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# Gas prices rise 10% in month

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For the first time since late April, the average price of gasoline is higher than it was a year ago.

Drivers are now paying an average of \$1.66 per gallon, a penny more than on this day last year. The last time gas that happened was April 23, according to auto club AAA. Gas is up 10 percent from July 1 and experts say pump prices could keep rising through Labor Day.

Some drivers, like those in the Midwest and on the West Coast, are feeling a bigger pain. Prices spiked about 40 cents per gallon last week in parts of Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois because of refinery and pipeline problems. This week, drivers in California, Oregon and Washington are watching pump prices jump after a partial outage at a big Chevron refinery.

In all on Thursday, 19 states have average prices above what they were on this date a year ago.

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