

Consumers Prove Accurate in Predicting Gas Prices, Says Prosper Insights & Analytics

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WORTHINGTON, OH, UNITED STATES, June 19, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- New research from Prosper Insights & Analytics reveals that U.S. consumers are remarkably accurate in forecasting gas prices, reinforcing the value of consumer sentiment as a forward-looking economic indicator. An analysis of data from June 2023 through May 2025 shows a strong correlation between consumer expectations—gathered at the start of each month—and the actual average U.S. gas price reported by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) at month's end.



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Key Findings:

- Pearson Correlation: 0.91 strong linear relationship
- R² (Regression): 0.82 82% of variance in actual prices explained by consumer forecasts
- Consumers slightly overestimate prices, but track direction and trends with high accuracy.

Predicting June 2025 Gas Prices:

Based on data collected in early June, consumers estimate the average gas price at month's end will be \$3.60 per gallon. This figure acts as a leading indicator for analysts and energy market watchers, suggesting potential stabilization compared to recent months.

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expectations and end-of-month results, making Prosper's gas price question one of the few statistically validated forward-looking sentiment tools available.

About Prosper Insights & Analytics:

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