

# INCOME MIDDLE THIRD

## TABLE 40

### EXPECTED CHANGE IN GASOLINE PRICES DURING THE NEXT 5 YEARS (Three Month Moving Averages)

The question was: "Do you think that the price of gasoline will go up during the next five years, will gasoline prices go down, or will they stay about the same as they are now?"

About how many cents per gallon do you think gasoline prices will (increase/decrease) during the next five years compared to now?"

<u>Date of Survey</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>DK, NA</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Median Increase</u>	<u>Mean Increase</u>	<u>Cases</u>
December 1990	55	25	19	1	100	9.1	24.4	429
January 1991	56	26	17	1	100	8.8	19.9	451
February 1991	60	23	15	2	100	11.0	20.3	441
March 1991	63	26	8	3	100	13.4	20.0	454
January 1993	74	22	3	1	100	12.1	22.2	448
February 1993	74	22	3	1	100	11.5	20.4	439
March 1993	79	17	3	1	100	15.0	24.7	441
April 1993	81	16	2	1	100	15.7	25.7	425
May 1993	81	17	1	1	100	16.7	26.0	449
June 1993	79	19	1	1	100	14.2	23.4	442
July 1993	77	20	1	1	100	13.7	22.9	450
August 1993	79	19	1	1	100	13.0	23.5	444
September 1993	79	19	1	1	100	13.5	23.1	446
October 1993	84	15	1	0	100	14.1	23.0	432
May 1994	66	30	2	1	100	8.2	14.1	411
June 1994	64	32	2	2	100	6.9	13.0	416
July 1994	66	30	1	2	100	8.4	12.5	431
August 1994	67	29	1	2	100	8.5	14.5	465
September 1994	71	26	1	2	100	10.0	17.0	505
October 1994	72	24	1	2	100	10.1	18.9	516
November 1994	75	22	1	2	100	11.1	19.1	480
December 1994	72	24	1	2	100	10.8	18.8	436
January 1995	73	24	1	2	100	10.9	17.7	422
February 1995	68	29	1	2	100	8.7	15.9	421
March 1995	69	29	1	2	100	8.5	14.0	432
April 1995	67	30	2	1	100	8.3	13.8	411
May 1995	72	25	2	1	100	9.6	15.6	431
June 1995	75	20	3	2	100	10.6	17.6	442
July 1995	76	19	3	2	100	10.6	18.7	469
August 1995	72	22	4	2	100	10.5	16.7	458
September 1995	69	27	2	1	100	9.7	14.9	458
October 1995	69	28	2	2	100	9.7	14.7	460
November 1995	70	28	1	1	100	9.7	14.4	452
December 1995	67	29	2	2	100	8.2	14.4	432
January 1996	65	31	3	1	100	7.6	13.6	417
February 1996	63	33	4	1	100	6.2	12.1	439
March 1996	66	31	3	0	100	7.6	12.1	450
April 1996	69	28	2	1	100	8.2	12.8	428
May 1996	65	26	7	1	100	7.4	15.7	429
June 1996	62	27	10	1	100	6.3	14.4	408
July 1996	60	28	11	1	100	6.4	14.1	426
August 1996	66	27	6	1	100	8.7	14.2	410
September 1996	71	24	4	2	100	10.0	16.7	423
October 1996	71	25	4	1	100	9.8	17.2	434
November 1996	71	24	2	2	100	9.8	17.1	433
December 1996	69	27	2	2	100	9.8	17.3	440
January 1997	73	23	2	3	100	11.5	17.9	432

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February 1997	75	22	2	1	100	11.7	18.9	426
March 1997	78	19	2	1	100	11.8	21.3	419
April 1997	75	23	2	0	100	10.0	19.9	409
May 1997	72	27	1	0	100	10.0	19.8	422
June 1997	74	25	1	1	100	10.2	17.7	422
July 1997	76	21	1	2	100	10.5	18.4	436
August 1997	78	18	2	2	100	10.6	18.1	439
September 1997	81	15	2	2	100	11.3	18.4	438
October 1997	79	16	2	2	100	11.4	18.4	427
November 1997	80	17	2	1	100	11.3	19.2	418
December 1997	74	23	2	1	100	10.3	18.8	407
January 1998	72	25	2	1	100	10.0	17.6	393
February 1998	73	23	3	1	100	10.0	15.7	388
March 1998	69	25	3	3	100	9.5	14.2	406
April 1998	69	24	4	3	100	9.6	15.4	432
May 1998	69	24	3	4	100	9.9	16.0	440
June 1998	75	20	2	3	100	10.5	16.3	443
July 1998	74	20	2	4	100	10.4	16.5	427
August 1998	70	24	2	4	100	9.5	15.8	440
September 1998	65	28	2	5	100	9.4	15.5	444
October 1998	66	30	1	3	100	9.3	13.5	437
November 1998	66	30	1	2	100	9.1	12.8	438
December 1998	66	31	2	1	100	9.2	13.9	422
January 1999	68	29	2	1	100	9.4	16.5	428
February 1999	70	27	2	1	100	10.1	17.1	425
March 1999	71	26	1	1	100	10.2	17.3	467
April 1999	70	25	3	2	100	11.1	18.3	489
May 1999	70	24	4	2	100	11.1	19.4	501
June 1999	71	23	4	2	100	11.1	21.7	486
July 1999	71	26	2	1	100	10.3	20.3	478
August 1999	72	25	1	2	100	11.8	20.9	463
September 1999	74	21	3	3	100	14.1	19.8	451
October 1999	76	17	4	3	100	15.6	21.4	459
November 1999	76	17	4	3	100	14.1	21.3	456
May 2000	60	18	21	1	100	12.4	21.0	468
June 2000	60	22	18	0	100	9.2	24.7	456
July 2000	61	20	18	1	100	10.4	25.2	435
August 2000	63	19	15	2	100	12.3	26.2	427
September 2000	65	18	14	3	100	14.6	23.3	448
October 2000	70	17	11	2	100	15.3	23.5	447
November 2000	72	15	11	2	100	16.6	25.3	439
December 2000	72	17	10	2	100	17.5	27.8	424
January 2001	70	20	8	2	100	19.0	31.6	435
February 2001	71	21	7	1	100	21.5	32.9	449
March 2001	68	23	8	1	100	20.0	30.1	463
April 2001	72	20	7	1	100	23.2	33.2	460
May 2001	76	16	7	1	100	31.5	41.3	459
June 2001	80	13	6	1	100	34.1	45.1	439
July 2001	76	13	9	2	100	30.9	43.4	441
August 2001	70	19	8	3	100	21.1	34.8	459
September 2001	68	20	8	3	100	20.1	34.5	486
October 2001	67	23	6	3	100	19.9	30.9	489
November 2001	68	23	7	2	100	19.9	31.5	488
December 2001	69	22	6	2	100	23.2	31.5	463

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January 2002	73	21	4	2	100	25.5	36.6	464
February 2002	73	21	3	2	100	27.0	36.5	459
March 2002	74	21	3	2	100	23.7	33.2	472
April 2002	74	20	4	2	100	21.7	29.8	467
May 2002	77	19	4	1	100	21.3	29.2	471
June 2002	74	20	4	2	100	21.3	30.2	465
July 2002	73	20	4	3	100	18.0	26.9	467
August 2002	71	21	4	4	100	15.1	25.0	449
September 2002	73	21	3	2	100	13.3	22.1	445
October 2002	76	21	2	1	100	15.0	23.4	449
November 2002	76	20	2	2	100	15.8	24.3	460
December 2002	76	21	1	2	100	17.4	25.5	481
January 2003	75	21	2	2	100	17.3	24.8	478
February 2003	76	17	5	2	100	20.0	28.1	488
March 2003	75	14	9	1	100	20.1	29.6	481
April 2003	67	17	16	1	100	18.3	26.6	490
May 2003	59	23	18	0	100	11.5	19.5	467
June 2003	55	28	16	0	100	8.2	17.4	467
July 2003	56	32	11	1	100	8.4	19.3	449
August 2003	64	26	8	1	100	14.4	25.3	458
September 2003	66	23	10	2	100	17.9	27.1	459
October 2003	70	18	10	2	100	20.9	27.7	459
November 2003	69	20	9	2	100	19.9	25.9	448
December 2003	71	22	5	1	100	18.1	23.9	446
August 2004	60	22	17	1	100	13.2	28.8	491
September 2004	64	23	12	1	100	16.1	32.7	469
October 2004	70	18	11	1	100	20.9	35.3	492
November 2004	70	19	10	1	100	19.8	37.7	510
December 2004	72	18	10	0	100	22.7	36.0	517
January 2005	70	22	8	0	100	21.2	35.9	488
February 2005	71	21	8	0	100	22.8	36.4	487
March 2005	75	18	6	1	100	25.1	42.1	491
April 2005	77	15	7	1	100	28.5	47.2	503
May 2005	79	13	7	1	100	31.9	50.6	528
June 2005	75	16	8	1	100	31.8	50.7	532
July 2005	76	17	6	0	100	33.3	52.0	531
August 2005	74	16	10	0	100	35.1	51.3	492
September 2005	76	13	11	0	100	41.8	58.3	493
October 2005	74	13	13	0	100	40.1	57.2	488
November 2005	72	16	12	0	100	35.1	54.5	517
December 2005	71	19	10	0	100	35.0	47.5	534
January 2006	72	22	6	0	100	36.6	48.1	514
February 2006	76	20	4	0	100	41.6	53.7	477
March 2006	75	21	3	1	100	40.1	55.6	447
April 2006	79	15	5	1	100	45.3	61.1	451
May 2006	79	14	7	1	100	55.3	68.3	455
June 2006	80	11	8	0	100	55.2	68.2	469
July 2006	77	16	7	0	100	55.1	65.3	458
August 2006	77	17	6	0	100	48.2	60.7	464
September 2006	75	19	5	0	100	49.9	64.6	460
October 2006	76	18	6	0	100	50.1	66.2	481
November 2006	74	18	7	0	100	50.2	65.4	478
December 2006	76	17	6	1	100	50.2	64.6	470

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January 2007	73	21	5	1	100	43.3	61.6	464
February 2007	74	21	4	1	100	41.5	58.1	491
March 2007	74	21	4	1	100	41.6	60.5	496
April 2007	81	14	4	1	100	48.4	67.8	478
May 2007	79	14	7	1	100	50.1	71.5	463
June 2007	79	12	9	0	100	56.8	72.0	450
July 2007	77	13	10	0	100	56.6	64.6	478
August 2007	76	17	7	0	100	56.5	62.6	477
September 2007	74	20	6	0	100	49.6	56.9	495
October 2007	76	19	5	0	100	49.7	60.0	471
November 2007	81	13	5	0	100	49.9	65.8	483
December 2007	84	10	5	0	100	54.0	75.8	479
January 2008	84	11	5	0	100	62.4	80.7	480
February 2008	82	12	5	1	100	62.4	77.8	465
March 2008	81	13	5	1	100	66.7	76.9	479
April 2008	80	12	7	1	100	66.7	77.1	493
May 2008	79	11	10	0	100	83.2	84.9	500
June 2008	81	10	9	0	100	91.5	95.8	482
July 2008	79	10	10	0	100	99.8	105.8	492
August 2008	75	15	9	0	100	83.4	99.3	504
September 2008	66	20	14	1	100	60.0	77.4	527
October 2008	61	25	14	0	100	43.2	61.4	524
November 2008	64	23	12	1	100	59.3	68.9	512
December 2008	72	21	6	1	100	82.7	88.1	506
January 2009	78	18	3	1	100	99.4	102.6	484
February 2009	79	17	3	1	100	99.7	108.6	461
March 2009	79	17	3	1	100	99.6	107.2	437
April 2009	75	21	4	1	100	83.1	98.3	448
May 2009	75	22	2	0	100	76.7	92.8	459
June 2009	76	22	2	0	100	68.7	91.4	471
July 2009	77	20	1	1	100	68.7	91.6	474
August 2009	74	22	2	2	100	58.6	83.7	493
September 2009	70	26	2	2	100	50.2	72.5	484
October 2009	70	27	3	1	100	42.3	66.2	486
November 2009	72	25	3	0	100	42.2	65.3	480
December 2009	73	24	3	0	100	42.0	62.7	502
January 2010	74	22	3	0	100	49.7	64.1	514
February 2010	69	26	4	0	100	39.9	57.3	519
March 2010	71	25	4	0	100	40.1	61.7	517
April 2010	73	23	3	0	100	40.1	61.1	506
May 2010	79	17	2	1	100	50.1	69.2	484
June 2010	79	18	2	1	100	49.9	66.2	478
July 2010	81	17	2	1	100	50.0	68.7	468
August 2010	77	20	3	0	100	41.6	60.7	488
September 2010	78	19	3	0	100	41.6	58.8	478
October 2010	73	23	4	0	100	34.9	51.9	511
November 2010	76	20	3	0	100	41.6	51.8	496
December 2010	76	22	3	0	100	33.5	49.2	500
January 2011	81	16	2	0	100	48.6	63.3	468
February 2011	83	14	3	0	100	58.6	74.3	487
March 2011	86	10	4	0	100	83.4	89.5	492
April 2011	84	12	5	0	100	78.4	87.9	500
May 2011	77	15	7	0	100	70.0	79.6	483

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June	2011	71	19	9	1	100	53.5	71.1	489
July	2011	68	21	10	1	100	50.0	64.5	488
August	2011	69	22	8	0	100	49.8	66.9	485
September	2011	69	24	6	1	100	49.8	66.5	482
October	2011	67	26	6	1	100	46.5	63.5	491
November	2011	68	24	7	1	100	46.6	60.9	501
December	2011	69	24	6	1	100	46.5	61.2	488
January	2012	75	19	5	1	100	53.1	68.5	472
February	2012	77	19	3	1	100	53.2	74.4	477
March	2012	81	13	4	2	100	61.6	77.7	475
April	2012	78	14	6	2	100	58.4	75.8	485
May	2012	73	17	8	2	100	58.2	69.3	471
June	2012	69	20	8	2	100	46.8	62.3	467
July	2012	66	24	8	3	100	46.7	59.4	468
August	2012	67	23	7	3	100	43.4	59.3	473
September	2012	68	21	8	3	100	43.3	53.7	486
October	2012	71	18	8	3	100	43.4	54.3	499
November	2012	70	16	11	3	100	46.7	54.1	483
December	2012	68	21	9	2	100	46.5	60.0	482
January	2013	67	23	9	1	100	44.8	57.2	471
February	2013	71	23	6	0	100	45.0	65.2	475
March	2013	71	21	7	1	100	40.7	62.7	476
April	2013	73	19	6	1	100	42.5	65.3	467
May	2013	71	21	7	1	100	42.4	57.8	478
June	2013	72	20	6	2	100	43.4	58.0	477
July	2013	72	21	6	2	100	43.3	54.7	485
August	2013	74	19	6	1	100	43.3	56.2	482
September	2013	78	18	4	1	100	48.3	58.7	461
October	2013	74	21	5	0	100	40.8	57.5	468
November	2013	70	24	5	0	100	35.8	54.7	472
December	2013	69	23	7	1	100	37.6	56.5	482
January	2014	68	23	8	1	100	35.1	55.2	462
February	2014	69	23	7	2	100	38.4	58.3	467
March	2014	70	24	5	1	100	33.5	55.8	482
April	2014	74	19	5	2	100	43.4	59.6	496
May	2014	76	19	4	1	100	43.3	57.6	497
June	2014	77	18	4	1	100	48.1	59.0	491
July	2014	76	20	4	0	100	48.1	60.3	489
August	2014	77	19	4	0	100	43.3	58.0	491
September	2014	75	20	4	1	100	43.3	61.2	489
October	2014	71	21	6	1	100	40.1	58.9	483
November	2014	69	23	7	1	100	46.5	62.2	478
December	2014	70	20	9	1	100	63.1	67.2	490
January	2015	76	15	8	1	100	83.0	84.0	493
February	2015	83	10	5	1	100	99.7	98.2	498
March	2015	85	12	3	1	100	99.7	104.2	480
April	2015	82	15	3	1	100	91.3	94.0	484
May	2015	77	18	4	1	100	74.9	87.7	479
June	2015	74	20	4	1	100	61.6	78.3	485
July	2015	72	23	4	1	100	53.3	72.2	492
August	2015	68	24	7	1	100	53.0	61.5	510
September	2015	67	24	8	1	100	49.9	59.9	515
October	2015	66	25	8	1	100	49.9	59.4	509
November	2015	69	23	8	0	100	50.2	65.0	483

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December 2015	73	20	6	0	100	55.2	68.7	483
January 2016	75	18	7	1	100	55.4	73.2	472
February 2016	76	17	5	1	100	63.5	79.3	481
March 2016	77	17	5	1	100	71.8	81.8	494
April 2016	77	18	3	1	100	80.1	88.4	512
May 2016	75	19	4	1	100	71.9	80.1	525
June 2016	72	21	6	1	100	58.4	73.0	518
July 2016	69	23	6	1	100	46.6	61.5	510
August 2016	66	27	6	1	100	38.4	59.6	506
September 2016	64	30	5	1	100	38.3	54.0	525
October 2016	65	27	6	2	100	41.7	59.0	541
November 2016	67	24	6	2	100	41.6	55.8	572
December 2016	65	26	7	2	100	31.9	54.0	577
January 2017	62	30	6	2	100	23.6	46.6	580
February 2017	60	31	7	2	100	22.0	45.3	571
March 2017	58	33	8	1	100	18.4	42.3	585
April 2017	59	32	8	1	100	18.2	40.0	607
May 2017	58	33	8	1	100	18.1	39.0	609
June 2017	63	29	7	1	100	22.5	41.1	577
July 2017	61	31	7	1	100	20.9	40.9	556
August 2017	63	30	7	1	100	21.0	40.1	535
September 2017	62	30	7	1	100	23.4	41.7	561
October 2017	64	28	8	0	100	23.4	40.4	587
November 2017	64	28	7	1	100	25.0	43.6	607
December 2017	62	30	7	1	100	21.6	40.0	610
January 2018	63	30	7	1	100	23.2	40.4	600
February 2018	61	32	6	1	100	21.7	37.1	588
March 2018	63	31	5	1	100	20.2	36.6	578
April 2018	64	31	4	1	100	20.1	35.9	557
May 2018	68	28	4	1	100	21.7	38.1	569
June 2018	70	24	5	1	100	33.2	43.0	575
July 2018	71	22	6	1	100	35.0	46.9	578
August 2018	66	24	8	2	100	32.3	43.6	564
September 2018	64	27	7	1	100	24.1	40.2	554
October 2018	62	29	8	2	100	20.6	36.5	570
November 2018	62	31	5	2	100	21.5	36.8	583
December 2018	62	31	5	1	100	19.8	37.1	602
January 2019	63	30	5	1	100	21.7	39.7	605
February 2019	64	30	5	1	100	23.3	42.7	602
March 2019	61	32	6	2	100	21.7	39.2	586
April 2019	60	34	5	1	100	21.5	37.7	577
May 2019	62	31	6	1	100	23.2	38.0	603
June 2019	65	28	6	1	100	26.3	41.0	609
July 2019	68	25	6	1	100	26.5	42.8	623
August 2019	64	28	6	1	100	20.5	38.2	616
September 2019	61	30	7	2	100	15.8	35.4	598
October 2019	57	35	7	2	100	12.5	31.6	608
November 2019	57	36	6	1	100	12.8	31.3	594
December 2019	60	34	5	2	100	16.1	34.0	634
January 2020	63	31	4	2	100	19.3	36.8	600
February 2020	62	31	5	2	100	18.5	38.0	592
March 2020	62	31	6	1	100	17.0	37.4	578
April 2020	62	30	7	1	100	25.4	43.3	588

**INCOME MIDDLE THIRD**

**TABLE 40**

**EXPECTED CHANGE IN GASOLINE PRICES DURING THE NEXT 5 YEARS  
(Three Month Moving Averages)**

<u>Date of Survey</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>DK, NA</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Median Increase</u>	<u>Mean Increase</u>	<u>Cases</u>
May 2020	69	21	8	2	100	46.9	59.6	581
June 2020	74	17	6	2	100	58.5	71.6	590
July 2020	71	21	6	2	100	48.6	66.0	574
August 2020	66	28	5	1	100	31.9	51.8	602
September 2020	59	34	6	1	100	18.8	37.2	573
October 2020	57	34	6	2	100	17.8	35.2	568
November 2020	56	33	6	4	100	14.7	35.8	545
December 2020	59	32	5	4	100	22.7	48.8	560
January 2021	63	29	5	3	100	33.4	54.3	576
February 2021	70	23	5	1	100	45.0	64.8	582
March 2021	75	19	6	1	100	49.9	68.8	567
April 2021	75	19	5	0	100	50.1	72.9	571
May 2021	74	21	5	0	100	50.1	74.8	575
June 2021	71	21	7	0	100	41.9	67.7	565
July 2021	70	21	8	1	100	41.7	65.0	572
August 2021	68	22	9	2	100	38.3	56.5	574
September 2021	67	22	9	2	100	43.1	54.4	622
October 2021	69	19	9	2	100	38.1	52.3	619
November 2021	70	19	9	2	100	41.5	59.3	615
December 2021	66	21	10	3	100	36.5	58.2	580
January 2022	64	24	10	2	100	33.5	57.5	599
February 2022	62	23	13	2	100	33.3	52.1	587
March 2022	63	20	15	2	100	41.5	53.5	599
April 2022	57	19	21	3	100	33.2	49.1	573
May 2022	50	20	27	3	100	16.8	35.7	583
June 2022	45	20	32	3	100	0.3	26.7	571
July 2022	42	20	34	3	100	0.2	18.0	578
August 2022	42	21	34	3	100	0.2	19.3	584
September 2022	42	27	29	2	100	0.2	23.5	591
October 2022	47	27	24	2	100	16.7	38.5	577
November 2022	50	28	20	2	100	24.8	45.9	567
December 2022	53	25	19	3	100	29.8	49.1	570