GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

GAS PRICES

Results are based on telephone interviews with a random sample of – 1,499 -- national adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, conducted May 21-27, 2018.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of error is ±3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phones numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained this sample from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2017 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

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1. Thinking about the cost of gasoline, do you think the current rise in gas prices represents – [ROTATED: a temporary fluctuation in prices, or a more permanent change in prices]?

	Temporary	More permanent	No opinion
2018 May 21-27	61	35	4
2011 May 12-15	43	54	3
2008 May 2-4	19	78	3
2005 Sep 8-11	36	62	2
2004 Jun 3-6	43	56	1
2004 May 21-23 ^	48	50	2
2004 Mar 26-28 ^	42	55	3
2003 Aug 25-26	65	33	2
2003 Feb 17-19 ^	62	36	2
2001 May 7-9 ^	40	56	4
2000 Jun 22-25 ^	57	39	4
2000 May 23-24 ^	45	50	5
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2 ^	60	37	3
2000 Mar 10-12 ^	63	34	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

2. Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

	Yes, caused hardship	No, have not caused hardship	No opinion
2018 May 21-27	35	65	1
2011 May 12-15	67	32	1
2009 Jun 14-17	56	44	*
2008 May 2-4	71	29	*
2008 Mar 14-16	63	37	*
2005 Sep 26-28	61	38	1
2005 Sep 12-15 ^	72	28	*
2005 Aug 28-30	69	31	*
2005 May 20-22	59	41	*
2005 Apr 1-2	58	42	*
2004 Mar 26-28	47	53	*
2003 Feb 17-19	35	65	*
2001 May 7-9	47	53	*
2000 Jun 22-25	44	56	*
2000 May 23-24	36	64	*
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	39	61	*
2000 Mar 10-12	41	59	*
2000 Feb 14-15 †	40	60	*

^ Asked of a half sample.
† WORDING: Have recent price increases in gasoline, diesel fuel and home fuel oil caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

3. About how much would you say you currently pay for a gallon of gasoline?

	Under $2.75	$2.75-$2.99	$3.00-$3.24	$3.25-$3.49	$3.50 or more	No opinion	*Mean*	*Median*
2018 May 21-27	22	25	23	7	16	7	*$2.98*	*$2.99*

For comparison: Prior Gallup polls

	Mean	*Median*
2011 May 12-15	*$4.00*	*$4.00*
2011 Mar 3-6	*$3.45*	*$3.43*
2009 Jun 14-17	*$2.69*	*$2.65*
2008 Mar 14-16	*$3.30*	*$3.25*
2007 May 4-6	*$3.02*	*$3.00*
2006 Apr 28-30	*$2.93*	*$2.95*
2005 Aug 28-30	*$2.65*	*$2.62*

4. How high do you think the price of a gallon of gasoline will go in the area where you live this year?

	Under $2.75	$2.75-$2.99	$3.00-$3.24	$3.25-$3.49	$3.50 or more	No opinion	*Mean*	*Median*
2018 May 21-27	5	8	24	9	43	10	*$3.46*	*$3.40*

For comparison: Prior Gallup polls

	Mean	*Median*
2011 May 12-15	*$4.52*	*$4.50*
2011 Mar 3-6	*$4.36*	*$4.20*
2009 Jun 14-17	*$3.39*	*$3.25*
2008 Mar 14-16	*$3.98*	*$4.00*
2006 Apr 28-30	*$3.62*	*$3.50*

SUMMARY TABLE (Q.3-4): EXPECTED INCREASE IN GAS PRICES PER GALLON

	2018 May 21-27	2011 May 12-15	2011 Mar 3-6	2009 Jun 14-17	2008 Mar 14-16	2006 Apr 28-30
Current price is the high for the year	9	9	1	3	2	4
Increase of $0.01 to less than $0.25	20	19	3	11	9	18
Increase of $0.25 to less than $0.50	24	21	12	24	17	20
Increase of $0.50 to less than $0.75	17	17	26	21	30	19
Increase of $0.75 or more	18	27	50	35	35	34
No opinion	12	8	8	6	7	6
Mean increase	*+$0.47*	*+$0.52*	*+$0.91*	*+$0.70*	*+$0.67*	*+$0.65*
Median increase	*+$0.37*	*+$0.40*	*+$0.76*	*+$0.55*	*+$0.65*	*+$0.53*

5. Will the price of gas cause you to drive less than you might have otherwise this summer, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
2018 May 21-27	41	57	1
2005 May 20-22 ^	55	43	2
2004 May 21-23	56	44	1
2001 May 7-9	58	41	1
2000 Jun 22-25	50	49	1
2000 May 23-24	41	57	2

^ Asked of a half sample