

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Bad news for commuters

In the last two years, prices at the pump have increased by over \$1.50 per gallon. For the typical Madison commuter, a \$1.50 increase in gasoline prices translates into a \$270 annual increase — a little over \$1 per day — in costs for a 16.7 mile commute. Mount Horeb commuters, who commute an average of 28.9 miles, face an annual increase of \$471.

Almost nine out of every 10 workers in Dane County drive to work alone. If even a small portion of these commuters would car pool, they would save money and keep more money in their local economies.

| City | Average additional cost per commuter of a \$1.50 per gallon increase in gas prices | Average number of commuting miles | Percentage of commuters driving alone |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Madison | \$270 | 16.7 | 87.3% |
| Fitchburg | \$318 | 19.5 | 91.3% |
| Sun Prairie | \$356 | 21.6 | 91.3% |
| Stoughton | \$354 | 21.7 | 88.4% |
| Mount Horeb | \$471 | 28.9 | 88.2% |

SOURCE: U.S. Census
Transportation Planning Package

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