

Milwaukee County Department of Transportation Fleet Management **Rising Fuel Costs Report**

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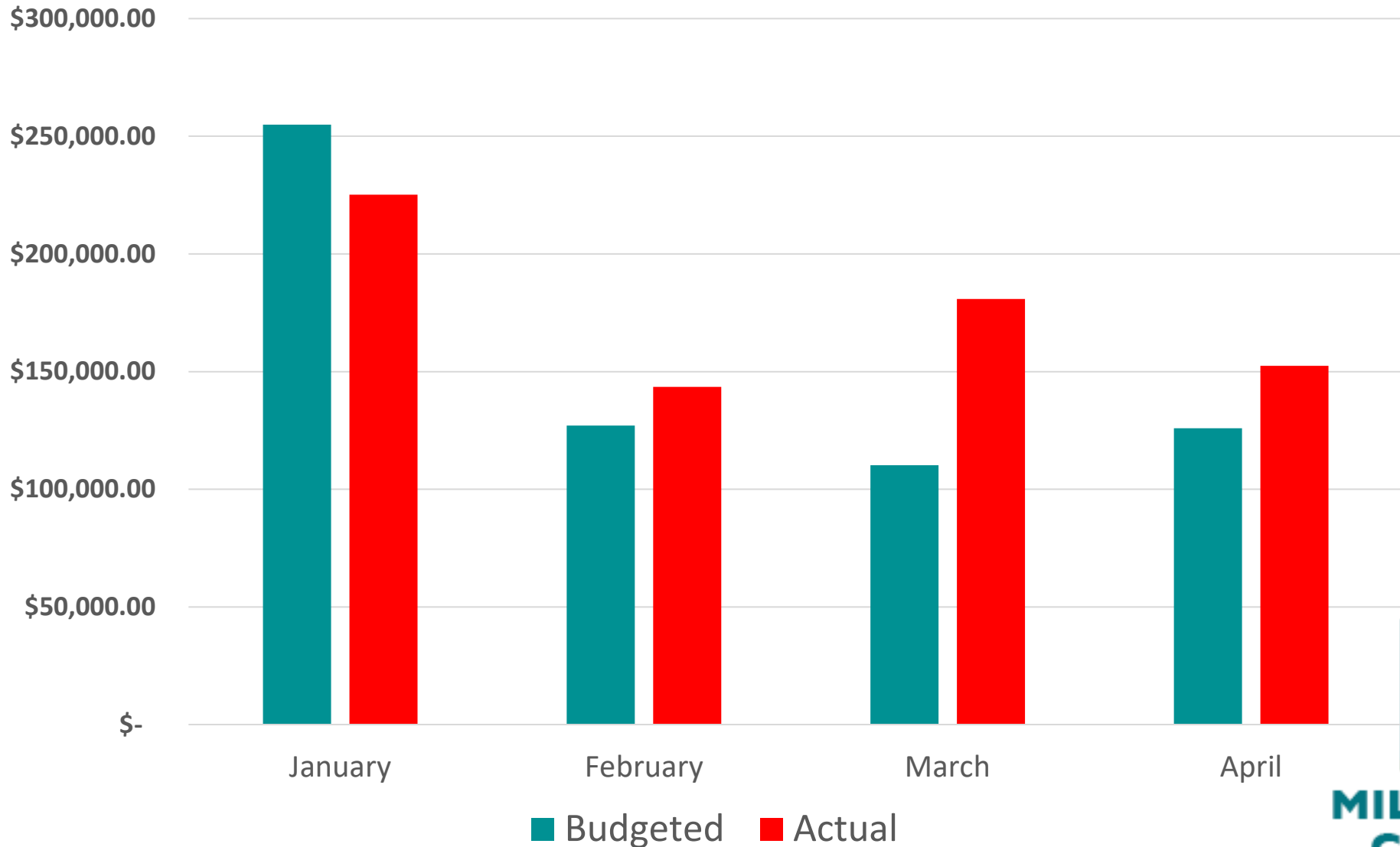


2026 Fuel Price Per Gallon

- The Fleet Division budgeted the calendar year 2026 \$3.12 per gallon for diesel fuel and \$2.52 per gallon for unleaded fuel
- Most recent delivery in early May 2026 priced diesel at \$4.87 per gallon and \$4.12 per gallon for unleaded fuel
- Diesel fuel **increased by \$1.75** per gallon
- Unleaded fuel **increased by \$1.60** per gallon



County Fleet Budgeted vs. Actual Fuel Costs



Departmental Responsibilities and Funding

- Each user department and division is responsible for fuel cost monitoring and operational analyses
- The County's largest fuel consumers are the Sheriff's Office, Parks Department, Highway Maintenance and Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport
- The Sheriff's Office and Parks Department primarily use property tax levy to cover the cost of fuel
- Highway Maintenance is reimbursed through the State of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport funds fuel costs through airport-generated revenue, which does not include property tax levy.



Total Fuel Costs from January to April 2026 by Department



2026 Budget

- If fuel prices remain constant through the end of the calendar year, Fleet Management projects user areas will be a combined **\$718,500 over budget**
- If fuel prices increase by **\$.50 per gallon**, the County will be **over budget by approximately \$1,000,000**
- Departments will most likely need to reduce operating expenses to offset the overages in fuel costs
- Fleet Management is in regular communication with County departments and the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance to plan for fuel adjustments





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