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Highway driving increases this summer

In our April *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, EIA published its *Summer Fuels Outlook*, which forecasts prices for the summer driving season, which runs from April through the end of September.

We forecast that highway travel will increase by 15% this summer when compared with 2020 as employment levels rise and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to subside.

Americans can expect to pay an average of \$2.78 per gallon for regular-grade gasoline this summer, which is 71 cents higher than last summer's average. We expect the average retail price for diesel to be \$2.96 per gallon, up by 54 cents from 2020.

Our updated outlook expects U.S. households to spend about \$480, or 31%, more on motor fuel in 2021 than in 2020; however, average household spending in 2021 will still be slightly less than the average from 2010–19.

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