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.

As consumers benefited somewhat from lower prices, producers struggled.

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

**Texas Refineries**

- 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.