



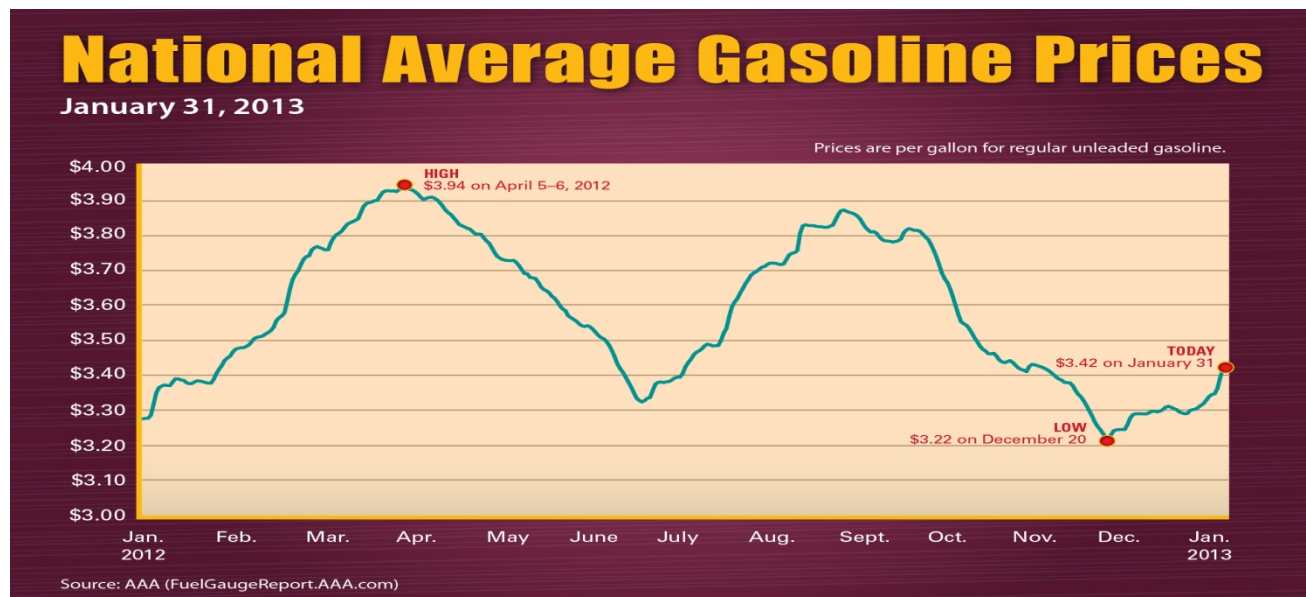
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AAA: MOTORISTS PAID 2ND HIGHEST GAS PRICES ON RECORD FOR JANUARY

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA, (February 4, 2013) - The national average price of gasoline in January was \$3.32 per gallon, which was the second highest average on record for the month. This also represents the first monthly average below year-ago levels in six months. The highest recorded prices in January were in 2012, when the monthly average was \$3.37 per gallon. **The Hampton Roads average price of gasoline in January 2013 was 3.24 per gallon, 3 cents less than the average in January 2012.**

The national average price of gasoline increased .13 cents (4 percent) a gallon in January, which was the first monthly increase since August. **Whereas, in the Hampton Roads area the average price for gasoline increased by 7 cents a gallon in January.** Gas prices nationally have increased 14 days in a row for a total of 22 days during the month. Gas prices increased at a slower pace than in January 2012, when the national average increased 17 cents (5 percent) a gallon. However, motorists nationally are paying an average of 2.7 cents per gallon less on gas than last year. This is the 27th day in a row that gas prices have been less expensive than last year.



AAA expects the national average to increase in February due to seasonal refinery actions. In the previous two years the average climbed by 29 cents per gallon (2012) and 27 cents per gallon (2011). Despite the expected slower overall pace, it is likely the national average will rise temporarily above year-ago levels in the coming days.

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“Gas prices in January historically are among the least expensive of the year because of lower demand and the use of winter-blend gasoline,” said Georjeane Blumling, spokesman for AAA Tidewater. “While few of us would claim that gas prices are cheap, at least most motorists paid a little less compared to last year.”

As part of North America’s largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA Tidewater Virginia provides its more than 325,000 members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since its founding AAA Tidewater Virginia has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. For more information, visit AAA.com and follow us on Twitter at [Twitter.com/AAATWnews](https://twitter.com/AAATWnews).

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