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The number of people traveling this Thanksgiving is forecast to be up 13 percent compared to last year, which is nearing pre-pandemic levels. Triple-A says that's the biggest one-year increase since 2005. Spokesperson Nick Chabarria (chah-bar-ee-uh) says the projection comes despite increasing fuel costs.

News15 0:22 "...finding different accommodations."

But compared to other states, Chabarria says Arkansas currently has the second-cheapest fuel in the nation. The average cost for regular gasoline is 3-dollars-7-cents (\$3.07) a gallon, compared to the national average of 3-dollars-41 cents a gallon. Chabarria says about 90 percent of all travel around Thanksgiving is expected to be by car.

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Despite a spike in gas prices, the number of people traveling by car over the Thanksgiving holiday is expected to be nearing pre-pandemic levels. That's according to Triple-A, which is forecasting a 13 percent increase compared to last year. Spokesperson Nick Chabarria (chuh-bar-ee-uh) says drivers in the Natural State have one key advantage compared the rest of the nation.

News16 0:18 "...you leave home."

The average cost for regular gasoline in Arkansas is 3-dollars-7-cents (\$3.07) a gallon, compared to the national average of 3-dollars-41 cents a gallon. 53 million people are expected to travel for Thanksgiving. That's the biggest one-year increase since 2005.