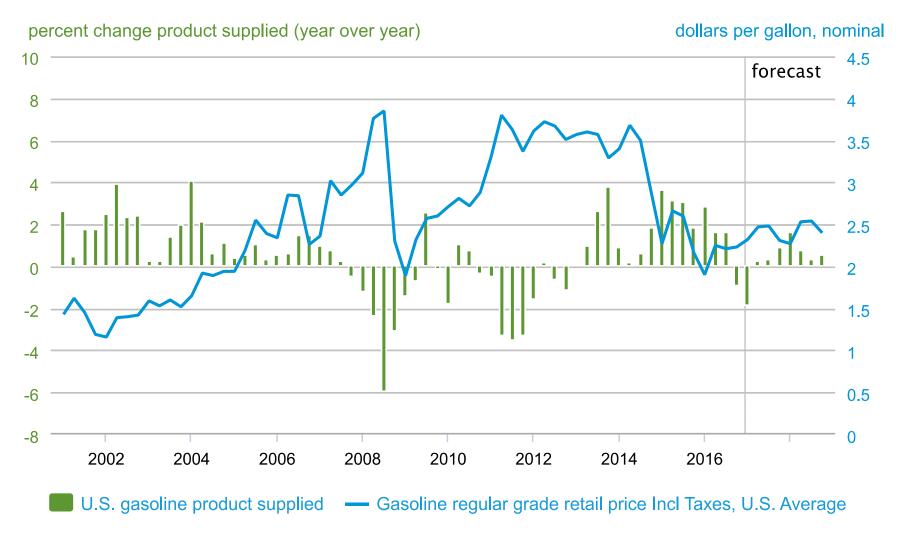
## **Petroleum Product Consumption**

percent change (year over year) -2 Gasoline Distillate





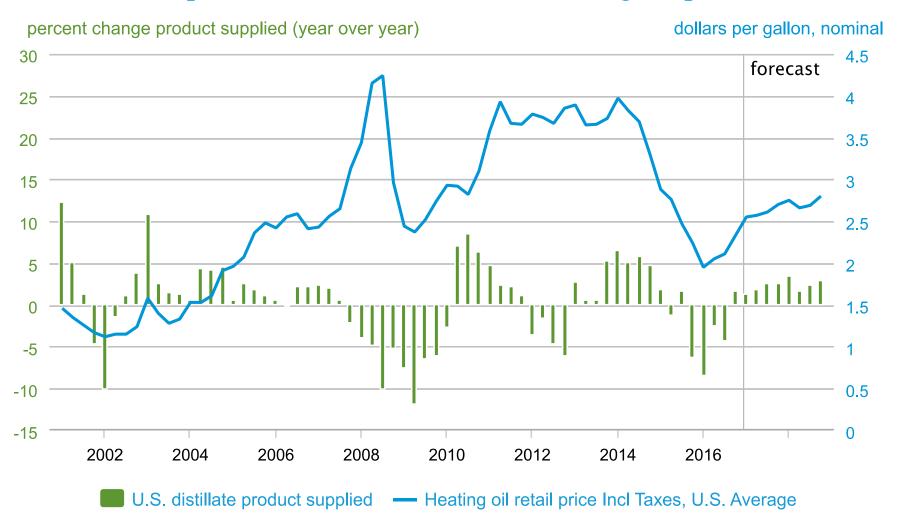
#### U.S. consumption of gasoline and retail gasoline prices



Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration



#### U.S. consumption of distillate and retail heating oil prices

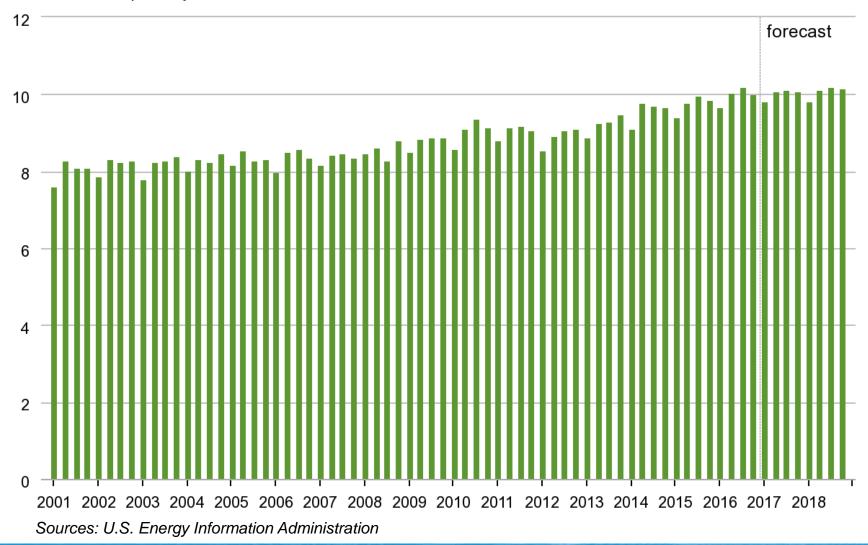


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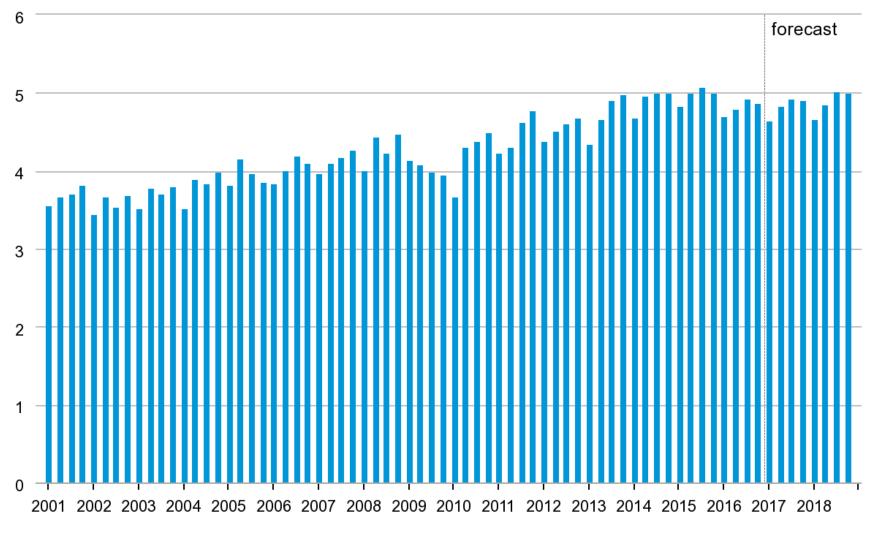
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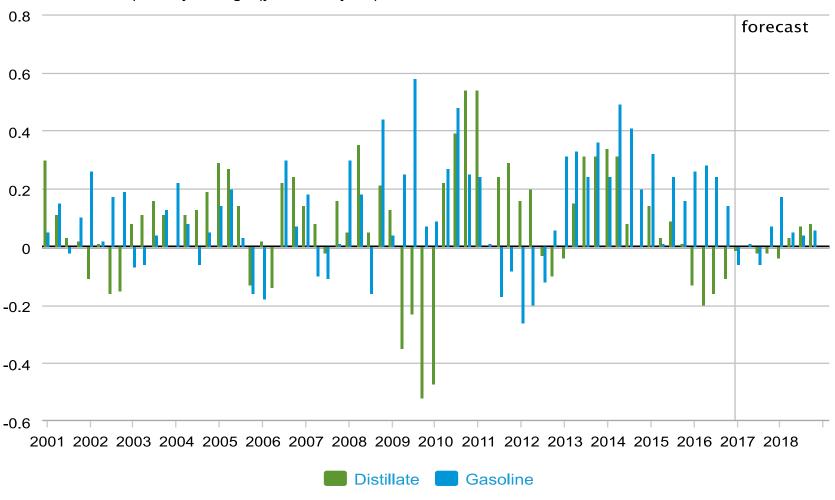


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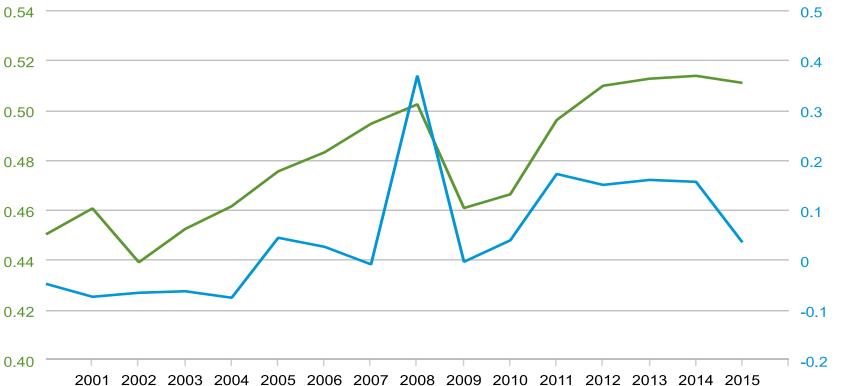


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#### Production and futures prices





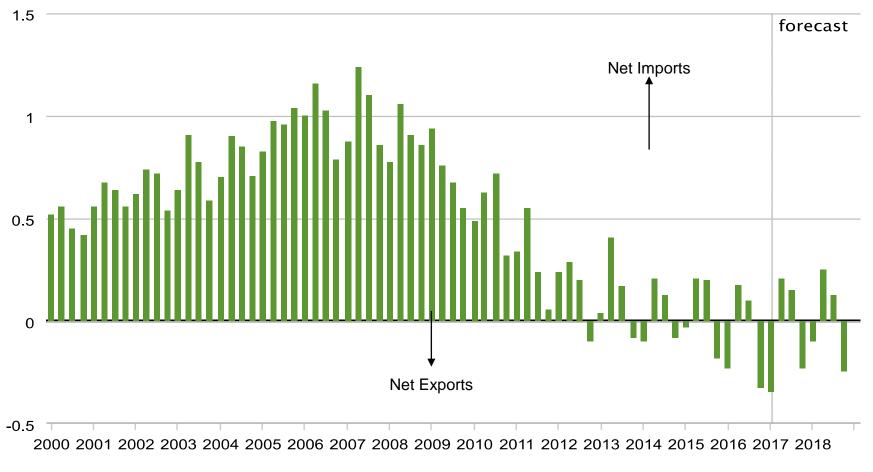
#### Distillate to gasoline production ratio — Distillate minus gasoline futures (right side)

Note: Since 2006, the underlying commodity for the gasoline futures contract has been reformulated blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB). Since the sprong of 2013, the underlying commodity for the distillate futures contract has been ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD).



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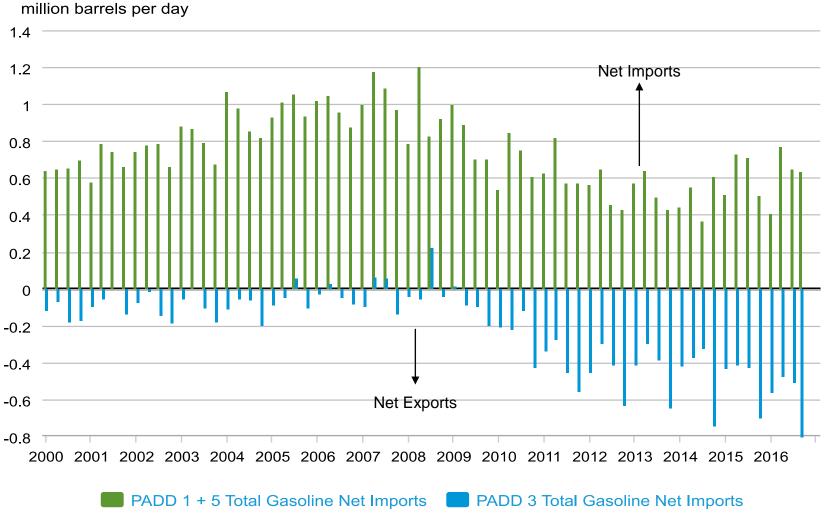


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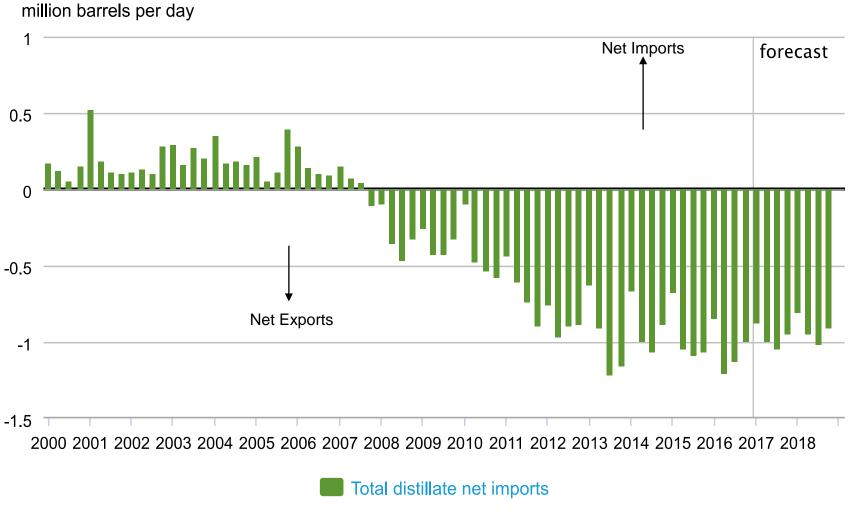
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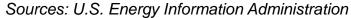




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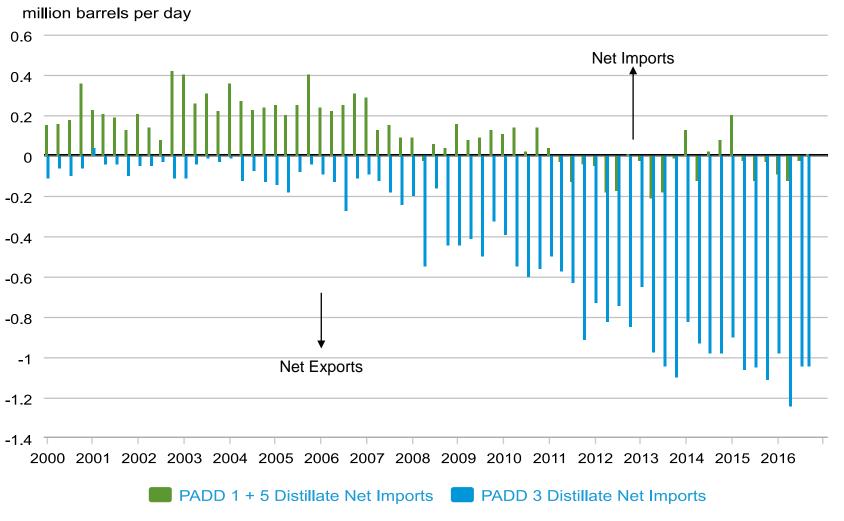
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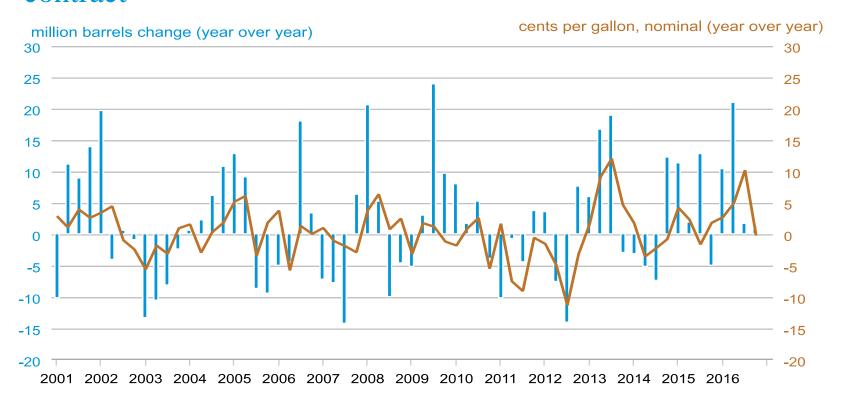
#### U.S. distillate fuel oil net imports by PADD



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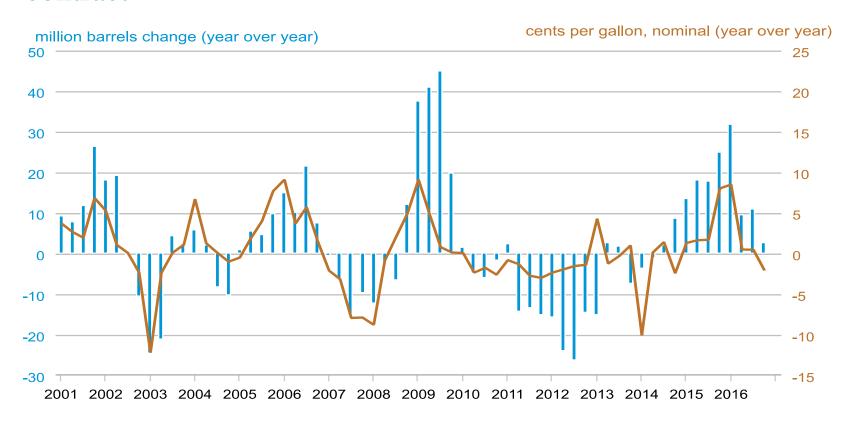
U.S. total gasoline inventories — RBOB 3rd - 1st month

Note: Since 2006, the underlying commodity for the gasoline futures contract has been reformulated blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB).

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# Distillate Inventories and ULSD 3rd minus 1st month futures contract



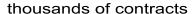
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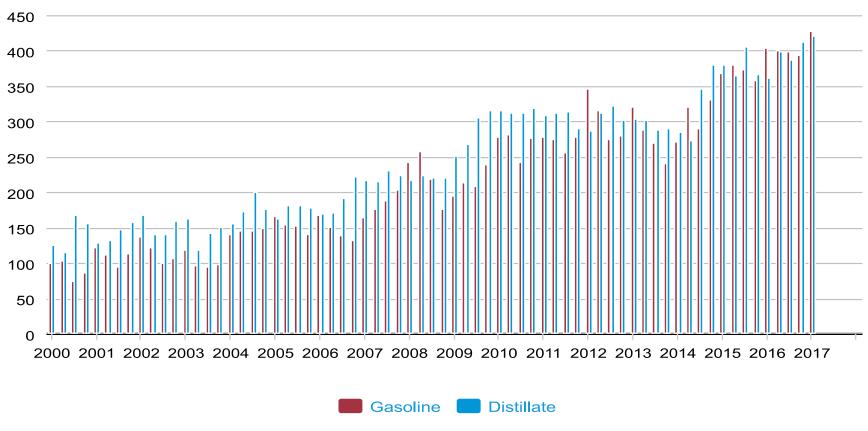
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## Average daily open interest of petroleum product futures

#### contracts



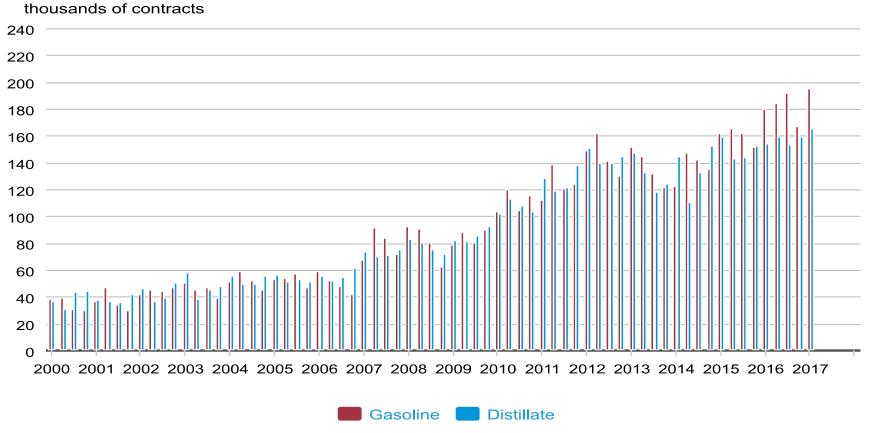


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#### Average daily volume of petroleum product futures contracts

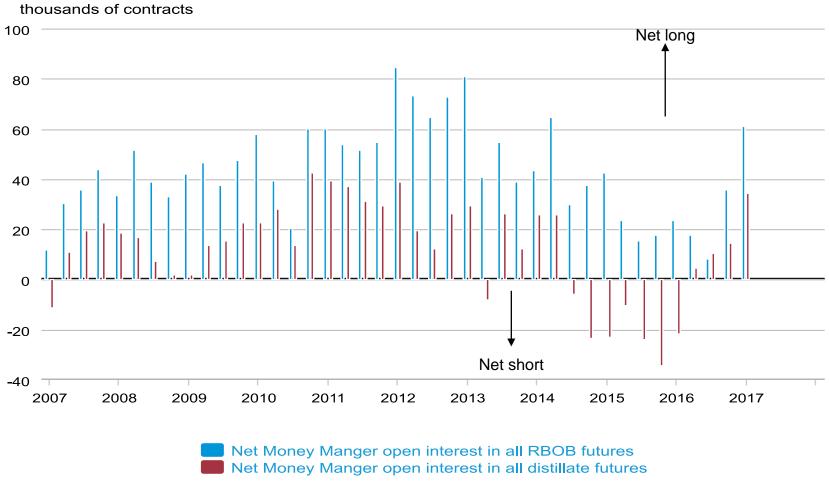


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#### U.S. exchange-traded futures positions by money managers



Note: Since the spring of 2013, the underlying commodity for the distillate futures contract has been ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD).

Sources: CFTC Commitment of Traders.



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