

# MAINERS ARE FEELING THE EFFECT OF INFLATION



66%

of Mainers said they changed their driving habits due to the cost of gas.

However, the residents of Maine's more rural counties were less likely to have made adjustments because they don't have the option if they want access to jobs, health care, and shopping.

Residents of Piscataquis County, the most rural county in the state, were least likely to have changed their driving habits (42%).



75%

of low income families who rent, are always worried that they will be forced to move.

The cost of a single-family home surged across the state throughout the pandemic with the average home price at \$320,000. The average median household income is \$58,924.

Nearly one-fifth of residents said the rise in housing costs has caused financial hardship for their household.



50%

of Mainers said rising food prices have caused them financial hardship.

Half of Maine families of four are spending between \$150-\$300 per week on food, while one-fifth spend over \$300 per week.

Franklin County residents were significantly more likely to have cut the size or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food (75% versus 26% statewide).