

The Gasoline Tax Investigation

The Texas Legislature is considering increasing the gasoline tax ten cents per gallon, partly to discourage traffic.

1. Estimate both the **increased cost** and the **new total cost** of gasoline to **YOUR FAMILY** over a one-year period. Include family members away at college, if applicable. An estimate is not a guess. You must collect a great deal of data in order to obtain a good estimate.
 - You will need to collect data such as:
 - Brand and type of each car
 - Miles driven per year of each car
 - Miles per gallon of each car
 - Current cost of gasoline per gallon in your area
 - You may need to interview people and/or do research at a car dealership or on the internet relating to your cars
2. Do you think the increased gas tax will result in less driving? Justify or explain your answer.
3. Write a report and recommendation for the committee that is considering this increase.
4. What would you recommend the government do with the money from the tax?

CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN TO IN-DEPTH, WELL RESEARCHED ANSWERS.

Include where you received all of your data from and specifically what that data represents. Also include any assumptions you make. As always, show all your work!!!

