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# Joint Transportation Committee Encouraging High Consumption Fuel Users (HCFU) to Use Electric Vehicles

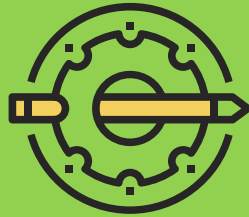
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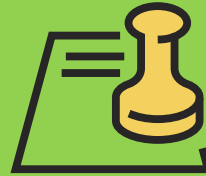
# CDM Smith + Ipsos Team



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## **Topics for today's meeting**

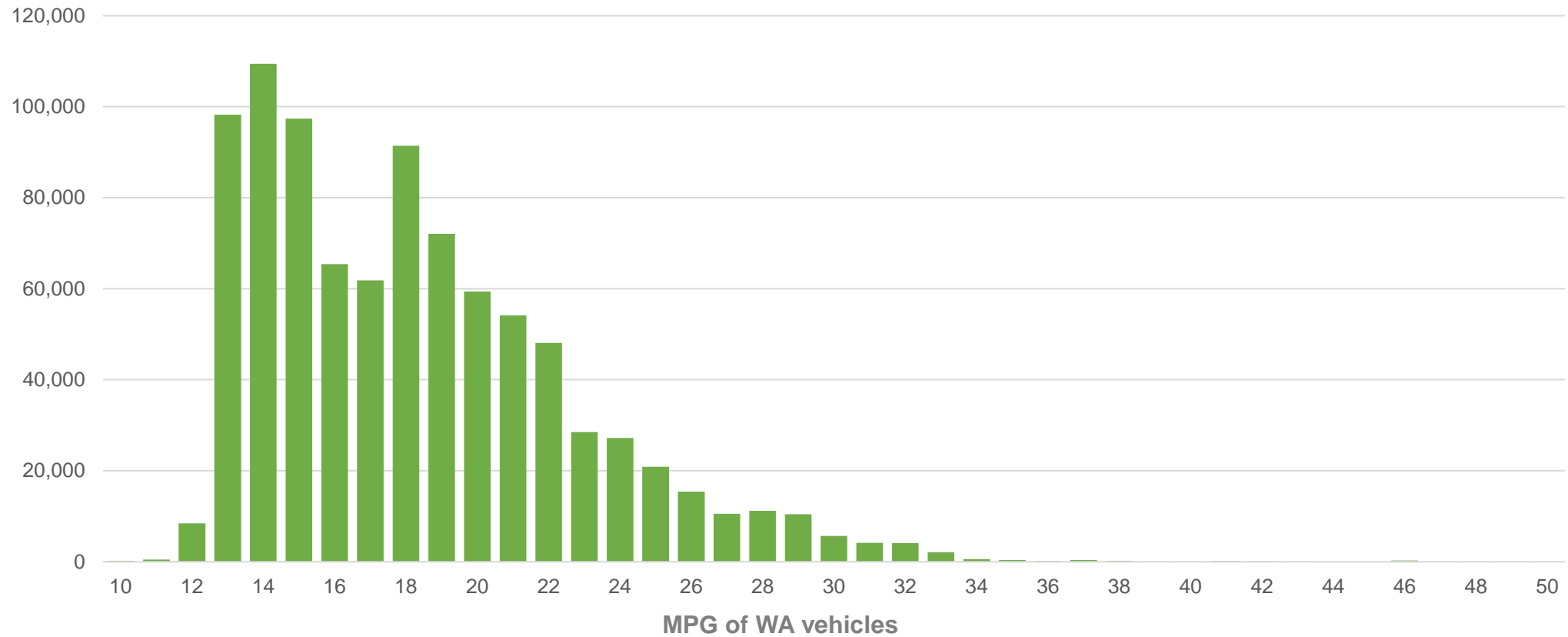
- Context for this study
- Main Task Areas
- Preview of Task 1: issues and trends related to EV adoption
- Study deliverables and schedule

# Study context: What policies might be effective in persuading drivers who use a disproportionate amount of gasoline to switch to electric vehicles?

**Estimated Number of Washington HCFUs\* by MPG rating**

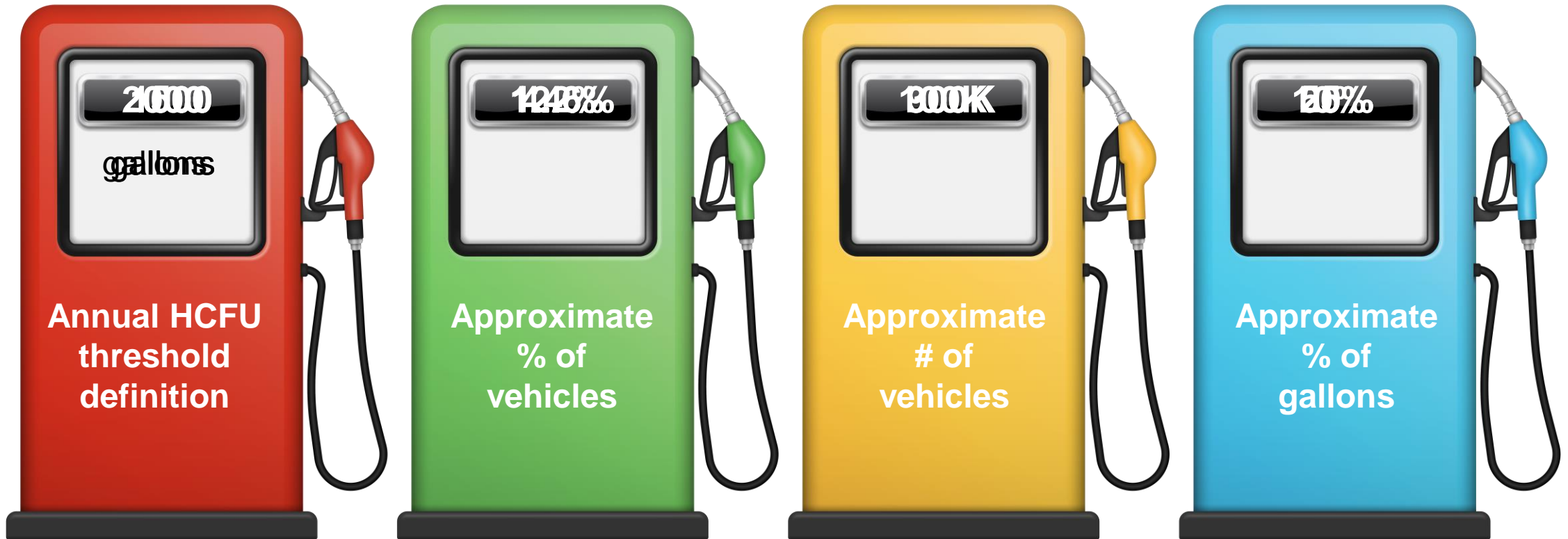
*\*Assumes a threshold of 1,000 gallons; Equates to 12.6% of fleet (~900k vehicles) and ~50% of gallons*

# of WA vehicles



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A relatively small percentage of drivers (4.2%) burn a disproportionate amount of gasoline.

| Annual HCFU threshold definition | Approximate % of vehicles | Approximate # of vehicles | Approximate % of gallons |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2,000 gallons                    | 1.4%                      | 100k                      | 10%                      |
| <b>1,500 gallons</b>             | <b>4.2%</b>               | <b>300k</b>               | <b>25%</b>               |
| 1,000 gallons                    | 12.6%                     | 900k                      | 50%                      |

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## Project goals and objectives

*“Study and assess strategies to encourage high consumption fuel users (HCFU) to switch to electric vehicles.”*

Study tasks fall into two broad categories:

### **Background data:**

- Identify which HCFUs can switch to EVs
- Calculate how much money would those users save
- Calculate how many gallons of fuel would be displaced

### **Consumer choice data and analysis by conducting market analysis**

- HCFUs attitudes and perception of EVs
- Perceived barriers to HCFU adoption of EVs
- Identifying effective messages to encourage the transition
- Identifying policies to encourage the transition.

## How tasks fit together to identify effective policies

### Task 1

Understand broader issues and trends



### Task 2

Apply data analytics to understand ability of HCFUs to convert to EVs



### Task 3

Probing decision-factors of HCFUs and testing draft policies and messages



### Task 4

Develop strategies to encourage HCFU to switch to EV





# Task 1: Understanding broader issues and trends affecting EV adoption

Light duty vehicles weigh less than 10,000 lbs. GVW



Ford F250



Ford Explorer



Ford Transit Connect

Electric Vehicles (RCW 46.17.323)



Nissan Leaf  
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Zero-Emission Vehicles (RCW 46.17.323)



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Hyundai NEXO  
Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle

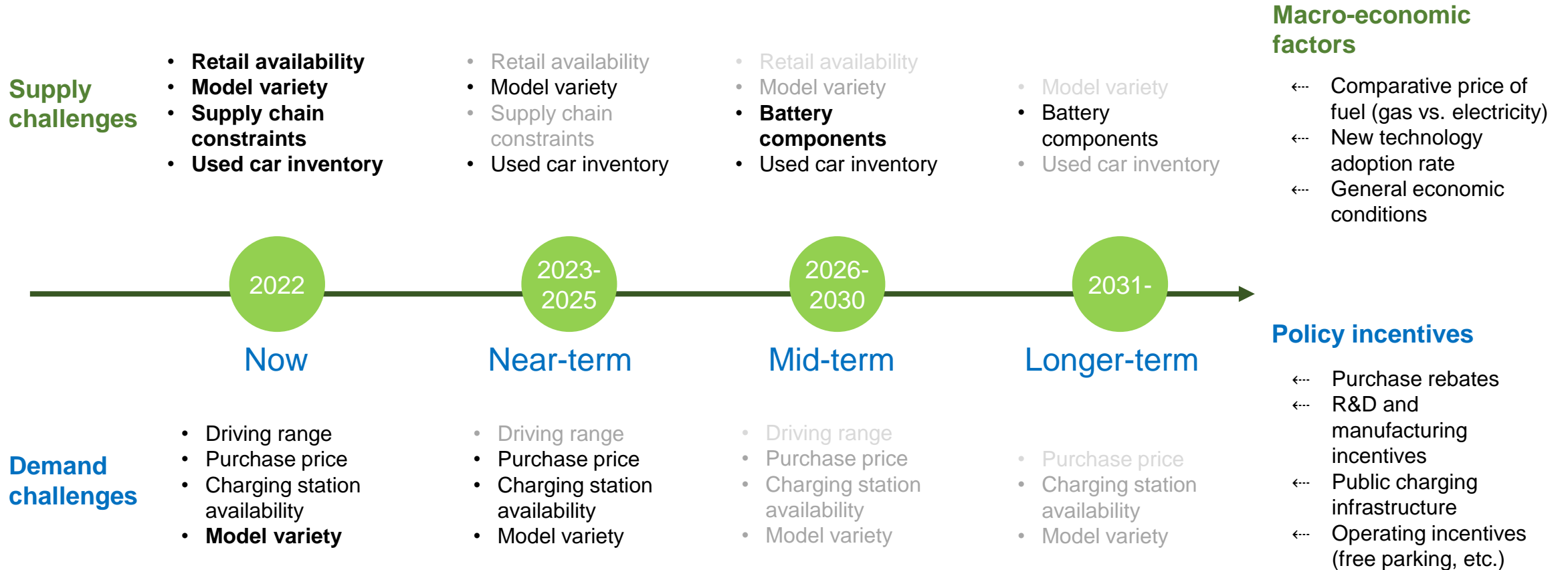
## Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles:

Currently only available in California, where limited hydrogen fueling stations exist.



2022 Toyota Mirai  
Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle

# Time horizons: current conditions, near-term, mid-term, and longer-term



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**Current causes:** component part shortages (e.g., computer chips), manufacturing plant ramp-up, supply chain disruptions (COVID, war, etc.)...and strong consumer demand.

| Wait time examples         |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Tesla Model Y – Long Range | 4 months (down from 1 year)                   |
| Tesla Model X              | June 2023                                     |
| Volkswagen ID 4            | <b>SOLD OUT FOR 2022</b>                      |
| Audi E-Tron                |   |
| Porsche Taycan             |   |
| Ford Mach-E SUV            |   |
| Ford F-150 Lightening      | By reservation only – wait time up to 3 years |

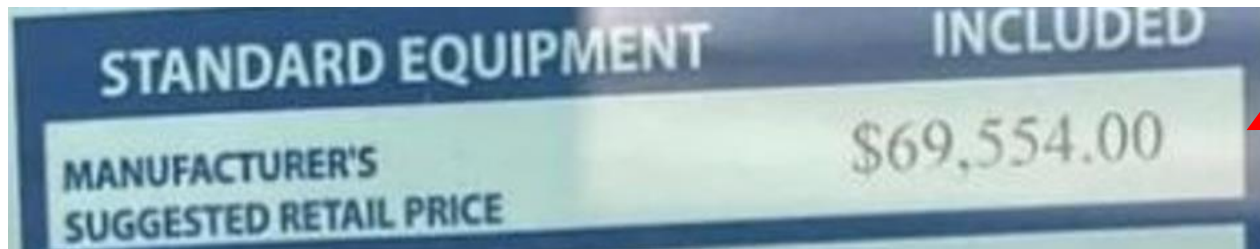
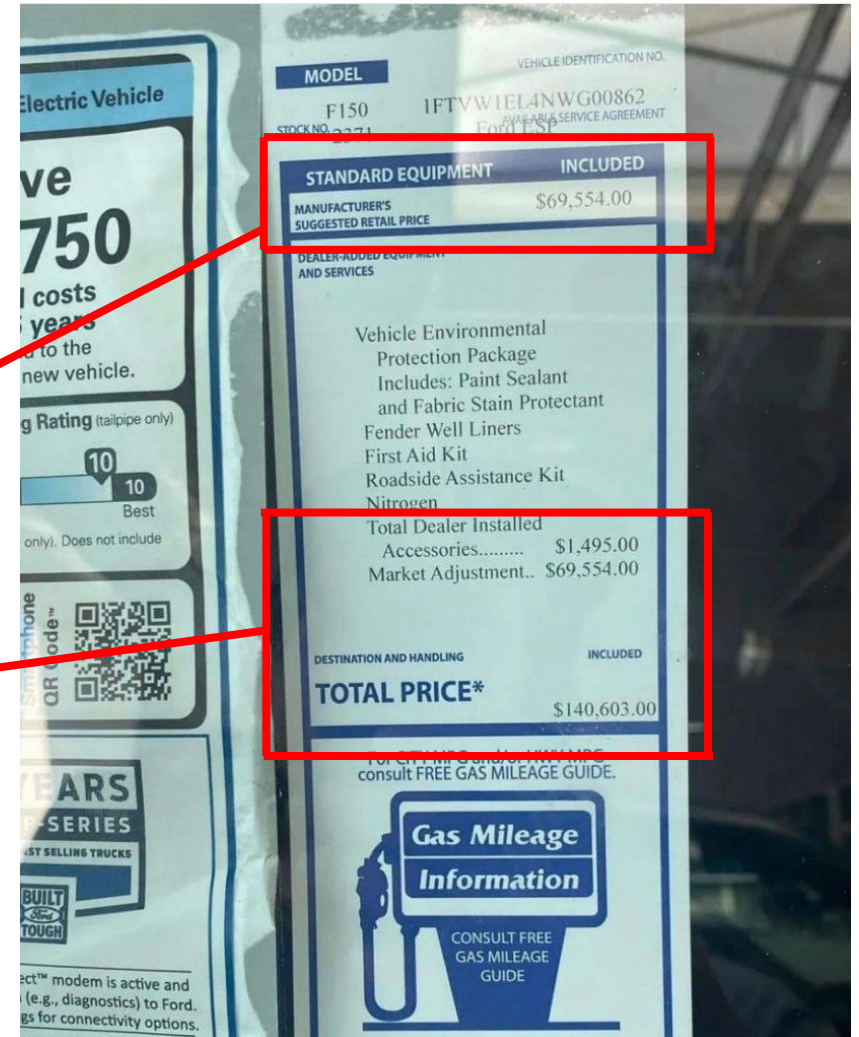
*\*Volkswagen announced being sold out in June of 2022.*



# Supply side challenges: when demand exceeds supply, prices increase.

**Ford dealers are taking advantage of strong demand for F-150 Lightning, marking it up by \$30,000**

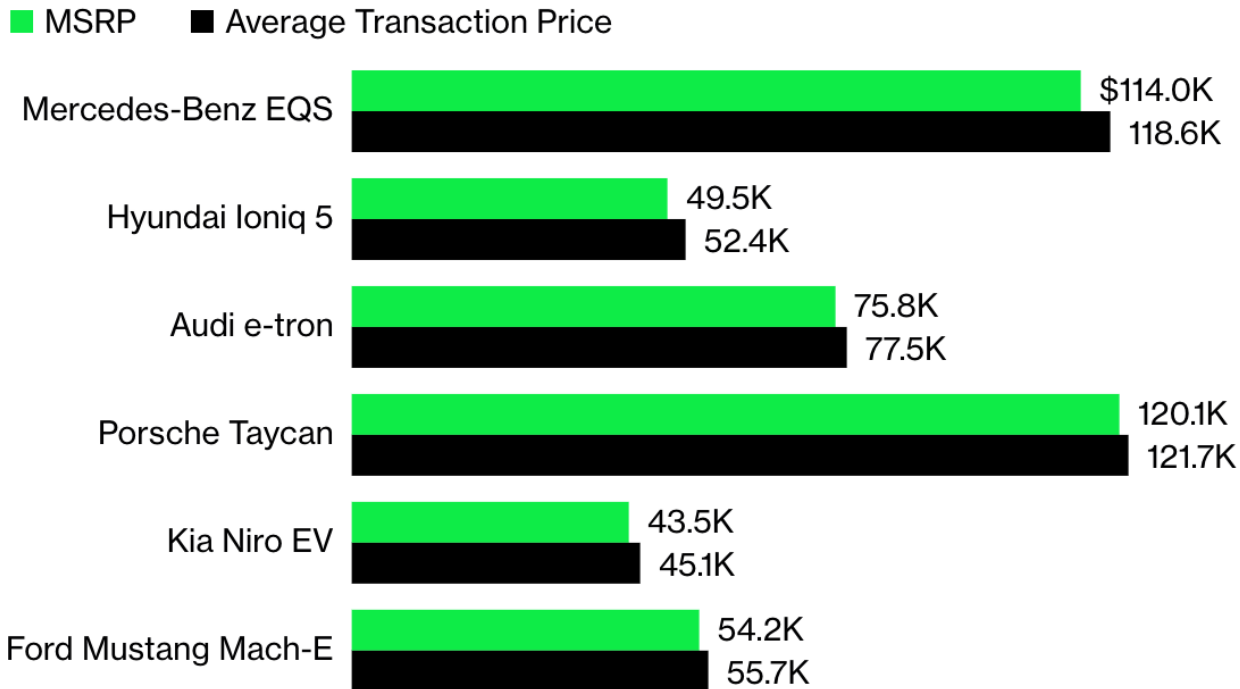
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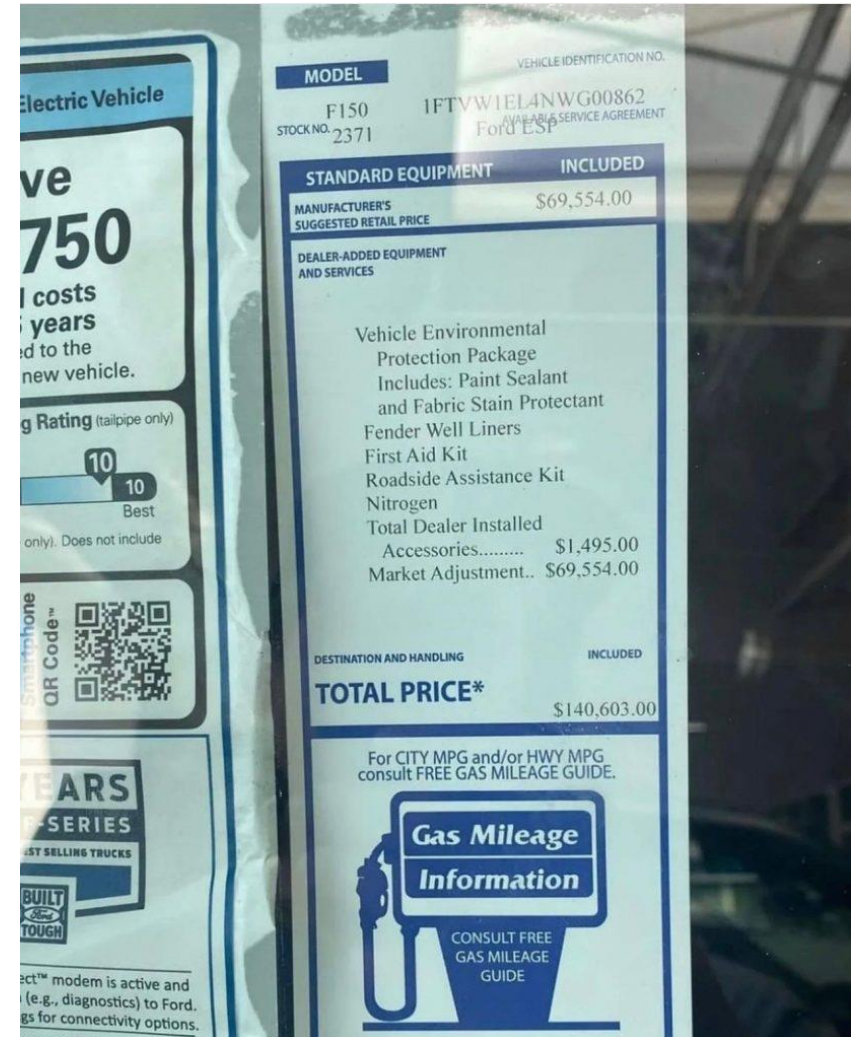
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## The Most Marked-Up Electric Vehicles

These six models had the highest difference between MSRP and transaction price in January.

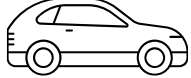
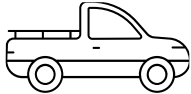
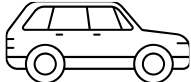
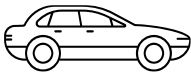


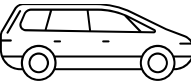



Source: Edmunds



# Supply side challenges: EV model diversity has been lacking, but is catching up

## 2022 US new car purchases (models available)

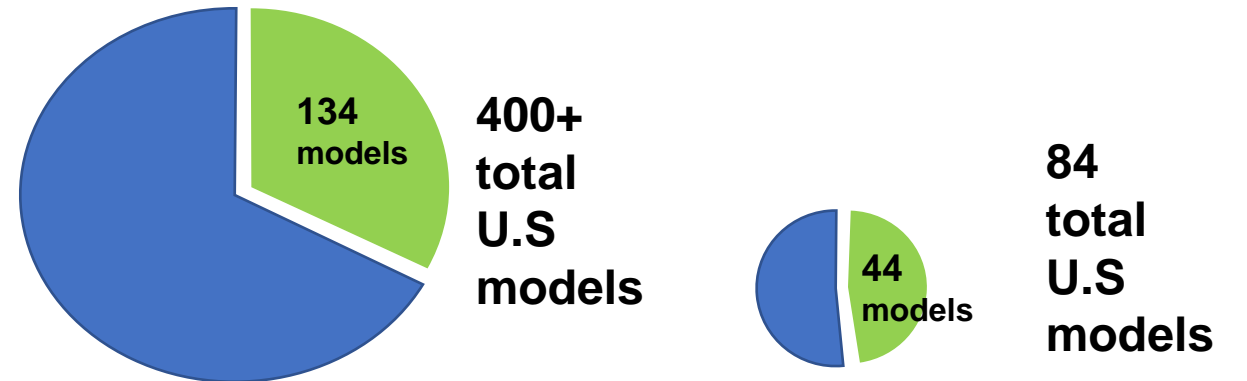
|   |                                    |              |
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|    | <b>Crossovers (33)</b>             | <b>45.1%</b> |
|    | <b>Pickup Trucks (34)</b>          | <b>19.3%</b> |
|    | <b>Sport Utility Vehicles (67)</b> | <b>10.3%</b> |
| <hr/>   |                                    |              |
|    | Midsize cars                       | 8.1%         |
|    | Small Cars                         | 7.1%         |
|  | Luxury Cars                        | 5.3%         |
|  | Vans                               | 4.2%         |
|  | Large Cars                         | 0.7%         |

**75%**  
of new vehicle  
purchases in  
U.S.

## EV model availability (2022)

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Pickup Trucks           | 3 models  |
| Sport Utility Vehicles* | 41 models |
| Small Cars              | 36 models |
| Vans                    | 4 models  |

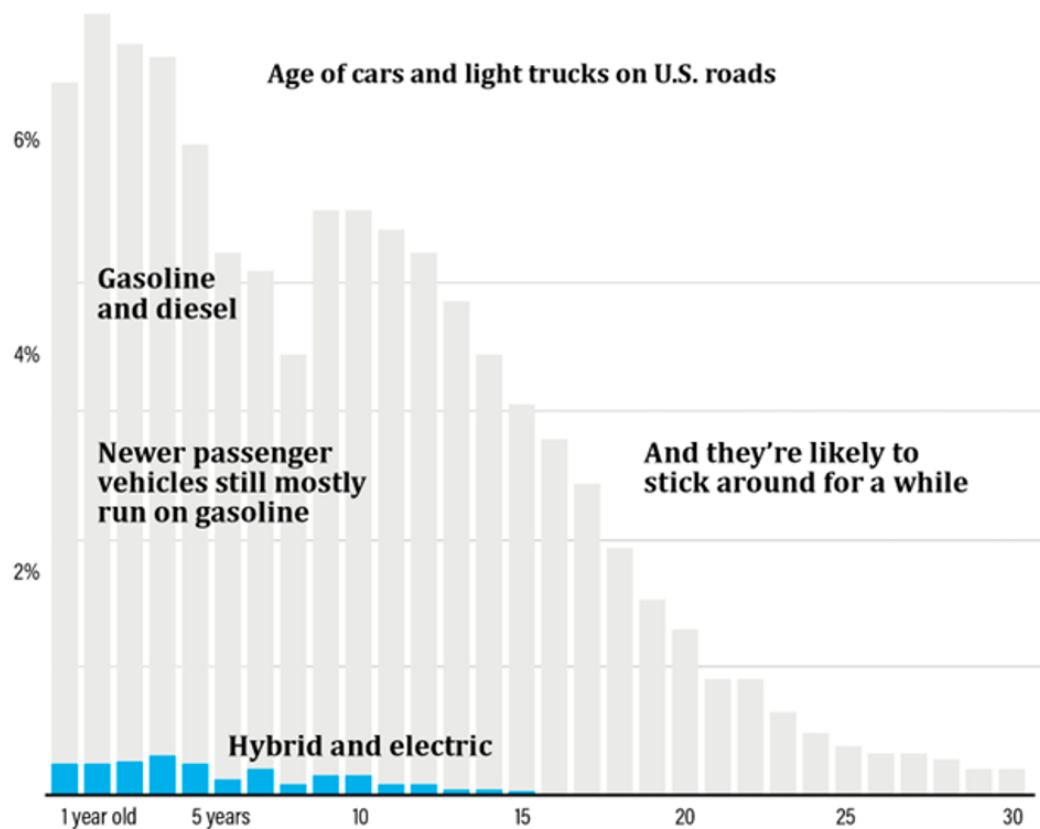
*\*includes both crossovers and SUVs*





## Supply side challenges: 74% of vehicle purchases are used vehicles.

43.1 million used vehicles sold in US in 2021 (compared to 15.3 million new vehicles).



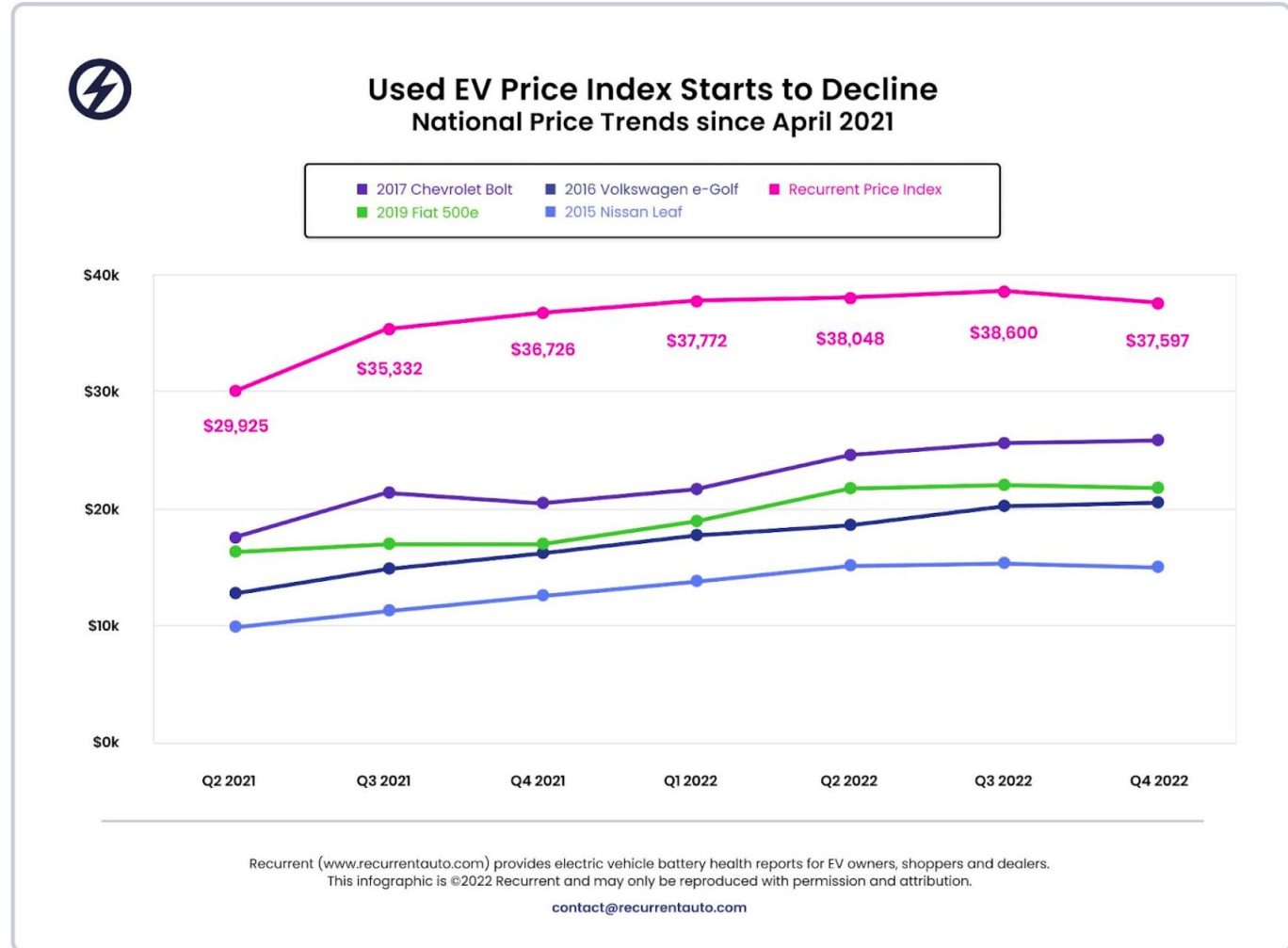
- Market availability of more affordable, used electric vehicles is **highly constrained**.
- 2021 Recurrent survey: **50%** of EV buyers interested in a used EV. 2022: closer to **80% interested in used EV**.
- The average resale age of an EV is four years old (compared to used gas vehicles – 6 years old)...
  - A large percentage of new EVs are leased (36 months or less)
  - Recent fad: EV “flipping”...seller captures tax incentives and financing deals, then resells the barely-driven EV for profit within a few weeks to months.

Source: National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) via New York Times.  
Graphic from New York Times.

# Supply side challenges: when supply is tight, prices go up.

Average price for a used gas car: **\$33,957.**

Average price for a used EV: **\$42,700.**



# Supply side challenges: New federal incentives for used EV purchases will help, but current supply constraints may limit its near-term impact on EV adoption.

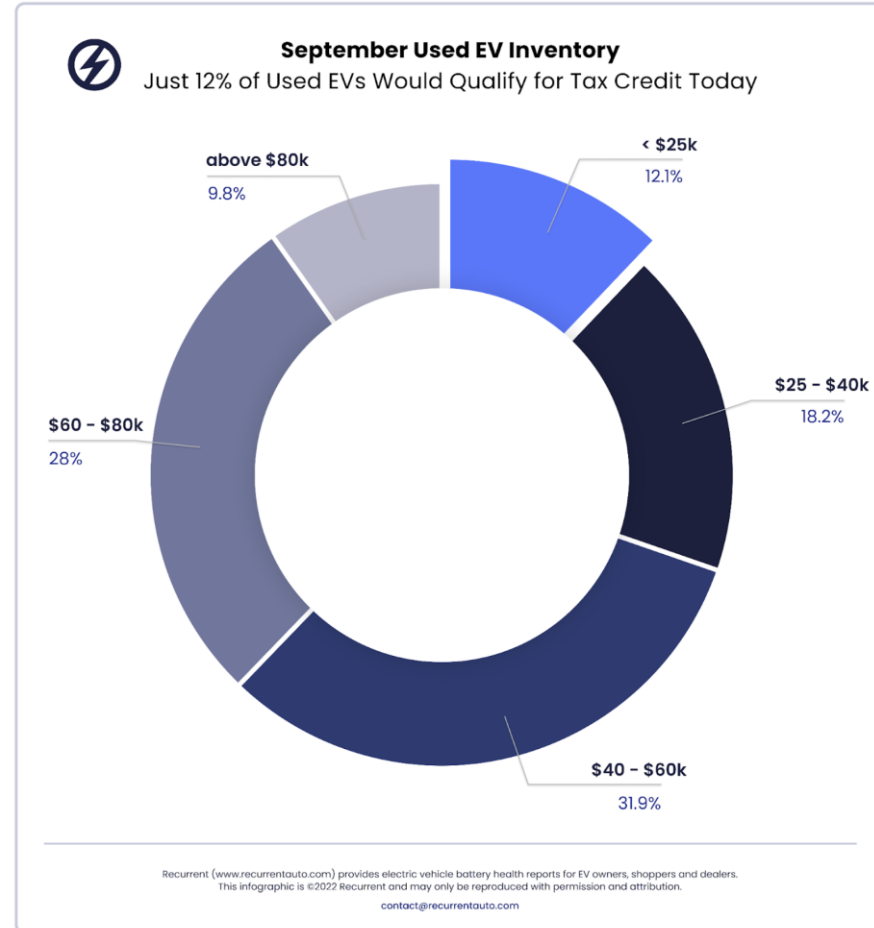
New federal tax credit of up to \$4,000 on used EVs priced \$25,000 or less...

...but only 17% of used EV sales from Q3 2022 were under \$25,000.

...and **only 12% of used EV would qualify for the tax credit today.**

The federal tax credit is only available if the used vehicle is purchased from a licensed dealership...

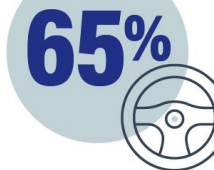
...but 50% of all used sales in the U.S. are between private parties.



# Demand side challenges: running out of power is the top concern among potential EV buyers – purchase price concerns have eased as EVs approach price-parity



*EV drivers say they had range anxiety when they first purchased an EV, but it went away after a few months*



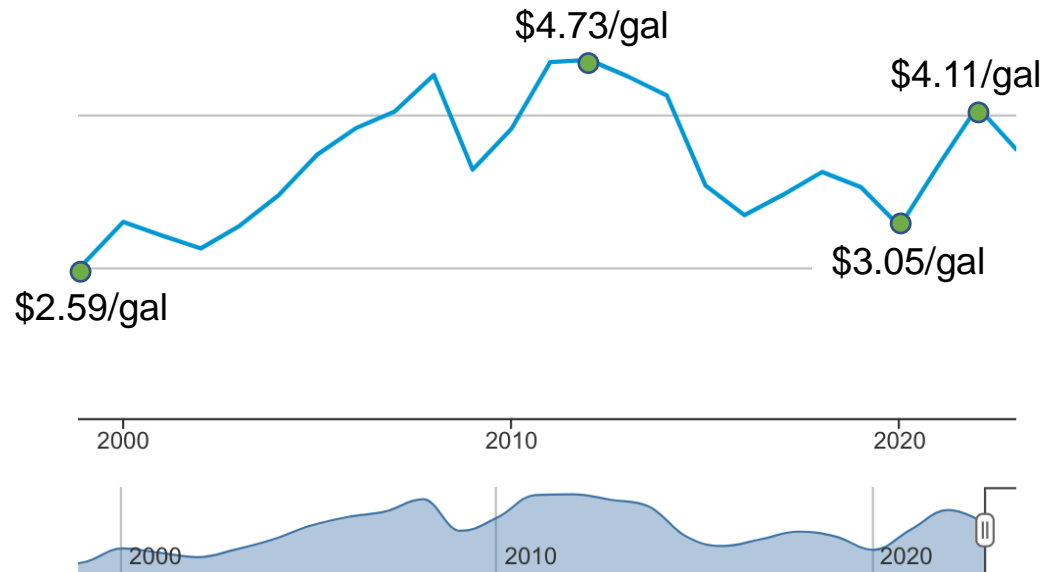
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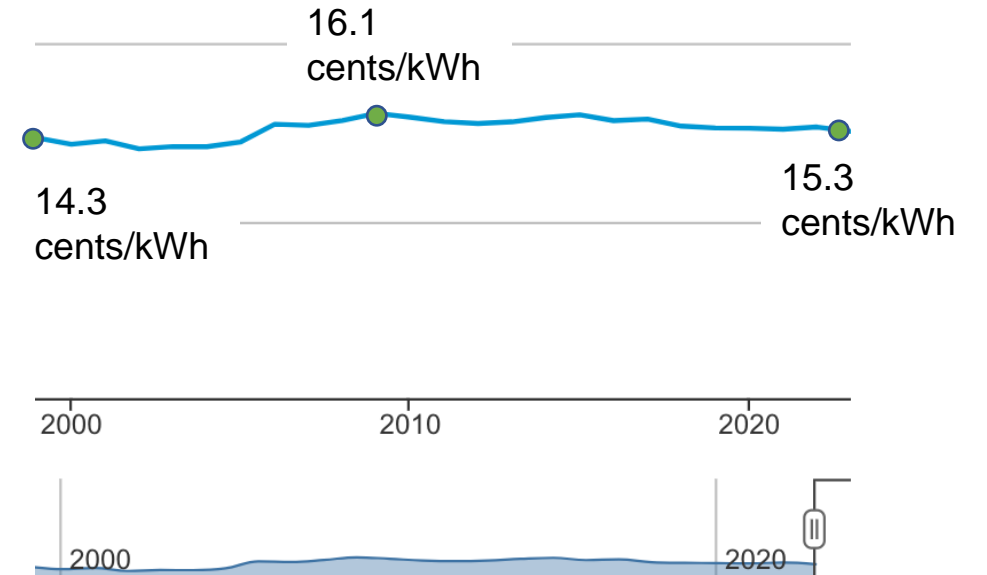
As a motor fuel, electricity in Washington costs significantly less than gasoline – about **4 cents per mile** compared to about **14 cents per mile** for gasoline.

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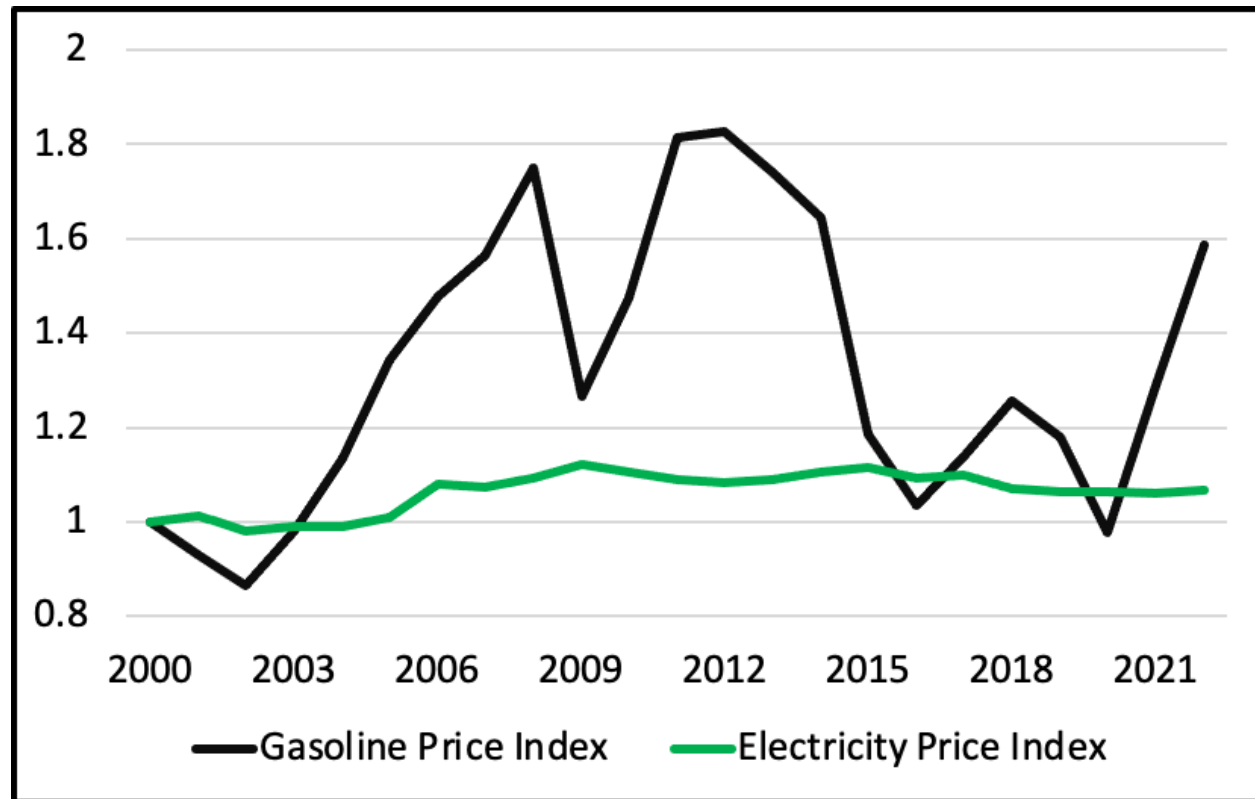
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| TAX CREDIT  | TAX EXEMPTION  | TAX EXEMPTION   | TAX EXEMPTION   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Up to \$7,500</b>  |    |    | <b>Up to \$1,300</b>  |
| <b>Federal Tax Credit</b>   | <b>Washington Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Tax Exemption</b>   | <b>Washington State EV Infrastructure Tax Exemption</b>   | <b>Washington State EV Tax Exemption</b>  |
| <p>Due to recent passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, many EVs and PHEVs no longer qualify for a federal tax incentive. This incentive may return in 2023 for select vehicles.</p> | <p>Beginning July 1, 2022, 50% of the retail sales and state use tax does not apply to the sale or lease of the first 650 purchases of new passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles powered by fuel cells. The maximum value amount eligible for the tax exemption is the less of</p> | <p>Washington sales and use taxes do not apply to the labor and services for purchasing and installing EV infrastructure, including home charging stations.</p> | <p>New passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles that are dedicated AFVs and under \$45,000 are exempt from state motor vehicle sales and use taxes. For used vehicles, the price must be below \$30,000. Conditions and limitations apply.</p> |

Source: Puget Sound Energy: [ev.pse.com/incentives](https://ev.pse.com/incentives)



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| EV incentive  | Washington | Oregon | California |
|---|------------|--------|------------|
| Tax Credits/Rebates for vehicle purchase  | X          | X      | X          |
| Tax Credits/Rebates for EVSE Installation   | X          | X      | X          |
| Financing Programs (low interest/interest-free)   |            |        | X          |
| Grants for EVSE Installation  | X          |        |            |
| TOU Rates   |            | X      | X          |
| Tax Credits/Rebates for purchase/lease of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles                   | X          |        | X          |
| Commercial Tax Credits/Rebates for EVSE Installation  | X          |        | X          |
| Emissions Inspections Exemptions  | X          |        |            |
| Grant funding to support planning and deployment of transportation electrification projects |            | X      |            |

**Note:** incentives do not include new federally-funded programs created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2022

# Task Schedule

|   | 2022 |     |     |     |     |     | 2023 |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
|---|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Tasks to be Completed in Study  | Jul  | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan  | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul |  |
| TASK 1: REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROJECTED ENVIRONMENT FOR HCFU TO EV CONVERSION | ■    |     |     |     |     | ◆   |      |     |     |     |     |     | ◆   |  |
| TASK 2: HCVU EV CONVERSION ANALYSIS   | ■    |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| TASK 3: RESEARCHING HCFU'S ATTITUDES AND PREFERENCES                          |      |     |     | ■   |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| TASK 4: DEVELOPING STRATEGIES ENCOURAGING HCFU SWITCH TO EV                   |      |     |     | ■   | ■   | ■   | ■    | ■   | ■   |     |     |     |     |  |
| TASK 5: COORDINATE WITH JTC PM STAFF WORKGROUP                                |      |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| TASK 6: PRESENTATIONS   |      |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| TASK 7: DRAFT AND FINAL REPORTS   |      |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     | ◆   |     |  |

**Thank you.**

