

## 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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