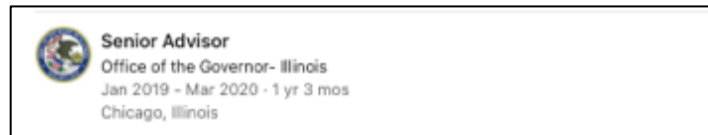


Nikki Budzinski's office worked to pass a plan that doubled the gas tax, while making future tax increases automatic and now Illinois has faced some of the highest gas prices in the nation.

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- From January 2019 to March 2020, Nikki Budzinski served as a Senior Advisor of the Office of the Governor of Illinois. (Nikki Budzinski, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed: 1/19/2022)



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- In 2019, JB Pritzker signed a \$45 million package of bills that would raise taxes on gas. “Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a package of bills on Friday authorizing a \$45 billion construction plan paid for by revenue from tax increases on gas and cigarettes and expanded gambling, including new casinos in Chicago and the suburbs and legalized sports betting.” (Jamie Munks and Dan Petrella, “Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs bills that ignite \$45 billion construction program, massive gambling expansion and doubling of gas tax,” [the Chicago Tribune](#), 6/28/2019)
- The gas tax doubled, going from 19-cent-per-gallon to 38 cents per gallon. “The gambling expansion, along with gas tax and cigarette tax hikes that both take effect Monday, will fuel the massive ‘Rebuild Illinois’ capital spending plan. The state’s 19-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax, last raised in 1990, will double to 38 cents per gallon and be indexed to future inflation increases. Municipalities in Cook County could separately levy a 3-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax and the collar counties are permitted to raise their taxes on motor fuel up to 8 cents per gallon.” (Jamie Munks and Dan Petrella, “Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs bills that ignite \$45 billion construction program, massive gambling expansion and doubling of gas tax,” [the Chicago Tribune](#), 6/28/2019)

Editor’s Note: Increasing the gas tax from 19 to 38 is a 100% increase.

- In 2019, the gas tax was doubled in Illinois. “Illinois saw its gas tax double in 2019, from 19 cents per gallon to 38 cents per gallon, a measure designed to help fund transportation projects such as road and bridge repair and public transit to the tune of \$33 billion.” (JJ Bullock, “Illinois gas tax: What it pays for and why this year’s increase won’t be the last,” [the Pantagraph](#), 7/2/2021)
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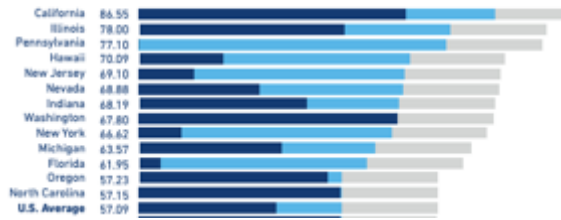
Since 2019, the gas tax in Illinois has raised three times:

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- **In 2020, the gas tax increased to 38.7 cents per gallon.** “The tax increased to 38.7 cents per gallon in 2020.” (JJ Bullock, “Illinois gas tax: What it pays for and why this year's increase won't be the last,” [the Pantagraph](#), 7/2/21)
- **In 2021, the gas tax increased to 39.2 cents per gallon.** “People filling up their tanks will have to pay a little more at the pump, beginning in July 2021 as the Illinois gas tax rises again.” (JJ Bullock, “Illinois gas tax: What it pays for and why this year's increase won't be the last,” [the Pantagraph](#), 7/2/21)
 - **“Illinois' state gas tax rises a half cent Thursday, increasing from 38.7 cents per gallon to 39.2 cents per gallon. The tax on diesel fuel will rise to 46.7 cents per gallon.”** (JJ Bullock, “Illinois gas tax: What it pays for and why this year's increase won't be the last,” [the Pantagraph](#), 7/2/21)

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- **“According to the American Petroleum Institute, Illinois has the third highest tax hit at the pump in the country, behind only California and Pennsylvania.”** (JJ Bullock, “Illinois gas tax: What it pays for and why this year's increase won't be the last,” [the Pantagraph](#), 7/2/2021)
- **As of January 2022, Illinois has the second highest tax hit regarding gas, following California which ranks first.** (The American Petroleum Institute, [“Gasoline Taxes,”](#) 1/1/2022)

GASOLINE MOTOR FUEL TAXES BY STATE
(cents per gallon)



(The American Petroleum Institute, "Gasoline Taxes," 1/1/2022)

- **On July 1, 2021, Illinois had the highest gas prices in the Midwest – 10th in the nation.** “According to data from AAA, on July 1, Illinois had the 10th highest overall gas prices in the nation and the highest in the Midwest, with the next-highest states nearby being Michigan and Indiana.” (JJ Bullock, “Illinois gas tax: What it pays for and why this year's increase won't be the last,” [the Pantagraph](#), 7/2/2021)