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AAA Consumer Gas Price Study

Key Findings

Almost two-thirds (64%) of U.S. adults have changed their driving habits or lifestyle in order to offset increases in gas prices since they started to spike this spring. Almost one quarter (23%) made major changes, while 41% made slight changes.





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The top three changes U.S. adults have made or would make to offset rises in gas prices are driving less, combining errands, and reducing shopping or dining out.

In Response to Gas Price Increases, Consumers Are Most Likely to Drive Less, Combine Errands, and Reduce Shopping or Dining Out	
The 64% of Americans Who Reported Making Changes Adapted Their Driving or Lifestyle in the Following Ways (Multiple responses possible)	Have Made Changes Already
Drive less	88%
Combine errands	74%
Reduce shopping or dining out	56%
Delay major purchases	30%
Postpone vacations this year	29%
Put aside less money for savings	24%
Carpool	16%
Drive a more fuel-efficient vehicle	13%
Use public transportation more regularly	5%
Switch to an electric vehicle	2%
Something else	5%



Methodology

The survey was conducted June 23-27, 2022 using a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population overall. The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. Most surveys were completed online; consumer without Internet access were surveyed over the phone.

A total of 1,002 interviews were completed among U.S. adults, 18 years of age or older. The margin of error for the study overall is 4% at the 95% confidence level. Smaller subgroups have larger error margins.

All differences between demographic sub-groups discussed in this study are statistically significant at the 95% confidence level. This means there is a 95% chance that the respective differences are not due to the study's margin of error but reflect actual differences among U.S. adults in general.

