



House Budget Committee

SOUNDING THE ALARM: Americans Are Paying More for Fuel, Energy as Bidenflation Rages On

Bidenflation is leading to higher prices at the pump and larger energy bills for American workers and families.

Why is this a big deal? Higher prices on gas and energy hurt all Americans, but working class and lower income families the most. In 2021, the [lowest income quintile spent](#) 10.6 percent of their earnings on energy, while the highest only spent 5.7 percent.

Steep Prices at the Pump: Gas prices are up nearly 40 cents per gallon since earlier this summer, costing families an average of \$3.87 per gallon.

- Since Christmas of last year, gas prices are up about 80 cents per gallon.
- With the end of summer approaching, gas prices are set to climb even higher.
- In all, gas prices are around \$1.50 per gallon higher today than they were when President Biden took office in January 2021.

Soaring Energy Bills at Home: Energy costs have increased twice as fast as the price growth of all other items since President Biden took office.

- Energy prices remain 29.5 percent higher than they did when President Biden first took office.
- All items, except for energy, have seen their prices increase by 14.9 percent since January 2021, nearly half the rate of all energy prices.

Despite rising prices, Democrats' economic policies have only continued to drive up the price of energy.

- In July 2023, the Biden Administration [proposed a rule](#) that would raise the cost to begin drilling on federal lands to be fifteen times higher than it is today. Royalty rates would also see an increase thanks to the Democrats' so-called "Inflation Reduction Act," costing American energy producers \$1.8 billion until over the next nine years.
- In late 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [proposed a rule](#) to regulate methane emissions from the oil and gas industries. The EPA found that this would cost the oil and gas industries \$10 billion.
- The so-called "Inflation Reduction Act" [introduced](#) a new fee on methane emissions that would cost oil and gas companies another \$6.35 billion over the next decade.
- Democrats' Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act also reenacted a "superfund" tax on petroleum—a tax our energy producers have not had to shoulder in over 27 years.
- On his first day in office, President Biden cancelled the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would have [carried](#) 830,000 barrels of oil per day to U.S. refineries.

The Bottom Line: Gas and energy prices remain high and are creeping back up after falling slightly from last summer's highs. To reduce energy prices, we must reverse the Biden Administration's harmful regulatory chokehold to unleash American energy dominance.

