Triple-A Puts Michigan Gas Prices Second Highest in U.S.

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Caption: A woman stands in front of gas prices at a petrol kiosk in Dal Mar, California March 1, 2011. REUTERS/Mike Blake

DEARBORN, MI (Metro Source) - Michigan drivers are paying more for gasoline than any other state except Alaska. Triple-A's daily fuel gauge report put the state's average at $4.12 a gallon to start the week, up 17 cents in a week and second only to $4.25 in Alaska. The cheapest fuel is in Tennessee where drivers are paying 60 cents less than in Michigan. Memorial Day Weekend storms that damaged pipe lines are being blamed for this state's high gas prices.

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State Gasoline Tax Rates
as of January 1, 2011 (Cents Per Gallon)

State	Excise Tax	Other Taxes and Fees	Total	Rank
Ala.	16.0	4.9	20.9	36
Alaska	8.0	0.0	8.0	50
Ariz.	18.0	1.0	19.0	42
Ark.	21.5	0.3	21.8	34
Calif.	35.3	12.4	47.7	1
Colo.	22.0	0.0	22.0	32
Conn.	25.0	20.2	45.2	4
Del.	23.0	0.0	23.0	29
Fla.	4.0	30.4	34.4	9
Ga.	7.5	13.3	20.8	37
Hawaii	17.0	28.8	45.8	3
Idaho	25.0	0.0	25.0	22
Ill.	19.0	23.8	42.8	5
Ind.	18.0	19.2	37.2	8
Iowa	21.0	1.0	22.0	32
Kans.	24.0	1.0	25.0	22
Ky.	21.1	1.4	22.5	31
La.	20.0	0.0	20.0	38
Maine	29.5	1.5	31.0	16
Md.	23.5	0.0	23.5	27
Mass.	21.0	2.5	23.5	27
Mich.	19.0	18.7	37.7	6
Minn.	27.1	0.1	27.2	21
Miss.	18.0	0.8	18.8	43
Mo.	17.0	0.3	17.3	45
Mont.	27.0	0.8	27.8	19
Nebr.	26.4	0.9	27.3	20
Nev.	23.0	10.1	33.1	10
N.H.	18.0	1.6	19.6	41
N.J.	10.5	4.0	14.5	48
N.M.	17.0	1.8	18.8	43
N.Y.	8.1	39.2	47.3	2
N.C.	32.5	0.3	32.8	13
N.D.	23.0	0.0	23.0	29
Ohio	28.0	0.0	28.0	18
Okla.	16.0	1.0	17.0	46
Ore.	30.0	1.0	31.0	16
Pa.	12.0	20.3	32.3	14
R.I.	32.0	1.0	33.0	11

$600 MILLION MORE TO ROADS EVEN THOUGH 10¢ GALLON LESS IN TAXES

S.C.	16.0	0.8	16.8	47
S.D.	22.0	2.0	24.0	26
Tenn.	20.0	1.4	21.4	35
Tex.	20.0	0.0	20.0	38
Utah	24.5	0.0	24.5	25
Vt.	19.0	6.0	25.0	22
Va.	17.5	2.2	19.7	40
Wash.	37.5	0.0	37.5	7
W.Va.	20.5	11.7	32.2	15
Wis.	30.9	2.0	32.9	12
Wyo.	13.0	1.0	14.0	49
DC	23.5	0.0	23.5	–

Note: The American Petroleum Institute (API) has developed a methodology for determining the average tax rate on a gallon of fuel. Other Taxes and Fees may include any of the following: environmental fees, storage tank taxes, other fees or taxes, and general sales tax. In states where gasoline is subject to the general sales tax, or where the fuel tax is based on the average sale price, the average rate determined by API is sensitive to changes in the price of gasoline. States that fully or partially apply general sales taxes to gasoline: CA, CO, GA, IL, IN, MI, NY.

Source: American Petroleum Institute.