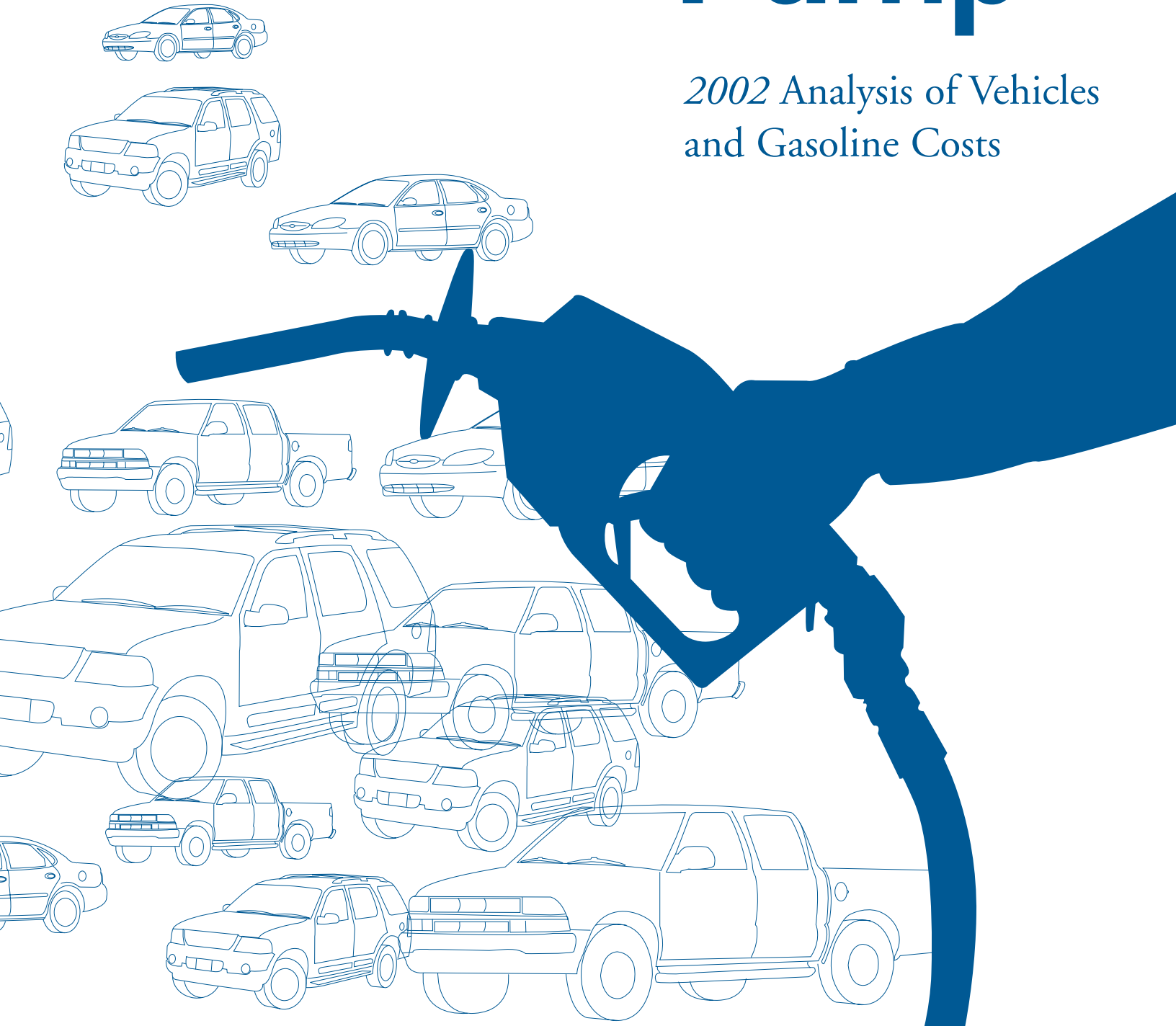


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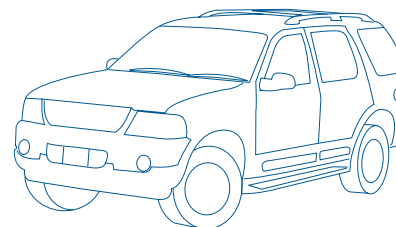


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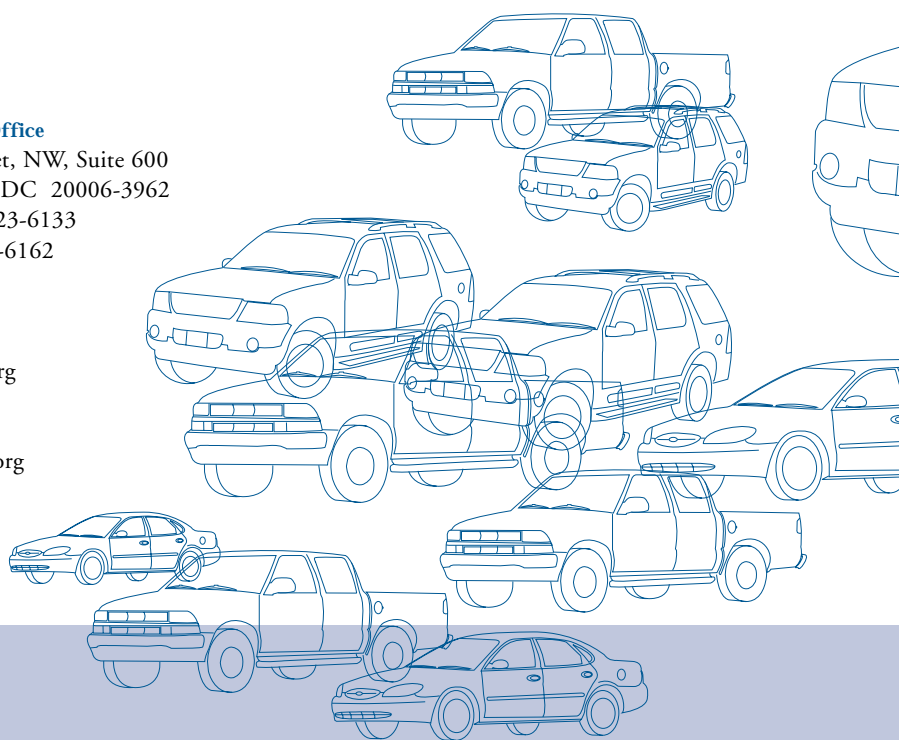
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Executive Summary

American consumers purchased more than 17 million new cars and trucks in 2001. During the first years of ownership, they will drive their vehicles an average of 15,000 miles a year. Over those first few years, the owner of the average new car will spend about \$868 a year¹ and the owner of the average light truck, \$1,214 a year, on gasoline.²

But very few people drive the “average” car or truck. Of the 250 models of cars and trucks sold in the United States in 2001, 50 models were popular enough to have sales of 100,000 units or more. Those 50 models accounted for nearly two-thirds of all car and truck sales. In this report, the Union of Concerned Scientists uses these popular cars and trucks to represent the vehicles that most people bought in 2001. To evaluate the cost of driving these cars and trucks, we estimated the amount that drivers in 41 cities across the U.S. will spend in 2002 to fuel their vehicles.³ From this estimate, we have calculated which of these cars and trucks will be the most expensive to drive in 2002. We have also calculated how much the owners of these vehicles could save at the gasoline pump if off-the-shelf technology – which is capable of improving fuel economy by 30 percent for light trucks and by 27 percent for cars – were put to work.

We found that among car and truck models with sales of 100,000 or more in 2001:

Pickup trucks represent six of the 10 most expensive light trucks to drive in 2002. This finding reveals that pickup drivers are being disproportionately burdened with higher fuel costs, since pickup sales comprised just 40 percent of the combined sales of SUVs, mini-vans, and pickups in 2001.

Owners of the Dodge Ram pickup, the light truck that is most expensive to fuel, will pay nearly \$1,500 each year at the pump – over \$250 more than the average light truck owner. Over the life of the Dodge Ram, the owners will pay nearly \$13,000 for gasoline⁴ – about 60 percent above the purchase price of the truck. And that’s if gas prices remain stable. If they increase by 25 cents per gallon, the annual cost of fueling the Ram would go

¹Based on the EPA adjusted fuel economy of 24.2 mpg for cars in the fuel economy trends report and projected average for this year of about \$1.40 per gallon from the Energy Information Administration. Annual mileage for cars during the first three years based on data from the *U.S. Department of Energy Transportation Energy Data Book: Edition 21*.

²Based on the average EPA adjusted fuel economy of 17.3 mpg for light trucks and \$1.40 per gallon as per note 1. The *U.S. Department of Energy Transportation Energy Data Book: Edition 21* indicates higher mileage for trucks, but includes some commercial applications, so the car mileage is assumed to apply instead.

³The total cost of driving a car or truck goes beyond just the cost of gasoline, such as the cost of insurance, maintenance, depreciation, increased health care costs due to pollution, etc. While quite significant, these costs are not included in this analysis.

⁴Net present value calculation based on a 5 percent real discount rate over a vehicle’s 170,000 mile, 15-year lifetime.

up another \$260 per year – a 20 percent larger increase than the average light truck owner would experience. The increased gasoline price could raise the Ram’s lifetime fuel cost by over \$2,000, to \$15,000.

Owners of the light trucks that ranked among the 10 most expensive to fuel could save over \$300 per year if off-the-shelf technology were used to raise those trucks’ fuel economy by only 30 percent.⁵ Savings at the pump would pay for the cost of the fuel economy improvements in about 18 months, producing a lifetime net savings of over \$2,000. In some high-priced gasoline markets (e.g., Chicago, New York or Los Angeles), payback could come in one year or less.

In the car market, vehicles with the best fuel economy are consumers’ top choices. In 2001, the cars ranking among the 10 least expensive to fuel sold 600,000 more units than did cars ranking among the 10 most expensive to fuel. This suggests that, when given a viable choice, consumers prefer gas-saving vehicles. Unfortunately, the data to make a similar comparison with trucks are not available.

Owners of one of the 10 most expensive cars to drive would save about \$200 per year if their car’s fuel economy were increased by 27 percent through the implementation of off-the-shelf technologies.⁶ They would recoup the costs of the improvements through fuel savings in a little over two years, producing a lifetime net savings of \$1,100 to \$1,400. In some high-priced gasoline markets, payback times could be reduced further.

⁵This represents a 4-5 mpg increase in their EPA adjusted fuel economy rating.

⁶This represents a 5.5-6 mpg increase in their EPA adjusted fuel economy rating.

Analysis Methodology

To estimate the cost of driving the most popular cars and trucks sold in 2001, we relied on three main data sources: (1) vehicle sales data from the *Automotive News 2002 Market Data Book*, (2) fuel economy information from *the EPA Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends 1975 Through 2001*, or from www.fueleconomy.gov (for models not covered in the EPA Trends report), and (3) city-specific gasoline prices from the American Automobile Association's *Daily Fuel Gauge Report* at the AAA web site (<http://198.6.95.31/sbsavg.asp>) along with U.S. national average prices from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip_gasoline.html and <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/pdf/a4tab.pdf>).

Vehicle Sales

The complete list of cars and trucks sold in the United States in 2001 includes over 250 makes and models. We limited our list to vehicles that sold at least 100,000 units, representing 63 percent of total sales, in 2001. In doing so, we eliminated most vehicles that fall outside of fuel economy regulations and those typically used in commercial applications, both of which do not tend to have sales over 100,000 units. The absence of fuel economy standards is limited to some models of trucks; all cars are included under fuel economy regulations.

However, in a few specific cases – e.g., the Ford F series, the Chevrolet Silverado series, and the Dodge Ram series – sales data for some of models that fall outside fuel economy regulations are mixed with data for models that have both significant sales and reported fuel economies. For these vehicles, the 250 or 2500 models and the 350 or the 3500 models are excluded in our cost evaluations, and fuel economy and driving costs are evaluated only for the 150 or 1500 models. Therefore, it is important to note that the sales figures overstate the popularity of the 150 and 1500 model trucks considered in this analysis, although not by enough to exclude them from the list of popular vehicles.

Table 2A. Sales and EPA Adjusted Fuel Economy of Popular Light Trucks

Vehicle	Class	2001 U.S. Sales	Weighted EPA Adjusted Fuel Economy
Ford F 150	Pickup	911,597*	16.0 mpg
Chevrolet Silverado 1500	Pickup	716,051*	16.6 mpg
Ford Explorer	SUV	415,921	16.8 mpg
Chevrolet (Trail) Blazer	SUV	379,401	20.7 mpg
Dodge Ram 1500	Pickup	344,538*	14.3 mpg
Ford Ranger	Pickup	272,460	17.9 mpg
Dodge Caravan	Minivan	242,036	20.1 mpg
Jeep Grand Cherokee	SUV	223,612	17.2 mpg
GMC Sierra	Pickup	210,154	16.4 mpg
Chevrolet Tahoe	SUV	202,319	15.3 mpg
Ford Windstar	Minivan	179,595	20.0 mpg
Ford Expedition	SUV	178,045*	14.8 mpg
Ford Escape	SUV	164,184	20.7 mpg
Chevrolet S10	Pickup	162,181	17.6 mpg
Toyota Tacoma	Pickup	161,983	19.7 mpg
Chevrolet Suburban	SUV	154,782	15.0 mpg
Dodge Dakota	Pickup	154,479	16.1 mpg
Chrysler Town & Country	Minivan	142,902	18.9 mpg
Honda Odyssey	Minivan	131,041	20.5 mpg
Dodge Durango	SUV	130,799	14.7 mpg
Honda CR-V	SUV	118,313	23.1 mpg
Toyota Tundra	Pickup	108,863	15.7 mpg

Notes:

- All sales figures are from *Ward's Motor Vehicle Facts & Figures 2001*.

- Sales figures denoted with * include models that either primarily have commercial uses or that fall outside of fuel economy regulations and thus are not used in this analysis. The sales of the passenger vehicle versions of these models are therefore overstated by these figures.

- Fuel economy figures are from EPA *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends 1975 Through 2001*, or from <http://www.fuel-economy.gov> (accessed August 1, 2002) for models not covered in the EPA trends report.

- Where required, fuel economy values are weighted by average penetration of two-wheel drive versus four-wheel drive for the vehicle class from the EPA light-duty trends report noted above.

Table 2B. Sales and EPA Adjusted Fuel Economy of Popular Cars

Vehicle	Class	2001 U.S. Sales	EPA Adjusted Fuel Economy
Honda Accord	Mid-Sized	414,718	24.8 mpg
Toyota Camry	Mid-Sized	390,449	25.5 mpg
Ford Taurus	Large	353,560	21.6 mpg
Honda Civic	Compact	331,780	33.6 mpg
Ford Focus	Compact	264,414	28.1 mpg
Toyota Corolla	Compact	245,023	32.9 mpg
Chevrolet Cavalier	Compact	233,298	26.3 mpg
Chevrolet Impala	Large	208,395	23.9 mpg
Pontiac Grand Am	Compact	182,046	24.7 mpg
Chevrolet Malibu	Mid-Sized	176,583	23.5 mpg
Ford Mustang	Sub-compact	169,198	21.5 mpg
Saturn S series	Compact	162,110	29.8 mpg
Nissan Altima	Compact	148,345	23.9 mpg
Buick LeSabre	Large	145,304	22.8 mpg
Volkswagen Jetta	Compact	145,221	25.6 mpg
Chrysler PT Cruiser	Small Wagon	144,717	21.9 mpg
Buick Century	Mid-Sized	142,157	23.5 mpg
Pontiac Grand Prix	Mid-Sized	128,935	22.9 mpg
Chrysler Sebring	Compact	118,459	22.7 mpg
Mercury Grand Marquis	Large	112,034	20.5 mpg
Hyundai Elantra	Compact	111,293	27.7 mpg
Dodge Stratus	Mid-Sized	111,125	23.5 mpg
Nissan Sentra	Compact	111,082	28.5 mpg
Oldsmobile Alero	Compact	109,302	24.7 mpg
Dodge Intrepid	Large	109,098	22.4 mpg
Dodge Neon	Compact	107,299	26.9 mpg
Mercury Sable	Mid-Sized	102,646	22.1 mpg
Nissan Maxima	Mid-Sized	102,535	22.1 mpg

Notes:

- All sales figures are from *Ward's Motor Vehicle Facts & Figures 2001*.

- Fuel economy figures are from *EPA Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends 1975 Through 2001*, or from <http://www.fueleconomy.gov> for models not covered in the EPA trends report.

Vehicle Fuel Economy

Within each of the vehicle models in Table 2A and Table 2B there are often many options, such as the EX, DX or LX versions, hatchbacks, wagons, larger engines, manual or automatic transmissions, and four-wheel or two-wheel drive. In the majority of these cases, the EPA fuel economy trends report provides aggregated data to account for these differences. In other cases, to develop the fuel economy figures, we made estimates or assumptions to account for model variations. These figures represent the combined city/highway fuel economy for these vehicles based on the EPA adjusted fuel economy values that are shown on each vehicle's window sticker. For the purposes of these window stickers, the EPA takes fuel economy certification results and adjusts them in an attempt to account for the differences between "real world" and "test" driving conditions. The EPA reduces city fuel economy test results by 10 percent and highway fuel economy test results by 22 percent, with a typical aggregate effect of a 15 percent reduction.

The EPA reports separate fuel economy figures for four-wheel drive and two-wheel drive trucks. In these cases, we have used the class-appropriate average sales mix of two- and four-wheel drive to provide a sales-weighted fuel economy value. As a result, the industry average sales mix for some vehicle models may overestimate or under-estimate the actual sales-weighted fuel economy.

We calculated additional aggregation or selection of representative fuel economy values for five car models and one truck model. For example, the Ford Explorer SUV has two variations in addition to base model – the Sport and Sport Track; the latter includes a pickup bed. The variation in fuel economy among the three Explorer versions is as much as 1 mpg, with the Sport and Sport Track bounding the baseline model. The middle fuel economy of the baseline Explorer was used in this analysis. Similar decisions were made for the Mercury Sable, the Chrysler Sebring, the Dodge/Plymouth Neon, the Ford Focus, and the Saturn S series cars.

Finally, aggregated EPA data were only available for Model Year 2001 cars and trucks, whose sales typically began in the fall of the previous year, whereas the sales data are for calendar year 2001 and thus also include sales of Model Year 2002 vehicles. In most cases, the fuel economy of the vehicles that are included did not change significantly between Model Year 2001 and Model Year 2002. In any case where the fuel economy did change for the Model Year 2002 version, that change is not represented here. The Chevrolet Blazer/TrailBlazer is an exception. Because of the change in name of this SUV, its sales were reported separately and we were able to provide a sales-weighted fuel economy for the combined vehicle model.

Vehicle Fuel Cost

The total cost of driving a car or truck goes beyond just the cost of gasoline. The true costs include such expenses as insurance, maintenance, depreciation, increased health care costs due to pollution, etc. While quite significant, these costs have been excluded from this analysis, and we have focused only on the cost of gasoline.

The annual gasoline cost is the average annual mileage divided by the EPA-adjusted fuel economy and multiplied by the price of regular unleaded gasoline. The annual mileage used in this analysis is based on data from the *U.S. Department of Energy Transportation Energy Data Book: Edition 21* (<http://www-cta.ornl.gov/cta/data/Index.html>). These data indicate that automobile owners put about 45,000 miles on their new car during the first three years they drive it, for an average of 15,000 miles per year. Over an average 15-year lifespan, the automobile will log about 12,000 miles per year for a total of 170,000 miles.⁷

The gasoline prices used in this analysis are based primarily on data for regular unleaded gasoline from the American Automobile Association's *Daily Fuel Gauge Report* at the AAA web site (<http://198.6.95.31/sbsavg.asp>) as of August 1, 2002. The AAA resource provides both city-specific and national average gasoline prices. We double-checked the data against information from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip_gasoline.html).

Although many consumers may use mid-grade or premium gasoline, we conservatively based annual costs on regular grade gasoline, which is less expensive. Because gasoline prices fluctuate throughout the year, we have chosen local gasoline prices from a recent date when the national average was similar to the projected average of about \$1.40 per gallon for this year, as shown in Table 3. The 41 cities in Table 3 were chosen because they represent a broad cross-section of cities, by location as well as by size.

Table 4 provides a summary of the annual and lifetime costs of driving the most popular cars and trucks sold in 2001. Owners of the most expensive truck to fuel, the Dodge Ram pickup, will spend about \$1,500 this year, based on national average gasoline prices. (City-specific costs, which can vary significantly from the national average, are shown at the end of this report.) Over the life of the Dodge Ram pickup, the owners will spend nearly \$13,000 on gasoline, assuming a real discount rate of 5 percent. The Ram pickup costs around \$22,000 new, so the gasoline cost represents a 60 percent increase in the cost of ownership above the purchase price. Owners of the most expensive car to fuel, the Mercury Grand Marquis, will spend over \$1,000 on gasoline this year and nearly \$9,000 over the life of the car.

⁷Data for trucks from the *U.S. Department of Energy Transportation Energy Data Book: Edition 21* indicate that average mileage for the first three years is nearly 19,000 miles and the lifetime average annual travel is about 14,000 miles. These truck-specific data, however, include commercial vehicles and are thus likely skewed for passenger vehicles. Therefore, we use the automobile mileage for both cars and trucks.

Table 3. Representative City-Specific and National Average Prices per Gallon of Regular Unleaded Gasoline.

City	Price	City	Price
Albuquerque, NM	\$1.38	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI	\$1.48
Atlanta, GA	\$1.26	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	\$1.45
Bakersfield, CA	\$1.62	Missoula, MT	\$1.48
Boston, MA	\$1.43	Nashville, TN	\$1.35
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	\$1.51	New Orleans, LA	\$1.33
Burlington, VT	\$1.37	New York, NY	\$1.58
Charleston, WV	\$1.43	Philadelphia, PA	\$1.41
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	\$1.28	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	\$1.45
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC	\$1.32	Pittsburgh, PA	\$1.40
Chicago, IL	\$1.59	Portland, OR	\$1.49
Cincinnati, OH	\$1.39	Rapid City, SD	\$1.52
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	\$1.41	Roanoke, VA	\$1.24
Dallas, TX	\$1.35	Sacramento, CA	\$1.62
Denver, CO	\$1.48	San Francisco, CA	\$1.79
Des Moines, IA	\$1.41	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	\$1.50
Detroit, MI	\$1.44	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	\$1.35
Hartford, CT	\$1.49	St. Louis, MO	\$1.32
Houston, TX	\$1.33	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	\$1.37
Las Vegas, NV	\$1.50	Utica-Rome, NY	\$1.46
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	\$1.59	Washington, DC	\$1.49
Miami, FL	\$1.46		
		National Average	\$1.41

Notes:

- Gasoline prices are for regular unleaded gasoline from the American Automobile Association *Daily Fuel Gauge Report* at the AAA web site (<http://198.6.95.31/sbsavg.asp>) as of August 1, 2002.

Table 4. 2002 Annual and Lifetime Gasoline Cost for Popular Cars and Light Trucks* **

Light Trucks

Vehicle	Class	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost
1. Dodge Ram 1500	Pickup	\$ 1,468	\$ 12,721
2. Dodge Durango	SUV	\$ 1,433	\$ 12,422
3. Ford Expedition	SUV	\$ 1,423	\$ 12,337
4. Chevrolet Suburban	SUV	\$ 1,401	\$ 12,145
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	SUV	\$ 1,368	\$ 11,860
6. Toyota Tundra	Pickup	\$ 1,340	\$ 11,612
7. Ford F 150	Pickup	\$ 1,316	\$ 11,406
8. Dodge Dakota	Pickup	\$ 1,301	\$ 11,276
9. GMC Sierra	Pickup	\$ 1,282	\$ 11,107
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	Pickup	\$ 1,266	\$ 10,973
11. Ford Explorer	SUV	\$ 1,249	\$ 10,828
12. Jeep Grand Cherokee	SUV	\$ 1,218	\$ 10,552
13. Chevrolet S10	Pickup	\$ 1,192	\$ 10,402
14. Ford Ranger	Pickup	\$ 1,173	\$ 10,333
15. Chrysler Town&Country	Minivan	\$ 1,111	\$ 10,165
16. Toyota Tacoma	Pickup	\$ 1,063	\$ 9,630
17. Ford Windstar	Minivan	\$ 1,050	\$ 9,215
18. Dodge Caravan	Minivan	\$ 1,046	\$ 9,100
19. Honda Odyssey	Minivan	\$ 1,024	\$ 9,068
20. Chevrolet (Trail)Blazer	SUV	\$ 1,192	\$ 8,878
21. Ford Escape	SUV	\$ 1,015	\$ 8,797
22. Honda CR-V	SUV	\$ 908	\$ 7,870
Average Light Truck		\$ 1,214	\$ 10,520

* Based on a national average price of \$1.40/gallon for unleaded regular gasoline

** Sales of 100,000 or more in 2001

Notes:

- Gasoline prices continually fluctuate, but the projected average for this year is near \$1.40 per gallon according to the Energy Information Administration (<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/stco/pub/pdf/a4tab.pdf>).

- Lifetime gasoline costs are discounted at a real rate of 5 percent, which is consistent with a nominal interest rate for a car loan of about 8 percent.

- The annual mileage used in this analysis is 15,000 for the first three years based on data from the *U.S. Department of Energy Transportation Energy Data Book: Edition 21* (<http://www.cta.ornl.gov/cta/data/Index.html>). The same source indicates that annual travel is about 15,600 miles in the first year and drops at approximately 4.5 percent per year thereafter for 14 more years, for a total average lifetime mileage of about 170,000 miles.

Cars

Vehicle	Class	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	Large	\$ 1,024	\$ 8,878
2. Ford Mustang	Sub-compact	\$ 977	\$ 8,465
3. Ford Taurus	Large	\$ 972	\$ 8,426
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	Small Wagon	\$ 959	\$ 8,311
5. Mercury Sable	Mid-Sized	\$ 950	\$ 8,235
6. Nissan Maxima	Mid-Sized	\$ 950	\$ 8,235
7. Dodge Intrepid	Large	\$ 938	\$ 8,125
8. Chrysler Sebring	Compact	\$ 925	\$ 8,018
9. Buick LeSabre	Large	\$ 921	\$ 7,982
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	Mid-Sized	\$ 917	\$ 7,948
11. Chevrolet Malibu	Mid-Sized	\$ 894	\$ 7,745
12. Buick Century	Mid-Sized	\$ 894	\$ 7,745
13. Dodge Stratus	Mid-Sized	\$ 894	\$ 7,745
14. Chevrolet Impala	Large	\$ 879	\$ 7,615
15. Nissan Altima	Compact	\$ 879	\$ 7,615
16. Pontiac Grand Am	Compact	\$ 850	\$ 7,368
17. Oldsmobile Alero	Compact	\$ 850	\$ 7,368
18. Honda Accord	Mid-Sized	\$ 847	\$ 7,339
19. Toyota Camry	Mid-Sized	\$ 824	\$ 7,137
20. Volkswagen Jetta	Compact	\$ 820	\$ 7,109
21. Chevrolet Cavalier	Compact	\$ 798	\$ 6,920
22. Dodge Neon	Compact	\$ 781	\$ 6,766
23. Hyundai Elantra	Compact	\$ 758	\$ 6,570
24. Ford Focus	Compact	\$ 747	\$ 6,477
25. Nissan Sentra	Compact	\$ 737	\$ 6,386
26. Saturn S series	Compact	\$ 705	\$ 6,107
27. Toyota Corolla	Compact	\$ 638	\$ 5,532
28. Honda Civic	Compact	\$ 625	\$ 5,417
Average Car		\$ 868	\$ 7,521

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Gasoline Price Spikes

While Energy Information Administration forecasts predict relatively stable gasoline prices over the next decade, both history and current events indicate that significant shifts in the price of gasoline are possible. Specifically, tensions in the Middle East, refinery outages or distribution problems, extremely cold winters, concerns over fuel additives (e.g., MTBE), or other factors could cause monthly and annual gasoline price shifts. The owners of the 10 most expensive cars and trucks to fuel will feel the greatest impact from upward shifts, though they can also see the greatest benefit from improvements in fuel economy.

To evaluate the cost of a moderate price spike on popular cars and trucks, we performed a sensitivity analysis that assumes a \$0.25 per gallon increase in the price of regular unleaded gasoline. Such a change in the annual gasoline price could result from several months of increased gasoline prices in response to a crisis. If the crisis were longer term, the effect would likely be even larger.

Table 5 indicates that drivers of the Dodge Ram, the most expensive truck to fuel, would see an increase in gasoline costs of over \$260 per year in the early years. Over the vehicle's lifetime, fuel costs would be about \$15,000 – over \$2,000 more than before the \$0.25 per gallon price spike (see Table 6). This increase is 20 percent larger than the increase seen by the average light truck owner, indicating that the most expensive vehicles to fuel are hit harder during periods of price spikes. For the car with the most expensive fueling costs, the increase is over \$180 – 18 percent larger than the increase seen by the average car owner.

Table 5. Increase in Annual Gasoline Cost for Popular Cars and Light Trucks Due to a Price Spike of \$0.25 per Gallon*

Light Trucks

Vehicle	Class	Elevated Cost of Fuel in 2002	Fuel Cost Increase
1. Dodge Ram 1500	Pickup	\$ 1,730	\$ 262
2. Dodge Durango	SUV	\$ 1,689	\$ 256
3. Ford Expedition	SUV	\$ 1,678	\$ 254
4. Chevrolet Suburban	SUV	\$ 1,652	\$ 250
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	SUV	\$ 1,613	\$ 244
6. Toyota Tundra	Pickup	\$ 1,579	\$ 239
7. Ford F 150	Pickup	\$ 1,551	\$ 235
8. Dodge Dakota	Pickup	\$ 1,533	\$ 232
9. GMC Sierra	Pickup	\$ 1,510	\$ 229
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	Pickup	\$ 1,492	\$ 226
11. Ford Explorer	SUV	\$ 1,473	\$ 223
12. Jeep Grand Cherokee	SUV	\$ 1,435	\$ 217
13. Chevrolet S10	Pickup	\$ 1,415	\$ 214
14. Ford Ranger	Pickup	\$ 1,405	\$ 213
15. Chrysler Town&Country	Minivan	\$ 1,382	\$ 209
16. Toyota Tacoma	Pickup	\$ 1,310	\$ 198
17. Ford Windstar	Minivan	\$ 1,253	\$ 190
18. Dodge Caravan	Minivan	\$ 1,238	\$ 188
19. Honda Odyssey	Minivan	\$ 1,233	\$ 187
20. Chevrolet (Trail)Blazer	SUV	\$ 1,207	\$ 183
21. Ford Escape	SUV	\$ 1,196	\$ 181
22. Honda CR-V	SUV	\$ 1,070	\$ 162
Average Light Truck		\$ 1,431	\$ 217

* Sales of 100,000 units or more in 2001

Notes:

- Annual mileage is 15,000 miles. Gasoline price is set to \$1.65 per gallon, \$0.25 more than the projected average for this year of nearly \$1.40 per gallon according to the Energy Information Administration.

Cars

Vehicle	Class	Elevated Cost of Fuel in 2002	Fuel Cost Increase
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	Large	\$ 1,207	\$ 183
2. Ford Mustang	Sub-compact	\$ 1,151	\$ 174
3. Ford Taurus	Large	\$ 1,146	\$ 174
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	Small Wagon	\$ 1,130	\$ 171
5. Mercury Sable	Mid-Sized	\$ 1,120	\$ 170
6. Nissan Maxima	Mid-Sized	\$ 1,120	\$ 170
7. Dodge Intrepid	Large	\$ 1,105	\$ 167
8. Chrysler Sebring	Compact	\$ 1,090	\$ 165
9. Buick LeSabre	Large	\$ 1,086	\$ 164
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	Mid-Sized	\$ 1,081	\$ 164
11. Chevrolet Malibu	Mid-Sized	\$ 1,053	\$ 160
12. Buick Century	Mid-Sized	\$ 1,053	\$ 160
13. Dodge Stratus	Mid-Sized	\$ 1,053	\$ 160
14. Chevrolet Impala	Large	\$ 1,036	\$ 157
15. Nissan Altima	Compact	\$ 1,036	\$ 157
16. Pontiac Grand Am	Compact	\$ 1,002	\$ 152
17. Oldsmobile Alero	Compact	\$ 1,002	\$ 152
18. Honda Accord	Mid-Sized	\$ 998	\$ 151
19. Toyota Camry	Mid-Sized	\$ 971	\$ 147
20. Volkswagen Jetta	Compact	\$ 967	\$ 146
21. Chevrolet Cavalier	Compact	\$ 941	\$ 143
22. Dodge Neon	Compact	\$ 920	\$ 139
23. Hyundai Elantra	Compact	\$ 894	\$ 135
24. Ford Focus	Compact	\$ 881	\$ 133
25. Nissan Sentra	Compact	\$ 868	\$ 132
26. Saturn S series	Compact	\$ 831	\$ 126
27. Toyota Corolla	Compact	\$ 752	\$ 114
28. Honda Civic	Compact	\$ 737	\$ 112
Average Car		\$ 1,023	\$ 155

Notes:

- Annual mileage is 15,000 miles. Gasoline price is set to \$1.65 per gallon, \$0.25 more than the projected average for this year of nearly \$1.40 per gallon according to the Energy Information Administration.

Table 6. Increase in Lifetime Gasoline Cost for Popular Cars and Light Trucks Due to a Price Spike of \$0.25 per Gallon*

Light Trucks

Vehicle	Class	Elevated Lifetime Fuel cost	Lifetime Fuel Cost Increase
1. Dodge Ram 1500	Pickup	\$ 14,993	\$ 2,272
2. Dodge Durango	SUV	\$ 14,640	\$ 2,218
3. Ford Expedition	SUV	\$ 14,540	\$ 2,203
4. Chevrolet Suburban	SUV	\$ 14,313	\$ 2,169
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	SUV	\$ 13,978	\$ 2,118
6. Toyota Tundra	Pickup	\$ 13,685	\$ 2,074
7. Ford F 150	Pickup	\$ 13,443	\$ 2,037
8. Dodge Dakota	Pickup	\$ 13,290	\$ 2,014
9. GMC Sierra	Pickup	\$ 13,091	\$ 1,983
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	Pickup	\$ 12,932	\$ 1,959
11. Ford Explorer	SUV	\$ 12,762	\$ 1,934
12. Jeep Grand Cherokee	SUV	\$ 12,436	\$ 1,884
13. Chevrolet S10	Pickup	\$ 12,259	\$ 1,857
14. Ford Ranger	Pickup	\$ 12,178	\$ 1,845
15. Chrysler Town&Country	Minivan	\$ 11,980	\$ 1,815
16. Toyota Tacoma	Pickup	\$ 11,349	\$ 1,720
17. Ford Windstar	Minivan	\$ 10,861	\$ 1,646
18. Dodge Caravan	Minivan	\$ 10,725	\$ 1,625
19. Honda Odyssey	Minivan	\$ 10,687	\$ 1,619
20. Chevrolet (Trail)Blazer	SUV	\$ 10,463	\$ 1,585
21. Ford Escape	SUV	\$ 10,368	\$ 1,571
22. Honda CR-V	SUV	\$ 9,275	\$ 1,405
Average Light Truck		\$ 12,399	\$ 1,879

* Based on a national average price of \$1.40/gallon for unleaded regular gasoline

Notes:

- Lifetime mileage is 170,000 miles over 15 years with a 5 percent real discount rate applied to fuel costs. Gasoline price is set to \$1.65 per gallon, \$0.25 more than the projected average for this year of nearly \$1.40 per gallon according to the Energy Information Administration.

Cars

Vehicle	Class	Elevated Lifetime Fuel cost	Lifetime Fuel Cost Increase
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	Large	\$ 10,463	\$ 1,585
2. Ford Mustang	Sub-compact	\$ 9,977	\$ 1,512
3. Ford Taurus	Large	\$ 9,931	\$ 1,505
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	Small Wagon	\$ 9,795	\$ 1,484
5. Mercury Sable	Mid-Sized	\$ 9,706	\$ 1,471
6. Nissan Maxima	Mid-Sized	\$ 9,706	\$ 1,471
7. Dodge Intrepid	Large	\$ 9,576	\$ 1,451
8. Chrysler Sebring	Compact	\$ 9,449	\$ 1,432
9. Buick LeSabre	Large	\$ 9,408	\$ 1,425
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	Mid-Sized	\$ 9,367	\$ 1,419
11. Chevrolet Malibu	Mid-Sized	\$ 9,128	\$ 1,383
12. Buick Century	Mid-Sized	\$ 9,128	\$ 1,383
13. Dodge Stratus	Mid-Sized	\$ 9,128	\$ 1,383
14. Chevrolet Impala	Large	\$ 8,975	\$ 1,360
15. Nissan Altima	Compact	\$ 8,975	\$ 1,360
16. Pontiac Grand Am	Compact	\$ 8,684	\$ 1,316
17. Oldsmobile Alero	Compact	\$ 8,684	\$ 1,316
18. Honda Accord	Mid-Sized	\$ 8,649	\$ 1,310
19. Toyota Camry	Mid-Sized	\$ 8,412	\$ 1,275
20. Volkswagen Jetta	Compact	\$ 8,379	\$ 1,270
21. Chevrolet Cavalier	Compact	\$ 8,156	\$ 1,236
22. Dodge Neon	Compact	\$ 7,974	\$ 1,208
23. Hyundai Elantra	Compact	\$ 7,744	\$ 1,173
24. Ford Focus	Compact	\$ 7,633	\$ 1,157
25. Nissan Sentra	Compact	\$ 7,526	\$ 1,140
26. Saturn S series	Compact	\$ 7,198	\$ 1,091
27. Toyota Corolla	Compact	\$ 6,520	\$ 988
28. Honda Civic	Compact	\$ 6,384	\$ 967
Average Car		\$ 8,864	\$ 1,343

Notes:

- Lifetime mileage is 170,000 miles over 15 years with a 5 percent real discount rate applied to fuel costs. Gasoline price is set to \$1.65 per gallon, \$0.25 more than the projected average for this year of nearly \$1.40 per gallon according to the Energy Information Administration.

Potential Cost Savings

The potential for fuel economy improvement in both cars and trucks is significant. A recent study by the National Academy of Sciences found that existing and emerging technologies could improve the fuel economy of a light truck by 50 percent to 65 percent, depending on its size and type, and the fuel economy of a car by 40 percent to 60 percent depending on its size.⁸ Analysis by DeCicco, An, and Ross indicates that similar technologies could improve average car and light truck fuel economy by as much as 75 percent.⁹

For the analysis in this report, we relied on less aggressive fuel economy improvements, which could be achieved using off-the-shelf technology found in some cars and trucks today. Those improvements could be applied within this decade. Analysis by An, Friedman, and Ross indicates that such technology could improve light truck fuel economy by 27 percent-32 percent, at a cost of about \$500 per vehicle.¹⁰ We have chosen the middle ground of a 30 percent improvement in fuel economy, which would take the average light truck EPA-adjusted fuel economy from 17.3 mpg to 22.5 mpg. We used the analytical methods employed in An et. al. to evaluate the potential of a 27 percent improvement in fuel economy for the average car. This would bring the EPA-adjusted fuel economy of the average car from 24.2 mpg to 30.7 mpg at a cost of about \$500 per vehicle. However, vehicle size and initial fuel economy will affect the potential improvement for any specific vehicle. In general, the improvements for larger vehicles are understated compared to those for smaller vehicles, and improvements for vehicles with low fuel economy are understated compared to those for vehicles with higher fuel economy.

We calculated the difference in fuel consumption before and after the fuel economy improvement, and multiplied it by the national average price of regular-grade gasoline on August 1, 2002 to derive the annual savings. To calculate the payback period, we divided the cost of the improvement by the annual savings. In all cases, the payback period was less than two years for the most expensive light trucks and less than three years for the most expensive cars (see Table 6).

Lifetime net savings are also included in Table 6. They are based on the difference in fuel use before and after the improvements over a lifetime (15 years and 170,000 miles). The same \$1.40 per gallon gasoline price is used, along with a 5 percent real discount rate commensurate with a car loan nominal interest rate of about 8 percent. The \$500 cost of the improvements is subtracted from the total discounted gasoline cost savings to produce the lifetime net savings for each vehicle.

⁸ Based on results for Path 3 technologies from the National Research Council report: *Effectiveness and Impact of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards*, 2002.

⁹ *Technical Options for Improving the Fuel Economy of U.S. Cars and Light Trucks by 2010-2015*. DeCicco J., F. An, M. Ross. *An Updated Assessment of the Near-Term Potential for Improving Automotive Fuel Economy*, 2001.

¹⁰ An et. al., *Near-Term Fuel Economy Potential for Light-Duty Trucks*, SAE paper 2002-01-1900.

Table 7A. Payback Period, Annual Fuel Savings, and Lifetime Net Savings

Light Trucks

Vehicle	Payback Period (years)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	1.5	\$ 339	\$ 2,436
2. Dodge Durango	1.5	\$ 331	\$ 2,367
3. Ford Expedition	1.5	\$ 328	\$ 2,347
4. Chevrolet Suburban	1.5	\$ 323	\$ 2,303
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	1.6	\$ 316	\$ 2,237
6. Toyota Tundra	1.6	\$ 309	\$ 2,180
7. Ford F150	1.6	\$ 304	\$ 2,132
8. Dodge Dakota	1.7	\$ 300	\$ 2,102
9. GMC Sierra	1.7	\$ 296	\$ 2,063
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	1.7	\$ 292	\$ 2,032
11. Ford Explorer	1.7	\$ 288	\$ 1,999
12. Jeep Grand Cherokee	1.8	\$ 281	\$ 1,935
13. Chevrolet S10	1.8	\$ 277	\$ 1,900
14. Ford Ranger	1.8	\$ 275	\$ 1,885
15. Chrysler Town&Country	1.8	\$ 271	\$ 1,846
16. Toyota Tacoma	2.0	\$ 256	\$ 1,722
17. Ford Windstar	2.0	\$ 245	\$ 1,627
18. Dodge Caravan	2.1	\$ 242	\$ 1,600
19. Honda Odyssey	2.1	\$ 241	\$ 1,593
20. Chevrolet (Trail)Blazer	2.1	\$ 236	\$ 1,549
21. Ford Escape	2.1	\$ 234	\$ 1,530
22. Honda CR-V	2.4	\$ 210	\$ 1,316
Average Light Truck	1.8	\$ 280	\$ 1,928

Notes:

- Light truck fuel economy is increased by 30 percent using off-the-shelf technology, while car fuel economy is increased by 27 percent. This represents a 4-5 mpg increase in the EPA adjusted fuel economy rating for light trucks and a 5.5-6 mpg increase for cars.

- The cost of the fuel economy improvements is set at \$500 per vehicle and is applied in the first year of ownership.

- The annual mileage used in this analysis is 15,000 for the first three years based on data from the *U.S. Department of Energy Transportation Energy Data Book: Edition 21* (<http://www.cta.ornl.gov/cta/data/Index.html>). The same source indicates that annual travel is about 15,600 miles in the first year and drops at approximately 4.5 percent per year thereafter for 14 more years, for a total average lifetime mileage of about 170,000 miles.

- Annual gasoline costs are discounted at a real rate of 5 percent per year, which is consistent with a nominal interest rate for a car loan of about 8 percent per year.

Table 7B. Payback Period, Annual Fuel Savings, and Lifetime Net Savings

Cars

Vehicle	Payback Period (years)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	2.3	\$ 218	\$ 1,387
2. Ford Mustang	2.4	\$ 208	\$ 1,300
3. Ford Taurus	2.4	\$ 207	\$ 1,291
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	2.5	\$ 204	\$ 1,267
5. Mercury Sable	2.5	\$ 202	\$ 1,251
6. Nissan Maxima	2.5	\$ 202	\$ 1,251
7. Dodge Intrepid	2.5	\$ 199	\$ 1,227
8. Chrysler Sebring	2.5	\$ 197	\$ 1,205
9. Buick LeSabre	2.6	\$ 196	\$ 1,197
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	2.6	\$ 195	\$ 1,190
11. Chevrolet Malibu	2.6	\$ 190	\$ 1,147
12. Buick Century	2.6	\$ 190	\$ 1,147
13. Dodge Stratus	2.6	\$ 190	\$ 1,147
14. Chevrolet Impala	2.7	\$ 187	\$ 1,119
15. Nissan Altima	2.7	\$ 187	\$ 1,119
16. Pontiac Grand Am	2.8	\$ 181	\$ 1,067
17. Oldsmobile Alero	2.8	\$ 181	\$ 1,067
18. Honda Accord	2.8	\$ 180	\$ 1,060
19. Toyota Camry	2.9	\$ 175	\$ 1,017
20. Volkswagen Jetta	2.9	\$ 174	\$ 1,011
21. Chevrolet Cavalier	2.9	\$ 170	\$ 971
22. Dodge Neon	3.0	\$ 166	\$ 938
23. Hyundai Elantra	3.1	\$ 161	\$ 897
24. Ford Focus	3.1	\$ 159	\$ 877
25. Nissan Sentra	3.2	\$ 157	\$ 858
26. Saturn S series	3.3	\$ 150	\$ 798
27. Toyota Corolla	3.7	\$ 136	\$ 676
28. Honda Civic	3.8	\$ 133	\$ 652
Average Car	2.7	\$ 184	\$ 1,099

Notes:

- see notes associated with Table 7A

Complete City-Specific Results

The following set of tables provides the driving costs, potential savings, and payback periods associated with the 10 most expensive cars and trucks to drive.

In reading through these tables, please keep the following in mind :

- The lists are based on vehicle models with sales of at least 100,000 units in 2001. Sales data are from *Automotive News, 2002 Market Data Book*, May 2002.
- Annual mileage is assumed to be 15,000 – consistent with the average for the first three years of ownership. Lifetime mileage is set to 170,000 miles over 15 years.
- Gasoline prices continually fluctuate, but the projected average for this year is near \$1.40 per gallon according to the Energy Information Administration (<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/pdf/a4tab.pdf>).
- Potential savings for light trucks is based on a 30 percent improvement in fuel economy per An, et. al., *Near-Term Fuel Economy Potential for Light-Duty Trucks*, SAE paper 2002-01-1900. Potential savings for cars is based on internal analysis using the same methodology for a 27 percent increase in fuel economy.
- Fuel economy and class definitions from EPA, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends 1975 through 2001*, or from <http://www.fueleconomy.gov> as necessary.
- Lifetime costs/savings include a real discount rate of 5 percent, consistent with a nominal car loan interest rate of 8 percent.

Albuquerque, NM: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel*

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,447	\$12,539	1.5	\$334	\$2,394
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,413	\$12,245	1.5	\$326	\$2,326
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,403	\$12,160	1.5	\$324	\$2,306
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,381	\$11,971	1.6	\$319	\$2,263
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,349	\$11,691	1.6	\$311	\$2,198
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,321	\$11,446	1.6	\$305	\$2,141
7. Ford F150	\$1,297	\$11,243	1.7	\$299	\$2,095
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,282	\$11,115	1.7	\$296	\$2,065
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,263	\$10,948	1.7	\$292	\$2,027
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,248	\$10,816	1.7	\$288	\$1,996
Average Light Truck	\$1,197	\$10,370	1.8	\$276	\$1,893

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,010	\$8,751	2.3	\$215	\$1,360
2. Ford Mustang	\$963	\$8,344	2.4	\$205	\$1,274
3. Ford Taurus	\$958	\$8,306	2.5	\$204	\$1,266
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$945	\$8,192	2.5	\$201	\$1,242
5. Mercury Sable	\$937	\$8,118	2.5	\$199	\$1,226
6. Nissan Maxima	\$937	\$8,118	2.5	\$199	\$1,226
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$924	\$8,009	2.5	\$196	\$1,203
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$912	\$7,903	2.6	\$194	\$1,180
9. Buick LeSabre	\$908	\$7,868	2.6	\$193	\$1,173
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$904	\$7,834	2.6	\$192	\$1,166
Average Car	\$855	\$7,413	2.7	\$182	\$1,076

*At \$1.38/gallon, unleaded regular gas

Atlanta, GA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel*

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,321	\$11,449	1.6	\$305	\$2,142
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,290	\$11,180	1.7	\$298	\$2,080
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,281	\$11,103	1.7	\$296	\$2,062
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,261	\$10,930	1.7	\$291	\$2,022
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,232	\$10,674	1.8	\$284	\$1,963
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,206	\$10,451	1.8	\$278	\$1,912
7. Ford F150	\$1,185	\$10,266	1.8	\$273	\$1,869
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,171	\$10,148	1.9	\$270	\$1,842
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,153	\$9,996	1.9	\$266	\$1,807
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,139	\$9,876	1.9	\$263	\$1,779
Average Light Truck	\$1,092	\$9,468	2.0	\$252	\$1,685

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$922	\$7,990	2.6	\$196	\$1,199
2. Ford Mustang	\$879	\$7,619	2.7	\$187	\$1,120
3. Ford Taurus	\$875	\$7,583	2.7	\$186	\$1,112
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$863	\$7,479	2.7	\$183	\$1,090
5. Mercury Sable	\$855	\$7,412	2.8	\$182	\$1,076
6. Nissan Maxima	\$855	\$7,412	2.8	\$182	\$1,076
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$844	\$7,313	2.8	\$179	\$1,055
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$833	\$7,216	2.8	\$177	\$1,034
9. Buick LeSabre	\$829	\$7,184	2.8	\$176	\$1,027
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$825	\$7,153	2.8	\$175	\$1,021
Average Car	\$781	\$6,769	3.0	\$166	\$939

*\$1.26/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Bakersfield, CA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,698	\$14,720	1.3	\$392	\$2,897
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,659	\$14,374	1.3	\$383	\$2,817
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,647	\$14,275	1.3	\$380	\$2,794
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,621	\$14,053	1.3	\$374	\$2,743
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,584	\$13,724	1.4	\$365	\$2,667
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,550	\$13,436	1.4	\$358	\$2,601
7. Ford F150	\$1,523	\$13,199	1.4	\$351	\$2,546
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,506	\$13,048	1.4	\$347	\$2,511
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,483	\$12,852	1.5	\$342	\$2,466
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,465	\$12,697	1.5	\$338	\$2,430
Average Light Truck	\$1,405	\$12,173	1.5	\$324	\$2,309

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,185	\$10,273	2.0	\$252	\$1,684
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,130	\$9,795	2.1	\$240	\$1,582
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,125	\$9,750	2.1	\$239	\$1,573
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,110	\$9,616	2.1	\$236	\$1,544
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,100	\$9,529	2.1	\$234	\$1,526
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,100	\$9,529	2.1	\$234	\$1,526
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,085	\$9,402	2.2	\$231	\$1,499
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$1,070	\$9,278	2.2	\$228	\$1,472
9. Buick LeSabre	\$1,066	\$9,237	2.2	\$227	\$1,464
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$1,061	\$9,197	2.2	\$226	\$1,455
Average Car	\$1,004	\$8,702	2.3	\$213	\$1,350

*At \$1.62/gallon, unleaded regular gas

Boston, MA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,499	\$12,994	1.4	\$346	\$2,499
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,464	\$12,688	1.5	\$338	\$2,428
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,454	\$12,601	1.5	\$336	\$2,408
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,431	\$12,405	1.5	\$330	\$2,363
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,398	\$12,114	1.6	\$323	\$2,296
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,369	\$11,861	1.6	\$316	\$2,237
7. Ford F150	\$1,344	\$11,651	1.6	\$310	\$2,189
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,329	\$11,518	1.6	\$307	\$2,158
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,309	\$11,345	1.7	\$302	\$2,118
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,293	\$11,208	1.7	\$298	\$2,086
Average Light Truck	\$1,240	\$10,746	1.7	\$286	\$1,980

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,046	\$9,068	2.2	\$222	\$1,428
2. Ford Mustang	\$998	\$8,647	2.4	\$212	\$1,338
3. Ford Taurus	\$993	\$8,606	2.4	\$211	\$1,330
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$979	\$8,489	2.4	\$208	\$1,305
5. Mercury Sable	\$971	\$8,412	2.4	\$206	\$1,288
6. Nissan Maxima	\$971	\$8,412	2.4	\$206	\$1,288
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$958	\$8,299	2.5	\$204	\$1,264
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$945	\$8,189	2.5	\$201	\$1,241
9. Buick LeSabre	\$941	\$8,154	2.5	\$200	\$1,233
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$937	\$8,118	2.5	\$199	\$1,226
Average Car	\$886	\$7,682	2.7	\$188	\$1,133

*\$1.43/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,583	\$13,721	1.4	\$365	\$2,666
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,546	\$13,398	1.4	\$357	\$2,592
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,535	\$13,306	1.4	\$354	\$2,571
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,511	\$13,099	1.4	\$349	\$2,523
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,476	\$12,792	1.5	\$341	\$2,452
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,445	\$12,524	1.5	\$333	\$2,390
7. Ford F150	\$1,420	\$12,303	1.5	\$328	\$2,339
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,403	\$12,162	1.5	\$324	\$2,307
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,382	\$11,980	1.6	\$319	\$2,265
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,366	\$11,835	1.6	\$315	\$2,231
Average Light Truck	\$1,309	\$11,347	1.7	\$302	\$2,118

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,105	\$9,576	2.1	\$235	\$1,536
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,053	\$9,130	2.2	\$224	\$1,441
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,049	\$9,088	2.2	\$223	\$1,432
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,034	\$8,963	2.3	\$220	\$1,406
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,025	\$8,882	2.3	\$218	\$1,388
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,025	\$8,882	2.3	\$218	\$1,388
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,011	\$8,763	2.3	\$215	\$1,363
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$998	\$8,648	2.4	\$212	\$1,338
9. Buick LeSabre	\$993	\$8,610	2.4	\$211	\$1,330
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$989	\$8,572	2.4	\$210	\$1,322
Average Car	\$936	\$8,112	2.5	\$199	\$1,225

*\$1.51/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Burlington, VT: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,436	\$12,448	1.5	\$331	\$2,373
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,403	\$12,156	1.5	\$324	\$2,305
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,393	\$12,072	1.6	\$321	\$2,286
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,371	\$11,884	1.6	\$316	\$2,243
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,339	\$11,606	1.6	\$309	\$2,178
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,311	\$11,363	1.7	\$303	\$2,122
7. Ford F150	\$1,288	\$11,162	1.7	\$297	\$2,076
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,273	\$11,034	1.7	\$294	\$2,046
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,254	\$10,869	1.7	\$289	\$2,008
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,239	\$10,738	1.7	\$286	\$1,978
Average Light Truck	\$1,188	\$10,295	1.8	\$274	\$1,876

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,002	\$8,688	2.3	\$213	\$1,347
2. Ford Mustang	\$956	\$8,284	2.5	\$203	\$1,261
3. Ford Taurus	\$951	\$8,245	2.5	\$202	\$1,253
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$938	\$8,132	2.5	\$199	\$1,229
5. Mercury Sable	\$930	\$8,059	2.5	\$198	\$1,213
6. Nissan Maxima	\$930	\$8,059	2.5	\$198	\$1,213
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$917	\$7,951	2.6	\$195	\$1,190
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$905	\$7,846	2.6	\$192	\$1,168
9. Buick LeSabre	\$901	\$7,811	2.6	\$192	\$1,161
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$897	\$7,777	2.6	\$191	\$1,153
Average Car	\$849	\$7,360	2.8	\$181	\$1,065

*\$1.37/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Charleston, WV: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,499	\$12,994	1.4	\$346	\$2,499
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,464	\$12,688	1.5	\$338	\$2,428
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,454	\$12,601	1.5	\$336	\$2,408
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,431	\$12,405	1.5	\$330	\$2,363
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,398	\$12,114	1.6	\$323	\$2,296
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,369	\$11,861	1.6	\$316	\$2,237
7. Ford F150	\$1,344	\$11,651	1.6	\$310	\$2,189
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,329	\$11,518	1.6	\$307	\$2,158
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,309	\$11,345	1.7	\$302	\$2,118
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,293	\$11,208	1.7	\$298	\$2,086
Average Light Truck	\$1,240	\$10,746	1.7	\$286	\$1,980

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,046	\$9,068	2.2	\$222	\$1,428
2. Ford Mustang	\$998	\$8,647	2.4	\$212	\$1,338
3. Ford Taurus	\$993	\$8,606	2.4	\$211	\$1,330
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$979	\$8,489	2.4	\$208	\$1,305
5. Mercury Sable	\$971	\$8,412	2.4	\$206	\$1,288
6. Nissan Maxima	\$971	\$8,412	2.4	\$206	\$1,288
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$958	\$8,299	2.5	\$204	\$1,264
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$945	\$8,189	2.5	\$201	\$1,241
9. Buick LeSabre	\$941	\$8,154	2.5	\$200	\$1,233
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$937	\$8,118	2.5	\$199	\$1,226
Average Car	\$886	\$7,682	2.7	\$188	\$1,133

*\$1.43/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Charleston-North Charleston, SC: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,342	\$11,631	1.6	\$310	\$2,184
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,310	\$11,357	1.7	\$302	\$2,121
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,301	\$11,279	1.7	\$300	\$2,103
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,281	\$11,104	1.7	\$296	\$2,062
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,251	\$10,844	1.7	\$289	\$2,002
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,225	\$10,616	1.8	\$283	\$1,950
7. Ford F150	\$1,203	\$10,429	1.8	\$278	\$1,907
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,190	\$10,310	1.8	\$275	\$1,879
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,172	\$10,155	1.8	\$270	\$1,843
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,158	\$10,032	1.9	\$267	\$1,815
Average Light Truck	\$1,110	\$9,618	2.0	\$256	\$1,720

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$937	\$8,117	2.5	\$199	\$1,226
2. Ford Mustang	\$893	\$7,740	2.6	\$190	\$1,145
3. Ford Taurus	\$889	\$7,704	2.6	\$189	\$1,138
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$877	\$7,598	2.7	\$186	\$1,115
5. Mercury Sable	\$869	\$7,529	2.7	\$185	\$1,101
6. Nissan Maxima	\$869	\$7,529	2.7	\$185	\$1,101
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$857	\$7,429	2.7	\$182	\$1,079
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$846	\$7,330	2.8	\$180	\$1,058
9. Buick LeSabre	\$842	\$7,298	2.8	\$179	\$1,052
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$838	\$7,266	2.8	\$178	\$1,045
Average Car	\$793	\$6,876	3.0	\$169	\$962

*\$1.28/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, SC: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,384	\$11,994	1.6	\$319	\$2,268
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,351	\$11,712	1.6	\$312	\$2,203
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,342	\$11,632	1.6	\$310	\$2,184
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,321	\$11,451	1.6	\$305	\$2,142
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,290	\$11,182	1.7	\$298	\$2,081
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,263	\$10,948	1.7	\$292	\$2,027
7. Ford F150	\$1,241	\$10,755	1.7	\$286	\$1,982
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,227	\$10,632	1.8	\$283	\$1,953
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,208	\$10,472	1.8	\$279	\$1,917
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,194	\$10,346	1.8	\$275	\$1,888
Average Light Truck	\$1,145	\$9,919	1.9	\$264	\$1,789

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$966	\$8,371	2.4	\$205	\$1,280
2. Ford Mustang	\$921	\$7,981	2.6	\$196	\$1,197
3. Ford Taurus	\$917	\$7,944	2.6	\$195	\$1,189
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$904	\$7,836	2.6	\$192	\$1,166
5. Mercury Sable	\$896	\$7,765	2.6	\$190	\$1,151
6. Nissan Maxima	\$896	\$7,765	2.6	\$190	\$1,151
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$884	\$7,661	2.7	\$188	\$1,129
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$872	\$7,559	2.7	\$185	\$1,107
9. Buick LeSabre	\$868	\$7,526	2.7	\$185	\$1,100
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$865	\$7,493	2.7	\$184	\$1,093
Average Car	\$818	\$7,091	2.9	\$174	\$1,008

*\$1.32/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Chicago, IL: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,667	\$14,447	1.3	\$385	\$2,834
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,628	\$14,108	1.3	\$376	\$2,756
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,617	\$14,011	1.3	\$373	\$2,733
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,591	\$13,793	1.4	\$367	\$2,683
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,554	\$13,470	1.4	\$359	\$2,608
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,522	\$13,188	1.4	\$351	\$2,543
7. Ford F150	\$1,495	\$12,954	1.4	\$345	\$2,489
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,478	\$12,806	1.5	\$341	\$2,455
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,456	\$12,614	1.5	\$336	\$2,411
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,438	\$12,462	1.5	\$332	\$2,376
Average Light Truck	\$1,379	\$11,948	1.6	\$318	\$2,257

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,163	\$10,083	2.0	\$247	\$1,644
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,109	\$9,614	2.1	\$236	\$1,544
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,104	\$9,569	2.1	\$235	\$1,534
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,089	\$9,438	2.2	\$232	\$1,507
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,079	\$9,353	2.2	\$229	\$1,488
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,079	\$9,353	2.2	\$229	\$1,488
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,065	\$9,228	2.2	\$226	\$1,462
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$1,051	\$9,106	2.2	\$223	\$1,436
9. Buick LeSabre	\$1,046	\$9,066	2.2	\$222	\$1,427
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$1,041	\$9,026	2.3	\$221	\$1,419
Average Car	\$986	\$8,541	2.4	\$210	\$1,316

*\$1.59/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Cincinnati, OH: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,457	\$12,630	1.5	\$336	\$2,415
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,423	\$12,333	1.5	\$328	\$2,346
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,413	\$12,249	1.5	\$326	\$2,327
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,391	\$12,058	1.6	\$321	\$2,283
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,359	\$11,775	1.6	\$314	\$2,217
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,330	\$11,529	1.6	\$307	\$2,160
7. Ford F150	\$1,307	\$11,325	1.7	\$302	\$2,113
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,292	\$11,195	1.7	\$298	\$2,084
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,272	\$11,028	1.7	\$294	\$2,045
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,257	\$10,895	1.7	\$290	\$2,014
Average Light Truck	\$1,205	\$10,445	1.8	\$278	\$1,910

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,017	\$8,815	2.3	\$216	\$1,374
2. Ford Mustang	\$970	\$8,405	2.4	\$206	\$1,287
3. Ford Taurus	\$965	\$8,366	2.4	\$205	\$1,279
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$952	\$8,251	2.5	\$202	\$1,254
5. Mercury Sable	\$943	\$8,176	2.5	\$201	\$1,238
6. Nissan Maxima	\$943	\$8,176	2.5	\$201	\$1,238
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$931	\$8,067	2.5	\$198	\$1,215
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$919	\$7,960	2.6	\$195	\$1,192
9. Buick LeSabre	\$914	\$7,925	2.6	\$194	\$1,185
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$910	\$7,891	2.6	\$194	\$1,178
Average Car	\$862	\$7,467	2.7	\$183	\$1,087

*\$1.39/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,478	\$12,812	1.5	\$341	\$2,457
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,444	\$12,511	1.5	\$333	\$2,387
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,434	\$12,425	1.5	\$331	\$2,367
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,411	\$12,231	1.5	\$326	\$2,323
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,378	\$11,945	1.6	\$318	\$2,256
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,349	\$11,695	1.6	\$311	\$2,199
7. Ford F150	\$1,326	\$11,488	1.6	\$306	\$2,151
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,310	\$11,357	1.7	\$302	\$2,121
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,291	\$11,186	1.7	\$298	\$2,081
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,275	\$11,051	1.7	\$294	\$2,050
Average Light Truck	\$1,223	\$10,595	1.8	\$282	\$1,945

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,032	\$8,941	2.3	\$219	\$1,401
2. Ford Mustang	\$984	\$8,526	2.4	\$209	\$1,313
3. Ford Taurus	\$979	\$8,486	2.4	\$208	\$1,304
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$966	\$8,370	2.4	\$205	\$1,279
5. Mercury Sable	\$957	\$8,294	2.5	\$203	\$1,263
6. Nissan Maxima	\$957	\$8,294	2.5	\$203	\$1,263
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$944	\$8,183	2.5	\$201	\$1,240
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$932	\$8,075	2.5	\$198	\$1,217
9. Buick LeSabre	\$928	\$8,039	2.5	\$197	\$1,209
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$924	\$8,004	2.5	\$196	\$1,202
Average Car	\$874	\$7,574	2.7	\$186	\$1,110

*\$1.41/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Dallas, TX: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,415	\$12,267	1.5	\$327	\$2,331
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,382	\$11,978	1.6	\$319	\$2,264
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,373	\$11,896	1.6	\$317	\$2,245
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,351	\$11,711	1.6	\$312	\$2,202
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,320	\$11,437	1.6	\$305	\$2,139
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,292	\$11,197	1.7	\$298	\$2,084
7. Ford F150	\$1,269	\$10,999	1.7	\$293	\$2,038
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,255	\$10,873	1.7	\$290	\$2,009
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,236	\$10,710	1.8	\$285	\$1,972
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,221	\$10,581	1.8	\$282	\$1,942
Average Light Truck	\$1,171	\$10,145	1.9	\$270	\$1,841

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$988	\$8,561	2.4	\$210	\$1,320
2. Ford Mustang	\$942	\$8,163	2.5	\$200	\$1,235
3. Ford Taurus	\$938	\$8,125	2.5	\$199	\$1,227
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$925	\$8,014	2.5	\$197	\$1,204
5. Mercury Sable	\$916	\$7,941	2.6	\$195	\$1,188
6. Nissan Maxima	\$916	\$7,941	2.6	\$195	\$1,188
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$904	\$7,835	2.6	\$192	\$1,166
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$892	\$7,731	2.6	\$190	\$1,144
9. Buick LeSabre	\$888	\$7,697	2.6	\$189	\$1,136
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$884	\$7,664	2.7	\$188	\$1,129
Average Car	\$837	\$7,252	2.8	\$178	\$1,042

*\$1.35/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Denver, CO: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,552	\$13,448	1.4	\$358	\$2,603
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,515	\$13,132	1.4	\$350	\$2,530
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,505	\$13,042	1.4	\$347	\$2,510
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,481	\$12,838	1.5	\$342	\$2,463
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,447	\$12,538	1.5	\$334	\$2,393
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,416	\$12,275	1.5	\$327	\$2,333
7. Ford F150	\$1,391	\$12,058	1.6	\$321	\$2,283
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,375	\$11,920	1.6	\$317	\$2,251
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,355	\$11,742	1.6	\$313	\$2,210
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,338	\$11,600	1.6	\$309	\$2,177
Average Light Truck	\$1,283	\$11,121	1.7	\$296	\$2,066

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,083	\$9,385	2.2	\$230	\$1,495
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,033	\$8,949	2.3	\$220	\$1,403
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,028	\$8,907	2.3	\$219	\$1,394
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,014	\$8,785	2.3	\$216	\$1,368
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,005	\$8,706	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,005	\$8,706	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$991	\$8,589	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$978	\$8,476	2.4	\$208	\$1,302
9. Buick LeSabre	\$974	\$8,439	2.4	\$207	\$1,294
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$969	\$8,402	2.4	\$206	\$1,286
Average Car	\$917	\$7,950	2.6	\$195	\$1,190

*\$1.48/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Des Moines, IA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,478	\$12,812	1.5	\$341	\$2,457
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,444	\$12,511	1.5	\$333	\$2,387
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,434	\$12,425	1.5	\$331	\$2,367
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,411	\$12,231	1.5	\$326	\$2,323
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,378	\$11,945	1.6	\$318	\$2,256
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,349	\$11,695	1.6	\$311	\$2,199
7. Ford F150	\$1,326	\$11,488	1.6	\$306	\$2,151
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,310	\$11,357	1.7	\$302	\$2,121
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,291	\$11,186	1.7	\$298	\$2,081
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,275	\$11,051	1.7	\$294	\$2,050
Average Light Truck	\$1,223	\$10,595	1.8	\$282	\$1,945

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,032	\$8,941	2.3	\$219	\$1,401
2. Ford Mustang	\$984	\$8,526	2.4	\$209	\$1,313
3. Ford Taurus	\$979	\$8,486	2.4	\$208	\$1,304
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$966	\$8,370	2.4	\$205	\$1,279
5. Mercury Sable	\$957	\$8,294	2.5	\$203	\$1,263
6. Nissan Maxima	\$957	\$8,294	2.5	\$203	\$1,263
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$944	\$8,183	2.5	\$201	\$1,240
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$932	\$8,075	2.5	\$198	\$1,217
9. Buick LeSabre	\$928	\$8,039	2.5	\$197	\$1,209
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$924	\$8,004	2.5	\$196	\$1,202
Average Car	\$874	\$7,574	2.7	\$186	\$1,110

*\$1.41/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Detroit, MI: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,510	\$13,085	1.4	\$348	\$2,520
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,474	\$12,777	1.5	\$340	\$2,449
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,464	\$12,689	1.5	\$338	\$2,428
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,441	\$12,492	1.5	\$333	\$2,383
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,408	\$12,199	1.5	\$325	\$2,315
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,378	\$11,943	1.6	\$318	\$2,256
7. Ford F150	\$1,354	\$11,732	1.6	\$312	\$2,207
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,338	\$11,598	1.6	\$309	\$2,177
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,318	\$11,424	1.6	\$304	\$2,136
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,302	\$11,286	1.7	\$301	\$2,105
Average Light Truck	\$1,249	\$10,821	1.7	\$288	\$1,997

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,054	\$9,132	2.2	\$224	\$1,441
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,005	\$8,707	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,000	\$8,667	2.4	\$213	\$1,343
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$986	\$8,548	2.4	\$210	\$1,317
5. Mercury Sable	\$977	\$8,471	2.4	\$208	\$1,301
6. Nissan Maxima	\$977	\$8,471	2.4	\$208	\$1,301
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$964	\$8,357	2.4	\$205	\$1,277
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$952	\$8,247	2.5	\$202	\$1,253
9. Buick LeSabre	\$947	\$8,211	2.5	\$201	\$1,246
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$943	\$8,175	2.5	\$201	\$1,238
Average Car	\$893	\$7,736	2.6	\$190	\$1,145

*\$1.44/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Hartford, CT: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,562	\$13,539	1.4	\$361	\$2,624
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,525	\$13,221	1.4	\$352	\$2,551
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,515	\$13,130	1.4	\$350	\$2,530
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,491	\$12,925	1.5	\$344	\$2,483
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,456	\$12,623	1.5	\$336	\$2,413
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,426	\$12,358	1.5	\$329	\$2,352
7. Ford F150	\$1,401	\$12,140	1.5	\$323	\$2,301
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,385	\$12,001	1.6	\$320	\$2,269
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,364	\$11,821	1.6	\$315	\$2,228
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,347	\$11,678	1.6	\$311	\$2,195
Average Light Truck	\$1,292	\$11,197	1.7	\$298	\$2,084

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,090	\$9,449	2.2	\$232	\$1,509
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,040	\$9,009	2.3	\$221	\$1,415
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,035	\$8,968	2.3	\$220	\$1,406
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,021	\$8,845	2.3	\$217	\$1,380
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,011	\$8,765	2.3	\$215	\$1,363
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,011	\$8,765	2.3	\$215	\$1,363
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$998	\$8,647	2.4	\$212	\$1,338
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$985	\$8,533	2.4	\$209	\$1,314
9. Buick LeSabre	\$980	\$8,496	2.4	\$208	\$1,306
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$976	\$8,459	2.4	\$207	\$1,298
Average Car	\$924	\$8,004	2.5	\$196	\$1,202

*\$1.49/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Houston, TX: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,394	\$12,085	1.6	\$322	\$2,289
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,362	\$11,801	1.6	\$314	\$2,223
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,352	\$11,720	1.6	\$312	\$2,205
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,331	\$11,537	1.6	\$307	\$2,162
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,300	\$11,267	1.7	\$300	\$2,100
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,273	\$11,031	1.7	\$294	\$2,046
7. Ford F150	\$1,250	\$10,836	1.7	\$289	\$2,001
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,236	\$10,712	1.8	\$285	\$1,972
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,218	\$10,552	1.8	\$281	\$1,935
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,203	\$10,424	1.8	\$278	\$1,906
Average Light Truck	\$1,153	\$9,994	1.9	\$266	\$1,806

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$973	\$8,434	2.4	\$207	\$1,293
2. Ford Mustang	\$928	\$8,042	2.5	\$197	\$1,210
3. Ford Taurus	\$924	\$8,005	2.5	\$196	\$1,202
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$911	\$7,895	2.6	\$194	\$1,178
5. Mercury Sable	\$903	\$7,824	2.6	\$192	\$1,163
6. Nissan Maxima	\$903	\$7,824	2.6	\$192	\$1,163
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$891	\$7,719	2.6	\$189	\$1,141
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$879	\$7,617	2.7	\$187	\$1,119
9. Buick LeSabre	\$875	\$7,583	2.7	\$186	\$1,112
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$871	\$7,550	2.7	\$185	\$1,105
Average Car	\$824	\$7,145	2.9	\$175	\$1,019

*\$1.33/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Las Vegas, NV: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,573	\$13,630	1.4	\$363	\$2,645
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,536	\$13,309	1.4	\$354	\$2,571
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,525	\$13,218	1.4	\$352	\$2,550
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,501	\$13,012	1.4	\$346	\$2,503
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,466	\$12,707	1.5	\$338	\$2,432
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,436	\$12,441	1.5	\$331	\$2,371
7. Ford F150	\$1,410	\$12,221	1.5	\$325	\$2,320
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,394	\$12,081	1.6	\$322	\$2,288
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,373	\$11,900	1.6	\$317	\$2,246
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,357	\$11,757	1.6	\$313	\$2,213
Average Light Truck	\$1,301	\$11,272	1.7	\$300	\$2,101

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,098	\$9,512	2.1	\$233	\$1,522
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,047	\$9,070	2.2	\$222	\$1,428
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,042	\$9,028	2.3	\$221	\$1,419
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,027	\$8,904	2.3	\$218	\$1,393
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,018	\$8,824	2.3	\$216	\$1,376
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,018	\$8,824	2.3	\$216	\$1,376
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,004	\$8,705	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$991	\$8,590	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
9. Buick LeSabre	\$987	\$8,553	2.4	\$210	\$1,318
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$983	\$8,515	2.4	\$209	\$1,310
Average Car	\$930	\$8,058	2.5	\$198	\$1,213

*\$1.50/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,667	\$14,447	1.3	\$385	\$2,834
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,628	\$14,108	1.3	\$376	\$2,756
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,617	\$14,011	1.3	\$373	\$2,733
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,591	\$13,793	1.4	\$367	\$2,683
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,554	\$13,470	1.4	\$359	\$2,608
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,522	\$13,188	1.4	\$351	\$2,543
7. Ford F150	\$1,495	\$12,954	1.4	\$345	\$2,489
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,478	\$12,806	1.5	\$341	\$2,455
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,456	\$12,614	1.5	\$336	\$2,411
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,438	\$12,462	1.5	\$332	\$2,376
Average Light Truck	\$1,379	\$11,948	1.6	\$318	\$2,257

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,163	\$10,083	2.0	\$247	\$1,644
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,109	\$9,614	2.1	\$236	\$1,544
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,104	\$9,569	2.1	\$235	\$1,534
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,089	\$9,438	2.2	\$232	\$1,507
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,079	\$9,353	2.2	\$229	\$1,488
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,079	\$9,353	2.2	\$229	\$1,488
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,065	\$9,228	2.2	\$226	\$1,462
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$1,051	\$9,106	2.2	\$223	\$1,436
9. Buick LeSabre	\$1,046	\$9,066	2.2	\$222	\$1,427
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$1,041	\$9,026	2.3	\$221	\$1,419
Average Car	\$986	\$8,541	2.4	\$210	\$1,316

*\$1.59/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Miami, FL: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,531	\$13,266	1.4	\$353	\$2,561
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,495	\$12,954	1.4	\$345	\$2,489
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,484	\$12,865	1.5	\$343	\$2,469
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,461	\$12,665	1.5	\$337	\$2,423
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,427	\$12,368	1.5	\$329	\$2,354
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,397	\$12,109	1.6	\$322	\$2,294
7. Ford F150	\$1,373	\$11,895	1.6	\$317	\$2,245
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,357	\$11,759	1.6	\$313	\$2,214
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,337	\$11,583	1.6	\$308	\$2,173
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,320	\$11,443	1.6	\$305	\$2,141
Average Light Truck	\$1,266	\$10,971	1.7	\$292	\$2,032

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,068	\$9,259	2.2	\$227	\$1,468
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,019	\$8,828	2.3	\$217	\$1,377
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,014	\$8,787	2.3	\$216	\$1,368
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,000	\$8,667	2.4	\$213	\$1,343
5. Mercury Sable	\$991	\$8,588	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
6. Nissan Maxima	\$991	\$8,588	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$978	\$8,473	2.4	\$208	\$1,301
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$965	\$8,361	2.4	\$205	\$1,278
9. Buick LeSabre	\$961	\$8,325	2.4	\$204	\$1,270
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$956	\$8,288	2.5	\$203	\$1,262
Average Car	\$905	\$7,843	2.6	\$192	\$1,167

*\$1.46/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,552	\$13,448	1.4	\$358	\$2,603
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,515	\$13,132	1.4	\$350	\$2,530
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,505	\$13,042	1.4	\$347	\$2,510
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,481	\$12,838	1.5	\$342	\$2,463
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,447	\$12,538	1.5	\$334	\$2,393
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,416	\$12,275	1.5	\$327	\$2,333
7. Ford F150	\$1,391	\$12,058	1.6	\$321	\$2,283
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,375	\$11,920	1.6	\$317	\$2,251
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,355	\$11,742	1.6	\$313	\$2,210
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,338	\$11,600	1.6	\$309	\$2,177
Average Light Truck	\$1,283	\$11,121	1.7	\$296	\$2,066

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,083	\$9,385	2.2	\$230	\$1,495
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,033	\$8,949	2.3	\$220	\$1,403
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,028	\$8,907	2.3	\$219	\$1,394
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,014	\$8,785	2.3	\$216	\$1,368
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,005	\$8,706	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,005	\$8,706	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$991	\$8,589	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$978	\$8,476	2.4	\$208	\$1,302
9. Buick LeSabre	\$974	\$8,439	2.4	\$207	\$1,294
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$969	\$8,402	2.4	\$206	\$1,286
Average Car	\$917	\$7,950	2.6	\$195	\$1,190

*\$1.48/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,520	\$13,175	1.4	\$351	\$2,540
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,485	\$12,866	1.5	\$343	\$2,469
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,474	\$12,777	1.5	\$340	\$2,449
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,451	\$12,578	1.5	\$335	\$2,403
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,417	\$12,284	1.5	\$327	\$2,335
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,388	\$12,026	1.6	\$320	\$2,275
7. Ford F150	\$1,363	\$11,814	1.6	\$315	\$2,226
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,348	\$11,679	1.6	\$311	\$2,195
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,327	\$11,504	1.6	\$306	\$2,155
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,311	\$11,365	1.7	\$303	\$2,123
Average Light Truck	\$1,257	\$10,896	1.7	\$290	\$2,014

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,061	\$9,195	2.2	\$226	\$1,455
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,012	\$8,767	2.3	\$215	\$1,364
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,007	\$8,727	2.3	\$214	\$1,355
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$993	\$8,607	2.4	\$211	\$1,330
5. Mercury Sable	\$984	\$8,529	2.4	\$209	\$1,313
6. Nissan Maxima	\$984	\$8,529	2.4	\$209	\$1,313
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$971	\$8,415	2.4	\$206	\$1,289
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$958	\$8,304	2.5	\$204	\$1,265
9. Buick LeSabre	\$954	\$8,268	2.5	\$203	\$1,258
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$950	\$8,231	2.5	\$202	\$1,250
Average Car	\$899	\$7,789	2.6	\$191	\$1,156

*\$1.45/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Missoula, MT: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,552	\$13,448	1.4	\$358	\$2,603
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,515	\$13,132	1.4	\$350	\$2,530
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,505	\$13,042	1.4	\$347	\$2,510
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,481	\$12,838	1.5	\$342	\$2,463
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,447	\$12,538	1.5	\$334	\$2,393
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,416	\$12,275	1.5	\$327	\$2,333
7. Ford F150	\$1,391	\$12,058	1.6	\$321	\$2,283
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,375	\$11,920	1.6	\$317	\$2,251
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,355	\$11,742	1.6	\$313	\$2,210
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,338	\$11,600	1.6	\$309	\$2,177
Average Light Truck	\$1,283	\$11,121	1.7	\$296	\$2,066

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1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,083	\$9,385	2.2	\$230	\$1,495
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,033	\$8,949	2.3	\$220	\$1,403
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,028	\$8,907	2.3	\$219	\$1,394
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,014	\$8,785	2.3	\$216	\$1,368
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,005	\$8,706	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,005	\$8,706	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$991	\$8,589	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$978	\$8,476	2.4	\$208	\$1,302
9. Buick LeSabre	\$974	\$8,439	2.4	\$207	\$1,294
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$969	\$8,402	2.4	\$206	\$1,286
Average Car	\$917	\$7,950	2.6	\$195	\$1,190

*\$1.48/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Nashville, TN: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,415	\$12,267	1.5	\$327	\$2,331
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,382	\$11,978	1.6	\$319	\$2,264
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,373	\$11,896	1.6	\$317	\$2,245
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,351	\$11,711	1.6	\$312	\$2,202
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,320	\$11,437	1.6	\$305	\$2,139
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,292	\$11,197	1.7	\$298	\$2,084
7. Ford F150	\$1,269	\$10,999	1.7	\$293	\$2,038
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,255	\$10,873	1.7	\$290	\$2,009
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,236	\$10,710	1.8	\$285	\$1,972
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,221	\$10,581	1.8	\$282	\$1,942
Average Light Truck	\$1,171	\$10,145	1.9	\$270	\$1,841

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1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$988	\$8,561	2.4	\$210	\$1,320
2. Ford Mustang	\$942	\$8,163	2.5	\$200	\$1,235
3. Ford Taurus	\$938	\$8,125	2.5	\$199	\$1,227
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$925	\$8,014	2.5	\$197	\$1,204
5. Mercury Sable	\$916	\$7,941	2.6	\$195	\$1,188
6. Nissan Maxima	\$916	\$7,941	2.6	\$195	\$1,188
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$904	\$7,835	2.6	\$192	\$1,166
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$892	\$7,731	2.6	\$190	\$1,144
9. Buick LeSabre	\$888	\$7,697	2.6	\$189	\$1,136
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$884	\$7,664	2.7	\$188	\$1,129
Average Car	\$837	\$7,252	2.8	\$178	\$1,042

*\$1.35/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

New Orleans, LA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,394	\$12,085	1.6	\$322	\$2,289
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2. Ford Mustang	\$928	\$8,042	2.5	\$197	\$1,210
3. Ford Taurus	\$924	\$8,005	2.5	\$196	\$1,202
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$911	\$7,895	2.6	\$194	\$1,178
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9. Buick LeSabre	\$875	\$7,583	2.7	\$186	\$1,112
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$871	\$7,550	2.7	\$185	\$1,105
Average Car	\$824	\$7,145	2.9	\$175	\$1,019

*\$1.33/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

New York, NY: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,657	\$14,357	1.3	\$382	\$2,813
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,618	\$14,019	1.3	\$373	\$2,735
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,606	\$13,923	1.3	\$371	\$2,713
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,581	\$13,706	1.4	\$365	\$2,663
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,544	\$13,385	1.4	\$356	\$2,589
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,512	\$13,105	1.4	\$349	\$2,524
7. Ford F150	\$1,485	\$12,873	1.5	\$343	\$2,471
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,468	\$12,726	1.5	\$339	\$2,437
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,446	\$12,535	1.5	\$334	\$2,393
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,429	\$12,384	1.5	\$330	\$2,358
Average Light Truck	\$1,370	\$11,873	1.6	\$316	\$2,240

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,156	\$10,020	2.0	\$246	\$1,630
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,102	\$9,553	2.1	\$234	\$1,531
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,097	\$9,509	2.1	\$233	\$1,522
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,082	\$9,379	2.2	\$230	\$1,494
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,072	\$9,294	2.2	\$228	\$1,476
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,072	\$9,294	2.2	\$228	\$1,476
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,058	\$9,170	2.2	\$225	\$1,449
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$1,044	\$9,048	2.3	\$222	\$1,424
9. Buick LeSabre	\$1,039	\$9,009	2.3	\$221	\$1,415
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$1,035	\$8,969	2.3	\$220	\$1,407
Average Car	\$979	\$8,488	2.4	\$208	\$1,304

*\$1.58/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Philadelphia, PA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,478	\$12,812	1.5	\$341	\$2,457
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,444	\$12,511	1.5	\$333	\$2,387
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,434	\$12,425	1.5	\$331	\$2,367
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,411	\$12,231	1.5	\$326	\$2,323
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,378	\$11,945	1.6	\$318	\$2,256
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,349	\$11,695	1.6	\$311	\$2,199
7. Ford F150	\$1,326	\$11,488	1.6	\$306	\$2,151
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,310	\$11,357	1.7	\$302	\$2,121
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,291	\$11,186	1.7	\$298	\$2,081
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,275	\$11,051	1.7	\$294	\$2,050
Average Light Truck	\$1,223	\$10,595	1.8	\$282	\$1,945

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,032	\$8,941	2.3	\$219	\$1,401
2. Ford Mustang	\$984	\$8,526	2.4	\$209	\$1,313
3. Ford Taurus	\$979	\$8,486	2.4	\$208	\$1,304
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$966	\$8,370	2.4	\$205	\$1,279
5. Mercury Sable	\$957	\$8,294	2.5	\$203	\$1,263
6. Nissan Maxima	\$957	\$8,294	2.5	\$203	\$1,263
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$944	\$8,183	2.5	\$201	\$1,240
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$932	\$8,075	2.5	\$198	\$1,217
9. Buick LeSabre	\$928	\$8,039	2.5	\$197	\$1,209
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$924	\$8,004	2.5	\$196	\$1,202
Average Car	\$874	\$7,574	2.7	\$186	\$1,110

*\$1.41/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Phoenix-Mesa, AZ: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,520	\$13,175	1.4	\$351	\$2,540
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,485	\$12,866	1.5	\$343	\$2,469
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,474	\$12,777	1.5	\$340	\$2,449
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,451	\$12,578	1.5	\$335	\$2,403
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,417	\$12,284	1.5	\$327	\$2,335
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,388	\$12,026	1.6	\$320	\$2,275
7. Ford F150	\$1,363	\$11,814	1.6	\$315	\$2,226
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,348	\$11,679	1.6	\$311	\$2,195
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,327	\$11,504	1.6	\$306	\$2,155
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,311	\$11,365	1.7	\$303	\$2,123
Average Light Truck	\$1,257	\$10,896	1.7	\$290	\$2,014

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,061	\$9,195	2.2	\$226	\$1,455
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,012	\$8,767	2.3	\$215	\$1,364
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,007	\$8,727	2.3	\$214	\$1,355
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$993	\$8,607	2.4	\$211	\$1,330
5. Mercury Sable	\$984	\$8,529	2.4	\$209	\$1,313
6. Nissan Maxima	\$984	\$8,529	2.4	\$209	\$1,313
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$971	\$8,415	2.4	\$206	\$1,289
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$958	\$8,304	2.5	\$204	\$1,265
9. Buick LeSabre	\$954	\$8,268	2.5	\$203	\$1,258
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$950	\$8,231	2.5	\$202	\$1,250
Average Car	\$899	\$7,789	2.6	\$191	\$1,156

*\$1.45/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Pittsburgh, PA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,468	\$12,721	1.5	\$339	\$2,436
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,433	\$12,422	1.5	\$331	\$2,367
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,423	\$12,337	1.5	\$328	\$2,347
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,401	\$12,145	1.5	\$323	\$2,303
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,368	\$11,860	1.6	\$316	\$2,237
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,340	\$11,612	1.6	\$309	\$2,180
7. Ford F150	\$1,316	\$11,406	1.6	\$304	\$2,132
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,301	\$11,276	1.7	\$300	\$2,102
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,282	\$11,107	1.7	\$296	\$2,063
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,266	\$10,973	1.7	\$292	\$2,032
Average Light Truck	\$1,214	\$10,520	1.8	\$280	\$1,928

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,024	\$8,878	2.3	\$218	\$1,387
2. Ford Mustang	\$977	\$8,465	2.4	\$208	\$1,300
3. Ford Taurus	\$972	\$8,426	2.4	\$207	\$1,291
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$959	\$8,311	2.5	\$204	\$1,267
5. Mercury Sable	\$950	\$8,235	2.5	\$202	\$1,251
6. Nissan Maxima	\$950	\$8,235	2.5	\$202	\$1,251
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$938	\$8,125	2.5	\$199	\$1,227
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$925	\$8,018	2.5	\$197	\$1,205
9. Buick LeSabre	\$921	\$7,982	2.6	\$196	\$1,197
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$917	\$7,948	2.6	\$195	\$1,190
Average Car	\$868	\$7,521	2.7	\$184	\$1,099

*\$1.40/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Portland, OR: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,562	\$13,539	1.4	\$361	\$2,624
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,525	\$13,221	1.4	\$352	\$2,551
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,515	\$13,130	1.4	\$350	\$2,530
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,491	\$12,925	1.5	\$344	\$2,483
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,456	\$12,623	1.5	\$336	\$2,413
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,426	\$12,358	1.5	\$329	\$2,352
7. Ford F150	\$1,401	\$12,140	1.5	\$323	\$2,301
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,385	\$12,001	1.6	\$320	\$2,269
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,364	\$11,821	1.6	\$315	\$2,228
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,347	\$11,678	1.6	\$311	\$2,195
Average Light Truck	\$1,292	\$11,197	1.7	\$298	\$2,084

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,090	\$9,449	2.2	\$232	\$1,509
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,040	\$9,009	2.3	\$221	\$1,415
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,035	\$8,968	2.3	\$220	\$1,406
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,021	\$8,845	2.3	\$217	\$1,380
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,011	\$8,765	2.3	\$215	\$1,363
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,011	\$8,765	2.3	\$215	\$1,363
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$998	\$8,647	2.4	\$212	\$1,338
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$985	\$8,533	2.4	\$209	\$1,314
9. Buick LeSabre	\$980	\$8,496	2.4	\$208	\$1,306
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$976	\$8,459	2.4	\$207	\$1,298
Average Car	\$924	\$8,004	2.5	\$196	\$1,202

*\$1.49/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Rapid City, SD: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,594	\$13,811	1.4	\$368	\$2,687
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,556	\$13,487	1.4	\$359	\$2,612
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,545	\$13,394	1.4	\$357	\$2,591
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,521	\$13,185	1.4	\$351	\$2,543
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,486	\$12,877	1.5	\$343	\$2,472
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,455	\$12,607	1.5	\$336	\$2,409
7. Ford F150	\$1,429	\$12,384	1.5	\$330	\$2,358
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,413	\$12,243	1.5	\$326	\$2,325
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,391	\$12,059	1.6	\$321	\$2,283
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,375	\$11,913	1.6	\$317	\$2,249
Average Light Truck	\$1,318	\$11,422	1.6	\$304	\$2,136

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,112	\$9,639	2.1	\$236	\$1,549
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,060	\$9,191	2.2	\$225	\$1,454
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,056	\$9,148	2.2	\$224	\$1,445
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,041	\$9,023	2.3	\$221	\$1,418
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,032	\$8,941	2.3	\$219	\$1,401
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,032	\$8,941	2.3	\$219	\$1,401
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,018	\$8,821	2.3	\$216	\$1,375
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$1,004	\$8,705	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
9. Buick LeSabre	\$1,000	\$8,667	2.4	\$213	\$1,343
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$996	\$8,629	2.4	\$212	\$1,334
Average Car	\$942	\$8,165	2.5	\$200	\$1,236

*\$1.52/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Roanoke, VA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,300	\$11,267	1.7	\$300	\$2,100
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,270	\$11,002	1.7	\$293	\$2,039
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,261	\$10,927	1.7	\$291	\$2,022
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,241	\$10,757	1.7	\$286	\$1,982
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,212	\$10,505	1.8	\$280	\$1,924
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,187	\$10,285	1.8	\$274	\$1,873
7. Ford F150	\$1,166	\$10,103	1.9	\$269	\$1,831
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,152	\$9,987	1.9	\$266	\$1,805
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,135	\$9,838	1.9	\$262	\$1,770
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,121	\$9,719	1.9	\$259	\$1,743
Average Light Truck	\$1,075	\$9,318	2.0	\$248	\$1,650

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$907	\$7,863	2.6	\$193	\$1,172
2. Ford Mustang	\$865	\$7,498	2.7	\$184	\$1,094
3. Ford Taurus	\$861	\$7,463	2.7	\$183	\$1,087
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$849	\$7,361	2.8	\$181	\$1,065
5. Mercury Sable	\$842	\$7,294	2.8	\$179	\$1,051
6. Nissan Maxima	\$842	\$7,294	2.8	\$179	\$1,051
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$830	\$7,196	2.8	\$177	\$1,030
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$819	\$7,101	2.9	\$174	\$1,010
9. Buick LeSabre	\$816	\$7,070	2.9	\$173	\$1,003
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$812	\$7,039	2.9	\$173	\$997
Average Car	\$769	\$6,661	3.1	\$163	\$916

*\$1.24/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Sacramento, CA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,698	\$14,720	1.3	\$392	\$2,897
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,659	\$14,374	1.3	\$383	\$2,817
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,647	\$14,275	1.3	\$380	\$2,794
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,621	\$14,053	1.3	\$374	\$2,743
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,584	\$13,724	1.4	\$365	\$2,667
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,550	\$13,436	1.4	\$358	\$2,601
7. Ford F150	\$1,523	\$13,199	1.4	\$351	\$2,546
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,506	\$13,048	1.4	\$347	\$2,511
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,483	\$12,852	1.5	\$342	\$2,466
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,465	\$12,697	1.5	\$338	\$2,430
Average Light Truck	\$1,405	\$12,173	1.5	\$324	\$2,309

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,185	\$10,273	2.0	\$252	\$1,684
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,130	\$9,795	2.1	\$240	\$1,582
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,125	\$9,750	2.1	\$239	\$1,573
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,110	\$9,616	2.1	\$236	\$1,544
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,100	\$9,529	2.1	\$234	\$1,526
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,100	\$9,529	2.1	\$234	\$1,526
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,085	\$9,402	2.2	\$231	\$1,499
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$1,070	\$9,278	2.2	\$228	\$1,472
9. Buick LeSabre	\$1,066	\$9,237	2.2	\$227	\$1,464
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$1,061	\$9,197	2.2	\$226	\$1,455
Average Car	\$1,004	\$8,702	2.3	\$213	\$1,350

*\$1.62/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

San Francisco, CA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,877	\$16,265	1.2	\$433	\$3,253
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,833	\$15,883	1.2	\$423	\$3,165
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,820	\$15,773	1.2	\$420	\$3,140
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,792	\$15,528	1.2	\$413	\$3,083
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,750	\$15,164	1.2	\$404	\$2,999
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,713	\$14,846	1.3	\$395	\$2,926
7. Ford F150	\$1,683	\$14,584	1.3	\$388	\$2,866
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,664	\$14,417	1.3	\$384	\$2,827
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,639	\$14,201	1.3	\$378	\$2,777
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,619	\$14,030	1.3	\$374	\$2,738
Average Light Truck	\$1,552	\$13,451	1.4	\$358	\$2,604

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,310	\$11,351	1.8	\$278	\$1,913
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,249	\$10,823	1.9	\$266	\$1,801
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,243	\$10,773	1.9	\$264	\$1,790
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,226	\$10,626	1.9	\$261	\$1,759
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,215	\$10,529	1.9	\$258	\$1,739
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,215	\$10,529	1.9	\$258	\$1,739
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,199	\$10,388	2.0	\$255	\$1,709
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$1,183	\$10,251	2.0	\$251	\$1,679
9. Buick LeSabre	\$1,178	\$10,206	2.0	\$250	\$1,670
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$1,172	\$10,162	2.0	\$249	\$1,660
Average Car	\$1,110	\$9,616	2.1	\$236	\$1,544

*\$1.79/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,573	\$13,630	1.4	\$363	\$2,645
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,536	\$13,309	1.4	\$354	\$2,571
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,525	\$13,218	1.4	\$352	\$2,550
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,501	\$13,012	1.4	\$346	\$2,503
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,466	\$12,707	1.5	\$338	\$2,432
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,436	\$12,441	1.5	\$331	\$2,371
7. Ford F150	\$1,410	\$12,221	1.5	\$325	\$2,320
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,394	\$12,081	1.6	\$322	\$2,288
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,373	\$11,900	1.6	\$317	\$2,246
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,357	\$11,757	1.6	\$313	\$2,213
Average Light Truck	\$1,301	\$11,272	1.7	\$300	\$2,101

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,098	\$9,512	2.1	\$233	\$1,522
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,047	\$9,070	2.2	\$222	\$1,428
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,042	\$9,028	2.3	\$221	\$1,419
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,027	\$8,904	2.3	\$218	\$1,393
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,018	\$8,824	2.3	\$216	\$1,376
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,018	\$8,824	2.3	\$216	\$1,376
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$1,004	\$8,705	2.3	\$214	\$1,351
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$991	\$8,590	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
9. Buick LeSabre	\$987	\$8,553	2.4	\$210	\$1,318
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$983	\$8,515	2.4	\$209	\$1,310
Average Car	\$930	\$8,058	2.5	\$198	\$1,213

*\$1.50/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Shreveport-Bossier City, LA: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,415	\$12,267	1.5	\$327	\$2,331
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,382	\$11,978	1.6	\$319	\$2,264
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,373	\$11,896	1.6	\$317	\$2,245
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,351	\$11,711	1.6	\$312	\$2,202
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,320	\$11,437	1.6	\$305	\$2,139
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,292	\$11,197	1.7	\$298	\$2,084
7. Ford F150	\$1,269	\$10,999	1.7	\$293	\$2,038
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,255	\$10,873	1.7	\$290	\$2,009
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,236	\$10,710	1.8	\$285	\$1,972
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,221	\$10,581	1.8	\$282	\$1,942
Average Light Truck	\$1,171	\$10,145	1.9	\$270	\$1,841

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$988	\$8,561	2.4	\$210	\$1,320
2. Ford Mustang	\$942	\$8,163	2.5	\$200	\$1,235
3. Ford Taurus	\$938	\$8,125	2.5	\$199	\$1,227
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$925	\$8,014	2.5	\$197	\$1,204
5. Mercury Sable	\$916	\$7,941	2.6	\$195	\$1,188
6. Nissan Maxima	\$916	\$7,941	2.6	\$195	\$1,188
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$904	\$7,835	2.6	\$192	\$1,166
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$892	\$7,731	2.6	\$190	\$1,144
9. Buick LeSabre	\$888	\$7,697	2.6	\$189	\$1,136
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$884	\$7,664	2.7	\$188	\$1,129
Average Car	\$837	\$7,252	2.8	\$178	\$1,042

*\$1.35/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

St. Louis, MO: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,384	\$11,994	1.6	\$319	\$2,268
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,351	\$11,712	1.6	\$312	\$2,203
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,342	\$11,632	1.6	\$310	\$2,184
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,321	\$11,451	1.6	\$305	\$2,142
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,290	\$11,182	1.7	\$298	\$2,081
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,263	\$10,948	1.7	\$292	\$2,027
7. Ford F150	\$1,241	\$10,755	1.7	\$286	\$1,982
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,227	\$10,632	1.8	\$283	\$1,953
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,208	\$10,472	1.8	\$279	\$1,917
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,194	\$10,346	1.8	\$275	\$1,888
Average Light Truck	\$1,145	\$9,919	1.9	\$264	\$1,789

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$966	\$8,371	2.4	\$205	\$1,280
2. Ford Mustang	\$921	\$7,981	2.6	\$196	\$1,197
3. Ford Taurus	\$917	\$7,944	2.6	\$195	\$1,189
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$904	\$7,836	2.6	\$192	\$1,166
5. Mercury Sable	\$896	\$7,765	2.6	\$190	\$1,151
6. Nissan Maxima	\$896	\$7,765	2.6	\$190	\$1,151
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$884	\$7,661	2.7	\$188	\$1,129
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$872	\$7,559	2.7	\$185	\$1,107
9. Buick LeSabre	\$868	\$7,526	2.7	\$185	\$1,100
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$865	\$7,493	2.7	\$184	\$1,093
Average Car	\$818	\$7,091	2.9	\$174	\$1,008

*\$1.32/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,436	\$12,448	1.5	\$331	\$2,373
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,403	\$12,156	1.5	\$324	\$2,305
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,393	\$12,072	1.6	\$321	\$2,286
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,371	\$11,884	1.6	\$316	\$2,243
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,339	\$11,606	1.6	\$309	\$2,178
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,311	\$11,363	1.7	\$303	\$2,122
7. Ford F150	\$1,288	\$11,162	1.7	\$297	\$2,076
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,273	\$11,034	1.7	\$294	\$2,046
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,254	\$10,869	1.7	\$289	\$2,008
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,239	\$10,738	1.7	\$286	\$1,978
Average Light Truck	\$1,188	\$10,295	1.8	\$274	\$1,876

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,002	\$8,688	2.3	\$213	\$1,347
2. Ford Mustang	\$956	\$8,284	2.5	\$203	\$1,261
3. Ford Taurus	\$951	\$8,245	2.5	\$202	\$1,253
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$938	\$8,132	2.5	\$199	\$1,229
5. Mercury Sable	\$930	\$8,059	2.5	\$198	\$1,213
6. Nissan Maxima	\$930	\$8,059	2.5	\$198	\$1,213
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$917	\$7,951	2.6	\$195	\$1,190
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$905	\$7,846	2.6	\$192	\$1,168
9. Buick LeSabre	\$901	\$7,811	2.6	\$192	\$1,161
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$897	\$7,777	2.6	\$191	\$1,153
Average Car	\$849	\$7,360	2.8	\$181	\$1,065

*\$1.37/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Utica-Rome, NY: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,531	\$13,266	1.4	\$353	\$2,561
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,495	\$12,954	1.4	\$345	\$2,489
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,484	\$12,865	1.5	\$343	\$2,469
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,461	\$12,665	1.5	\$337	\$2,423
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,427	\$12,368	1.5	\$329	\$2,354
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,397	\$12,109	1.6	\$322	\$2,294
7. Ford F150	\$1,373	\$11,895	1.6	\$317	\$2,245
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,357	\$11,759	1.6	\$313	\$2,214
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,337	\$11,583	1.6	\$308	\$2,173
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,320	\$11,443	1.6	\$305	\$2,141
Average Light Truck	\$1,266	\$10,971	1.7	\$292	\$2,032

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,068	\$9,259	2.2	\$227	\$1,468
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,019	\$8,828	2.3	\$217	\$1,377
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,014	\$8,787	2.3	\$216	\$1,368
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,000	\$8,667	2.4	\$213	\$1,343
5. Mercury Sable	\$991	\$8,588	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
6. Nissan Maxima	\$991	\$8,588	2.4	\$211	\$1,326
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$978	\$8,473	2.4	\$208	\$1,301
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$965	\$8,361	2.4	\$205	\$1,278
9. Buick LeSabre	\$961	\$8,325	2.4	\$204	\$1,270
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$956	\$8,288	2.5	\$203	\$1,262
Average Car	\$905	\$7,843	2.6	\$192	\$1,167

*\$1.46/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline

Washington, DC: Costs and Savings for the 10 Popular Cars and Light Trucks Most Expensive to Fuel

Light Trucks	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Dodge Ram 1500	\$1,562	\$13,539	1.4	\$361	\$2,624
2. Dodge Durango	\$1,525	\$13,221	1.4	\$352	\$2,551
3. Ford Expedition	\$1,515	\$13,130	1.4	\$350	\$2,530
4. Chevrolet Suburban	\$1,491	\$12,925	1.5	\$344	\$2,483
5. Chevrolet Tahoe	\$1,456	\$12,623	1.5	\$336	\$2,413
6. Toyota Tundra	\$1,426	\$12,358	1.5	\$329	\$2,352
7. Ford F150	\$1,401	\$12,140	1.5	\$323	\$2,301
8. Dodge Dakota	\$1,385	\$12,001	1.6	\$320	\$2,269
9. GMC Sierra	\$1,364	\$11,821	1.6	\$315	\$2,228
10. Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$1,347	\$11,678	1.6	\$311	\$2,195
Average Light Truck	\$1,292	\$11,197	1.7	\$298	\$2,084

Cars	Cost of Fuel in 2002	Lifetime Fuel Cost	Payback Period (yrs)	Potential Fuel Savings in 2002	Lifetime Net Savings
1. Mercury Grand Marquis	\$1,090	\$9,449	2.2	\$232	\$1,509
2. Ford Mustang	\$1,040	\$9,009	2.3	\$221	\$1,415
3. Ford Taurus	\$1,035	\$8,968	2.3	\$220	\$1,406
4. Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$1,021	\$8,845	2.3	\$217	\$1,380
5. Mercury Sable	\$1,011	\$8,765	2.3	\$215	\$1,363
6. Nissan Maxima	\$1,011	\$8,765	2.3	\$215	\$1,363
7. Dodge Intrepid	\$998	\$8,647	2.4	\$212	\$1,338
8. Chrysler Sebring	\$985	\$8,533	2.4	\$209	\$1,314
9. Buick LeSabre	\$980	\$8,496	2.4	\$208	\$1,306
10. Pontiac Grand Prix	\$976	\$8,459	2.4	\$207	\$1,298
Average Car	\$924	\$8,004	2.5	\$196	\$1,202

*\$1.49/gallon, unleaded regular gasoline