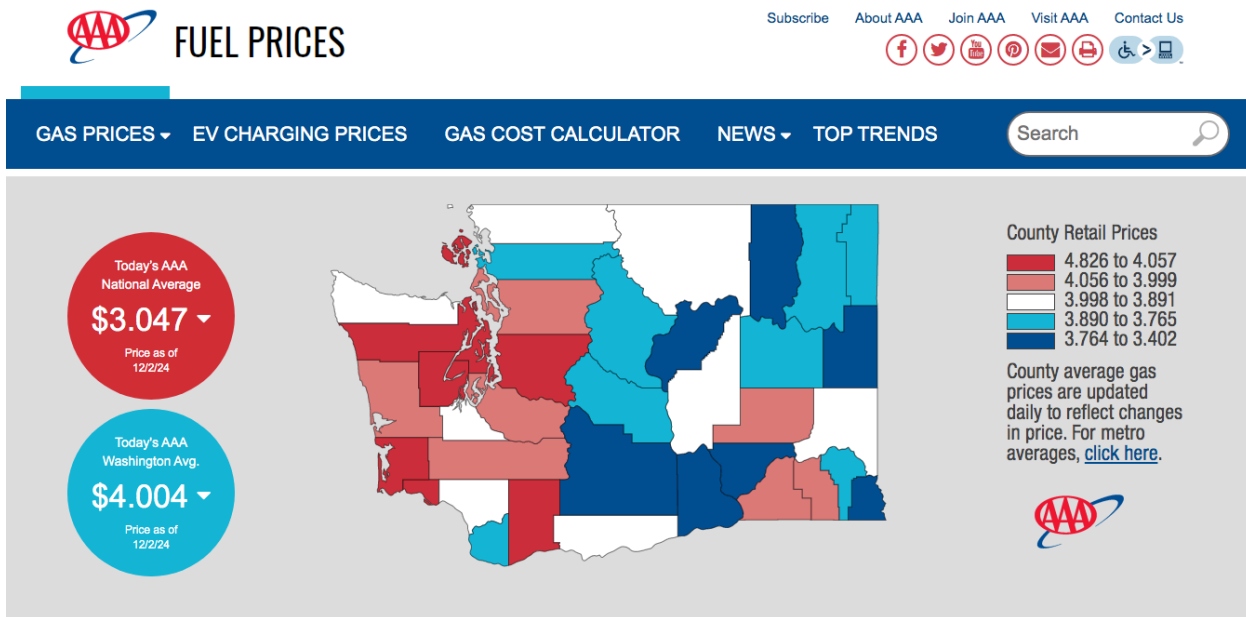


December 2, 2024 - Jefferson County Cost of Living 2020-2024 Experience

Well, my goal when I titled this newsletter was to do a cost comparison on a large number of items over the past four years but, starting with fuel costs I quickly recognized that it cannot be done in one monthly newsletter. So, I am focused just on fuel costs.

Although I am comparing average costs from December 2020 to average costs now in December 2024, I did notice that fuel costs actually peaked in 2023. I recall paying over \$5/gallon for diesel for my car in 2023. As a side note, I have noticed that fuel costs always seem to drop during an election year... That said the national average (source: AAA Washington website) was \$2.32/gal



in December 2020 while it is currently \$3.05/gal nationally. Now note that Washington state average today is \$4.01/gal. Almost a full dollar higher than the national average. Why?

Look at the AAA chart above and note that in Washington state, Jefferson County is at the top for fuel costs. Why?

The good news for us is a short drive to Clallam county allows us to save on fuel fill-ups over buying locally. That is sad. But, I plan on making the trip after I publish this newsletter today!

BTW: In December 2020 your Internet cost was \$55/month. Today your Internet cost is still \$55.

Peace, David

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