

Families in Maine Have Had to Spend \$3,500+ More Under Trump

As of June 2026, the average household in Maine has had to **spend \$3,500+ more on goods and services** under President Trump. Despite President Trump's repeated [pledges](#) on the campaign trail that his administration would "end inflation" and bring down costs for families, Trump and Republicans in Congress have instead caused costs to continue to rise significantly, including through Trump's reckless tariffs and war in Iran. Below are calculations from the Joint Economic Committee – Minority and other statistics on higher costs that families in Maine face for everyday essentials:

Housing Costs

- Maine families have had to spend **\$898 more on housing costs** such as rent and mortgage payments since President Trump took office.

Grocery Costs

- Americans paid **\$310 more for groceries** in President Trump's first year than in 2024, and grocery prices are now **more than 4 percent higher** than when Trump took office.
- Beef and coffee prices are hitting Americans especially hard. Since the President took office, the average price of ground beef has risen almost every month to a record high of more than **\$7 per pound**. Coffee prices also spiked and are now nearly **\$10 per pound**.

Energy Costs

- Gas prices have soared since the start of Trump's Iran War. In total, people across Maine have spent **\$267 million** more on gas since the beginning of the war. That means the average family in Maine has spent **\$480 more** on gas.
- Families in Maine **paid \$170 more for electricity** in 2025 under President Trump than they did in 2024. And, in just the first six months of 2026, they are expected to spend an estimated **\$194 more** for electricity than they did in the first half of 2024.
 - Maine families who use heating oil paid **\$228 more to heat their homes** this March compared to last year.

Health Care Costs

- Because of Trump and Republicans' refusal to extend the Affordable Care Act (ACA) tax cuts that help people afford their health insurance, monthly premiums for ACA plans **rose over 50 percent on average** in 2026 compared to last year. Meanwhile [deductibles](#) surged to record highs, increasing by more than \$1,000 on average.