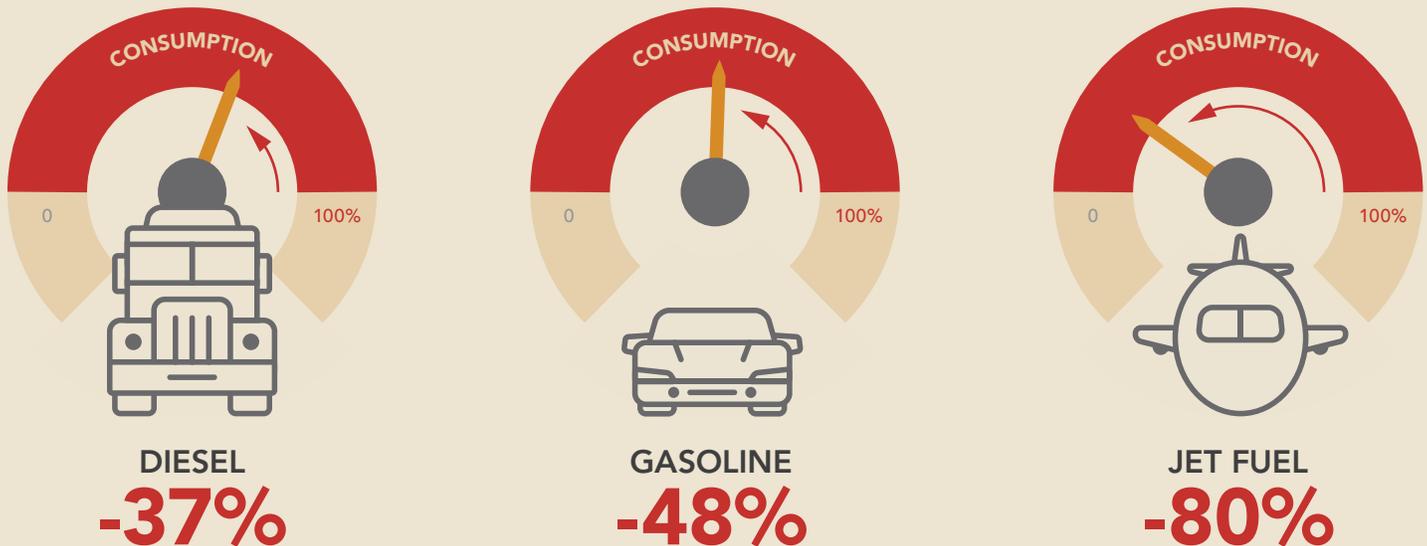


# COVID-19 Tanks U.S. Fuel Consumption, Prices

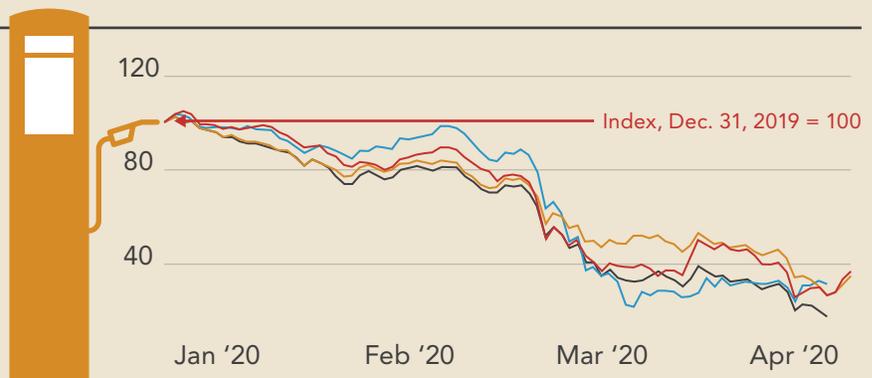
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The effects of the pandemic, including working from home and reduced travel, dropped fuel consumption from mid-March to mid-April 2020.



With consumption curtailed, inflation-adjusted fuel prices plummeted to almost 40 percent of December levels.

— Brent crude — Diesel  
— Gasoline — Jet fuel



As consumers benefited somewhat from lower prices, producers struggled.

Soft fuel demand hurt Texas refiners, which depend on domestic and export markets.

**TEXAS  
REFINERIES**

are responsible for:

**31%**

of fuels manufactured  
in the U.S.

**2-3%**

of state gross  
domestic product.

NOTES: Consumption is measured as thousands of barrels per day of product supplied. Numbers compare the average daily consumption level between early March and mid-April. Data are not seasonally adjusted.  
SOURCE: U.S. Energy Information Administration.