



# Majority of Welsh drivers doubt next car will be electric

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The price of petrol in Wales has increased by 8.1p in 12 months to 119.6p/litre – yet 78% of drivers are unconvinced about switching to electric for their next car.

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## Most expensive vs cheapest areas in Wales

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Gwynedd	121.6p	121.4p
Torfaen	116.9p	120.7p
Wrexham	117.6p	118.7p
Conwy	120.9p	122.30p

Amanda Stretton, motoring editor at Confused.com, said, "The 2040 ban on selling petrol and diesel vehicles certainly has drivers divided. We expect many are still unconvinced about going electric because it sounds like it's such a long way off. But it could come around much sooner as major manufacturers start to commit to electric as early as 2019.



Amanda Stretton



“Drivers could be missing a trick by not switching to new fuel types. Diesel and petrol prices are continuing to show an upward curve, impacted in the short term by events such as Storm Harvey and the rising cost in the price per barrel.”

The research comes as [Confused.com's newly-launched weekly fuel price index](#) reveals the cost of petrol and diesel in Wales has seen a significant increase in the past 12 months, with petrol prices jumping by 8.1p (7%)<sup>2</sup> and diesel taking a 7.6p (7%)<sup>2</sup> hike per litre. And while these price rises sound minor, they certainly add up when filling up a tank.

### Cost of petrol and diesel in Wales

Cost per litre	Annual difference (p)	Annual difference (%)	Cost to fill average tank - Sept 2017 (57 litres)
Petrol 119.6p	8.1p	7%	£68.17
Diesel 120.3p	7.6p	7%	£68.57

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Those filling their tanks in Gwynedd are paying the most in the region for petrol while those driving in Torfaen are paying the least. And it's a different outlook for diesel. Drivers buying diesel in Wrexham seem to escape with the lowest prices and Conwy motorists are paying a premium.

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However, even with rising fuel prices and the ban on petrol and diesel cars from 2040, this still isn't enough for some motorists to consider making the switch to a lower-cost, more eco-friendly alternative. In fact, more than three quarters (78%) of motorists in the region are unconvinced about buying an electric car as their next vehicle.

Even though there is still some time to go before the ban, which will see all manufacturers cease to produce new diesel or petrol cars in a bid to increase the uptake of electric vehicles, there is still some considerations that need to be addressed to convince drivers that electric is the way forward.