

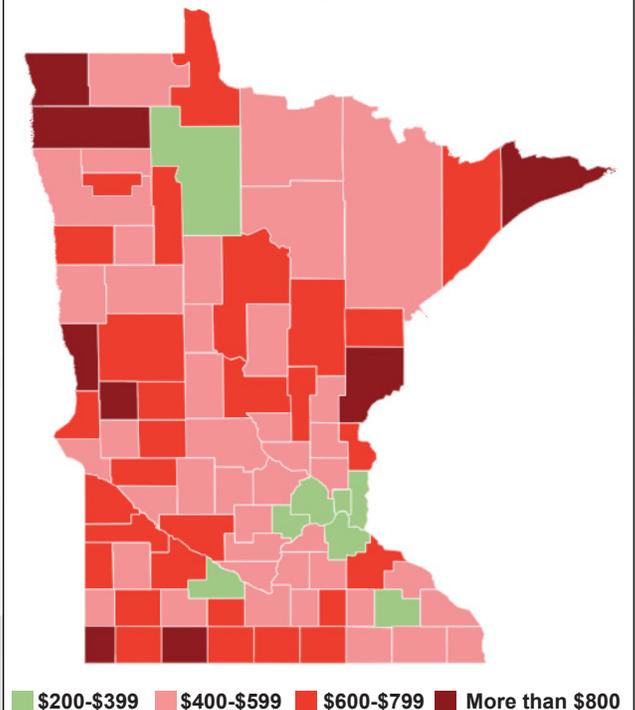
## GAS STATION INFLATION VOLUME 2: CRAZIER THAN CALIFORNIA

In 2022, Gov. Tim Walz proposed the adoption of California’s “Clean Fuel Standard.” This new regulation would act as a stealth gas tax, increasing the cost of gasoline and diesel for families and businesses but provide no money for roads and bridges.

Since that time, liberal lawmakers in St. Paul have introduced a new, more extreme version of this proposal, rebranded as a “Clean Transportation Standard,” or CTS, that will make Minnesota’s mandates the most extreme and most expensive in the country, surpassing California, Oregon, and Washington.

- Center of the American Experiment has calculated that this more aggressive CTS could increase gasoline and diesel prices by **39 to 45 cents per gallon by 2030**.
- This would increase the cost of driving for Minnesota families by an average of **\$350 to \$476 per household in 2030**, but families in rural counties would pay far more under these new regulations than Minnesotans living near the Twin Cities.
- Households in Ramsey, Carver, and Hennepin counties would pay the least under a CTS, paying **\$343, \$362, and \$375 per household**, respectively.
- Families in Grant, Jackson, and Wilkin counties would pay the most, paying an **additional \$962, \$1,150, and \$1,151 in 2030**, respectively as a result of these regulations.

CTS Household Cost By County 2030



Data Source: Stillwater Associates, U.S. EIA, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Not only would rural families pay more under a CTS, but the new version of these regulations is so strict that it would effectively mandate a **phaseout of common ethanol biofuel blends** by 2025. This would harm small towns in rural Minnesota by undermining the economies of farming communities throughout the state.

All Minnesotans want a clean environment to pass on to future generations. However, environmental policies in Minnesota need to prioritize affordable measures that do not burden residents with dramatic price increases for little to no environmental gain. Unfortunately, the Walz administration’s proposed CTS will increase costs to Minnesotans for zero measurable environmental benefits.