

## LOCAL GAS PRICES HIT \$3.59 A GALLON

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It's happened again....gasoline prices have taken another big leap in Iowa, rising a dime a gallon in the past 24 hours and 50 cents a gallon in the past month.

Many Sioux City stations are now at \$3.59 a gallon for regular unleaded gas. Pam Moen at Triple-A, says a jump in crude oil prices and production problems are largely to blame.

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Pump prices are unlikely to head back down any time soon, she says, with many refineries getting ready to start producing summer-blends of fuels.

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The statewide average for a gallon of gas is three-58. That's up ten-cents a gallon in the past week and it's up 50-cents a gallon in the past month. Iowa's current average gas price is three-cents below the national average.

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