

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

GAS PRICES

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 5-6, 2012, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of 1,049 adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

All questions were asked of different randomly selected half samples of approximately 500 adults each. For results based on these samples of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Thinking now about gas prices,

Q.1-2 SPLIT SAMPLED

1. *(Asked of a half sample)* Suppose the price of gas keeps rising. At what price per gallon would it get so high that you and your family would be forced to make significant changes in the way you live your life?

BASED ON -515—NATIONAL ADULTS; ± 5 PCT PTS

	Under \$4.00	\$4.00- \$4.99	\$5.00- \$5.99	\$6.00- \$6.99	\$7.00- \$9.99	\$10.00 or more	No opinion	<i>Mean</i>
2012 Mar 5-6	14	28	30	8	6	4	9	\$5.35

2. *(Asked of a half sample)* Suppose the price of gas keeps rising. At what price per gallon would it get so high that you and your family would be forced to make significant cut backs in your spending in other areas?

BASED ON -534—NATIONAL ADULTS; ± 5 PCT PTS

	Under \$4.00	\$4.00- \$4.99	\$5.00- \$5.99	\$6.00- \$6.99	\$7.00- \$9.99	\$10.00 or more	No opinion	<i>Mean</i>
2012 Mar 5-6	17	28	31	8	5	5	7	\$5.30

Q.3-4 SPLIT SAMPLED

3. *(Asked of a half sample)* Do you think the president and Congress should or should not take immediate actions to try to control the rising price of gas?

BASED ON -521—NATIONAL ADULTS; ± 5 PCT PTS

	<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 5-6	85	13	2

4. *(Asked of a half sample)* Do you think the president and Congress can take actions that will control the rising price of gas, or is the rising price of gas largely beyond their control?

BASED ON -528—NATIONAL ADULTS; ± 5 PCT PTS

	<u>Can take actions that will control</u>	<u>Price largely beyond their control</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 5-6	65	31	4