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2017-Present: Fitzpatrick Has Been In Congress From January 3, 2017-Present. "FITZPATRICK, Brian K., (brother of Michael G. Fitzpatrick), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pa., December 17, 1973; graduated from Bishop Egan High School, Fairless Hills, Pa., 1992; B.S.B.A., La Salle University, Philadelphia, Pa., 1996; M.B.A., Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., 2001; J.D., Dickinson School of Law, Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle, Pa., 2001; judicial clerk, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2001-2002; special agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation; special assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; lawyer, private practice; accountant; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifteenth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2017-present)." [Brian Fitzpatrick Bio, U.S. House of Representatives, accessed [8/23/26](#)]

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Bucks County Beacon: Fitzpatrick "Claims To Be A Moderate Republican." "In the recent months, Fitzpatrick has received substantial pressure from Bucks County constituents to distance himself from Trump's policies, as he claims he is a moderate Republican. However, Fitzpatrick — time and again — has mostly toed the party line. In fact, his singular vote helped pass (215-214) the Trump-backed Big

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- **NBC News Headline: “House Effort To End Trump's War With Iran Fails By One Vote”** [NBC News, [4/16/26](#)]

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- **The War Powers Resolution Would Have Required President Trump To Obtain Congressional Authorization For His Air War In Iran.** “The U.S. House of Representatives rejected an effort on Thursday to stop President Donald Trump's air war on Iran and require that any hostilities against Iran be authorized by Congress, backing the Republican president's military campaign on the sixth day of the expanding conflict. The vote was 219 to 212, largely along party lines, in the House, where Trump's fellow Republicans control a narrow majority of seats. Two Republicans voted in favor of the resolution and four Democrats voted against it. [...] Supporters said the resolution, by requiring Trump to come to Congress for a war authorization, would force him to explain to Americans why the U.S. is fighting and how it might end.” [Reuters, [3/6/26](#)]

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Brian Fitzpatrick Message #1 Backup

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- **Pennie Is Pennsylvania's ACA Marketplace.** "A record number of people were enrolled in health insurance through Pennie, Pennsylvania's ACA marketplace, in 2025. State officials largely credit the federal enhanced premium tax credits, which Congress passed in 2021 along with pandemic relief funds." [WHYY, [4/6/26](#)]

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AARP: One Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicaid Cuts Could Negatively Impact Nursing Home Care

One Big Beautiful Bill Rolls Back Nursing Home Care Standards That Could Have Saved 13,000 Lives Per Year, According To The AARP. “The nation’s 1.2 million nursing home residents and their

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Morning Star: Medicaid Is The Single Largest Payer Of Nursing Homes In The United States, Helping Cover Bills For 6 In 10 Residents. “The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates the OBBBA will cut approximately \$911 billion from federal Medicaid spending through 2034. That is critical for nursing home residents. Medicaid is the single largest payer of nursing home costs in the United States, covering the bills for more than 6 in 10 residents, according to health policy research organization KFF. Those funding reductions do not disappear - they shift the burden to states, facilities, and families. States now face an impossible choice: raise their own revenue, cut Medicaid services, tighten eligibility requirements, or reduce how much they reimburse nursing homes for each resident's care. Some states have already indicated lower Medicaid provider rates or are considering cuts heading into the 2026-2027 fiscal year, with further pressure expected in 2027. For families of nursing home residents, this translates into real and immediate risk. Facilities operating on reduced Medicaid reimbursements may cut staffing hours, reduce therapy and activity programs, delay maintenance and safety repairs, or - in the worst cases - close entirely. Since the law's passage, more than 800 hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities across the country have closed, reduced services, or been identified as at serious risk of closure, according to a Protect Our Care analysis published in April 2026.” [Morning Star, [6/22/26](#)]

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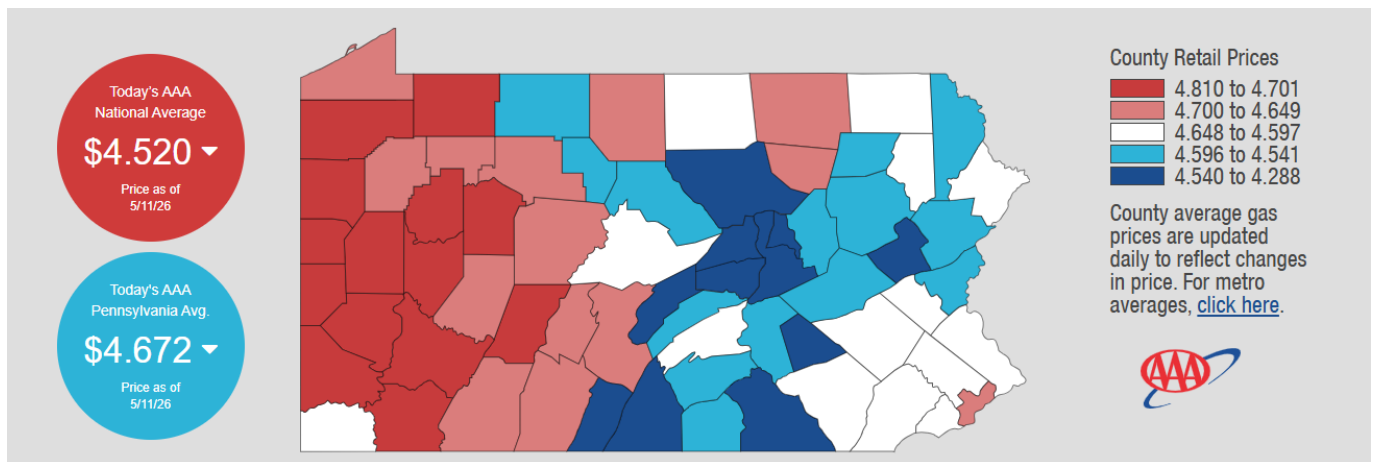
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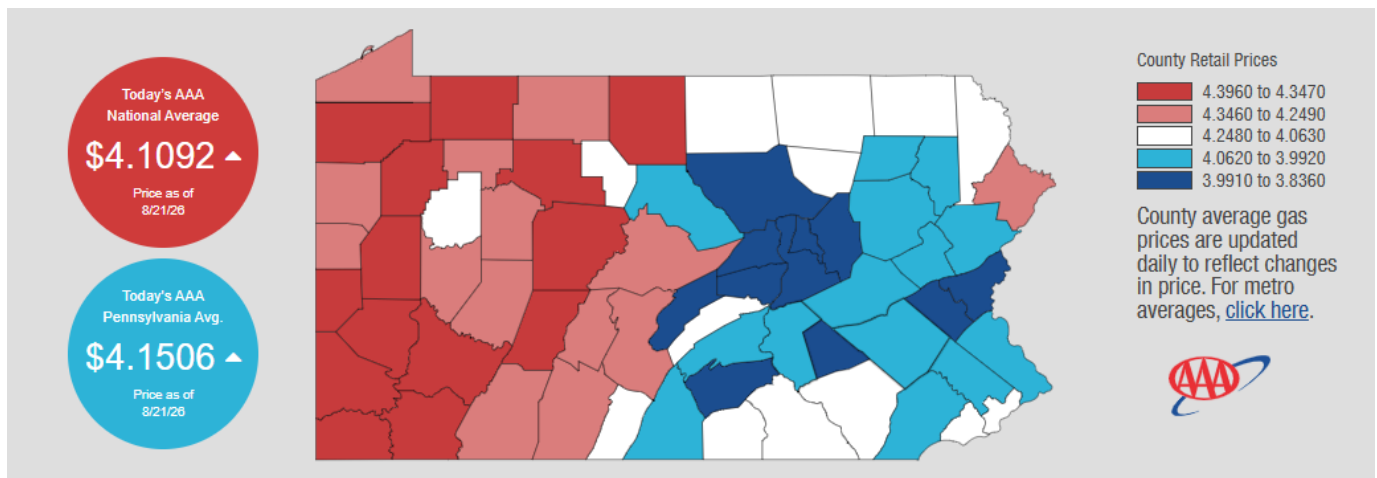
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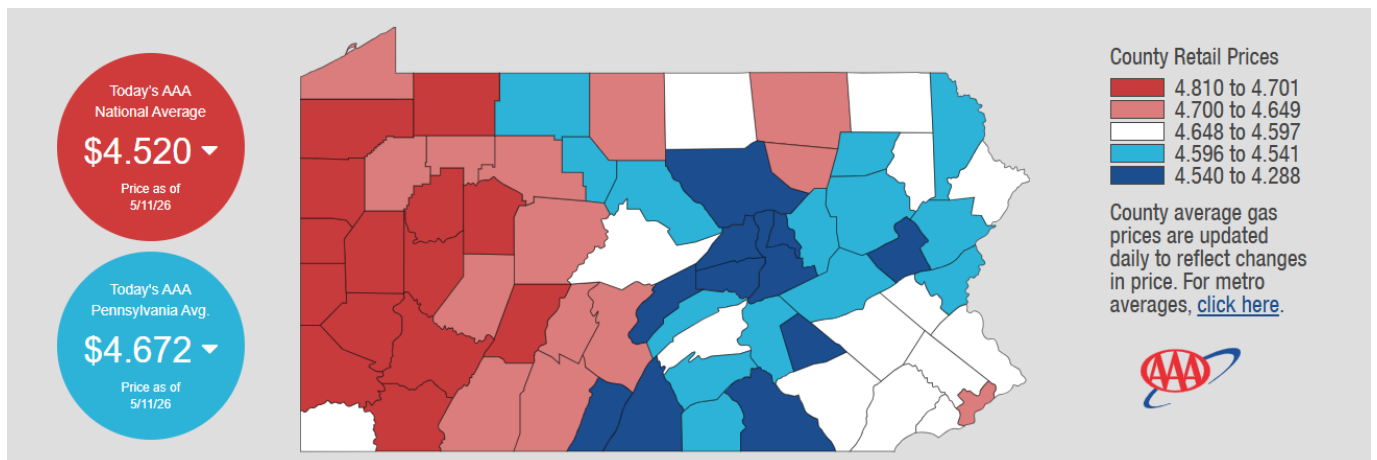
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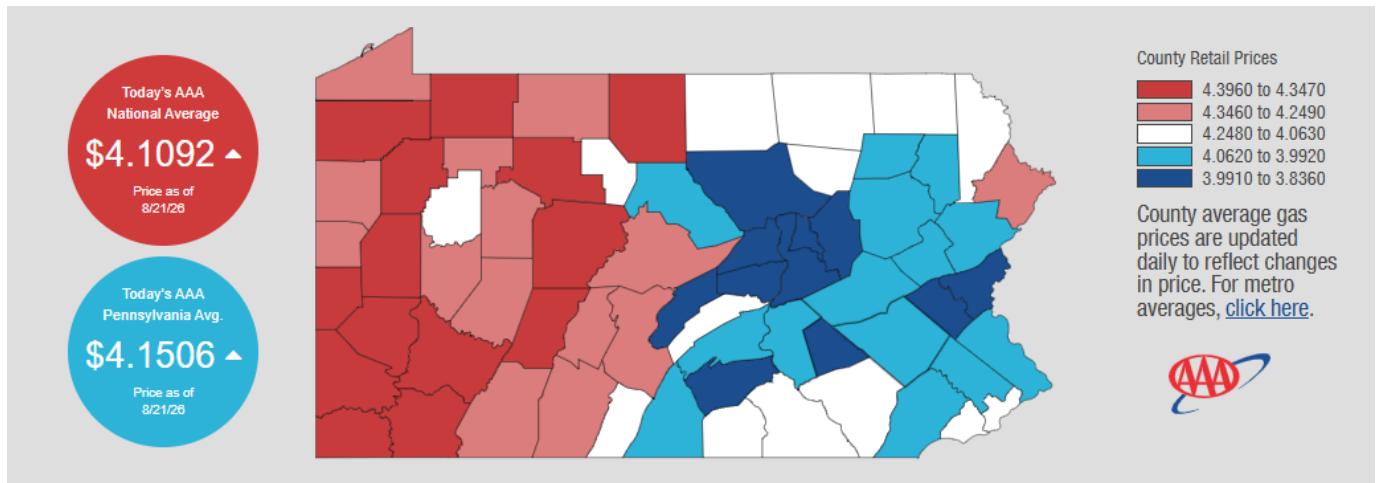
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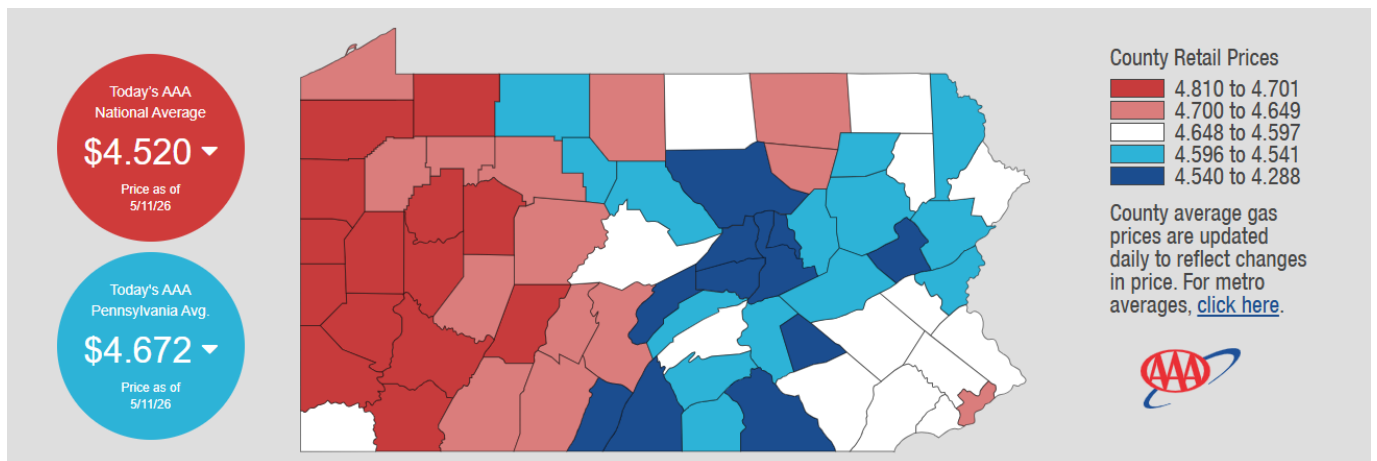
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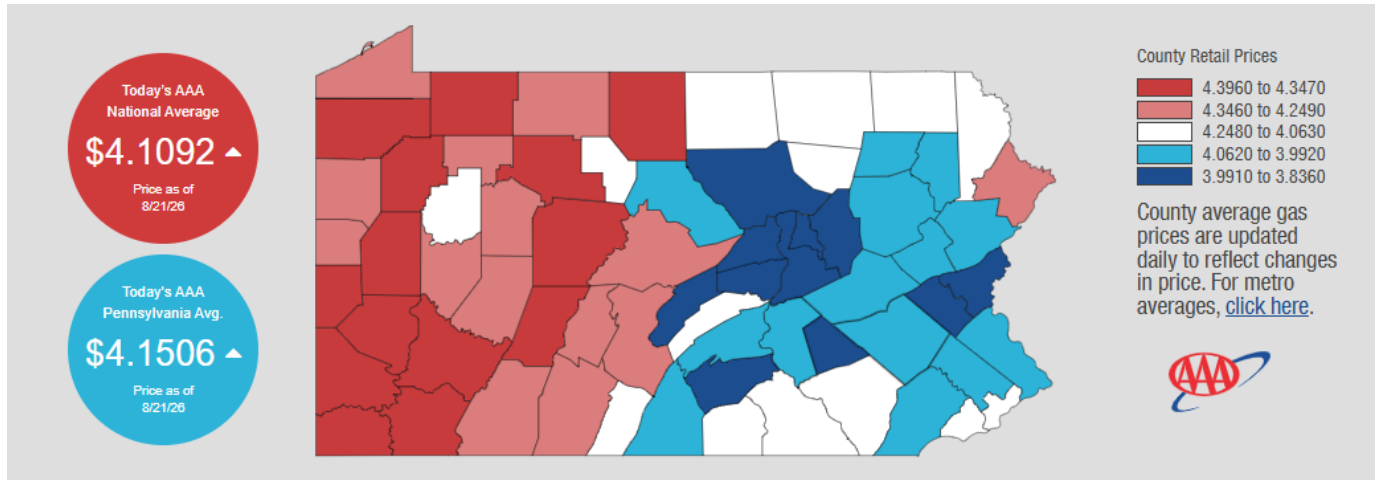
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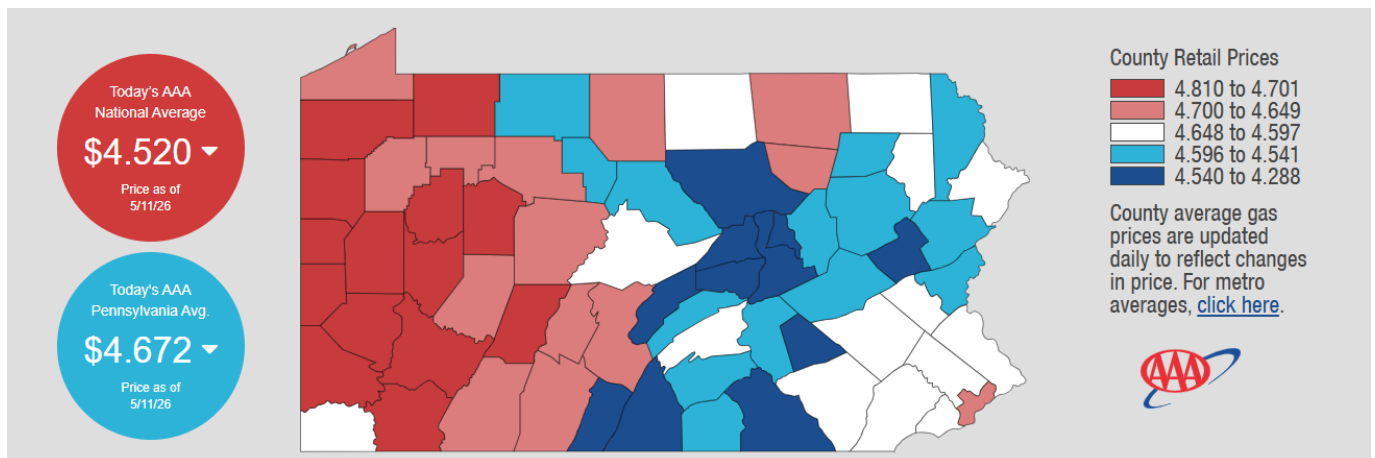
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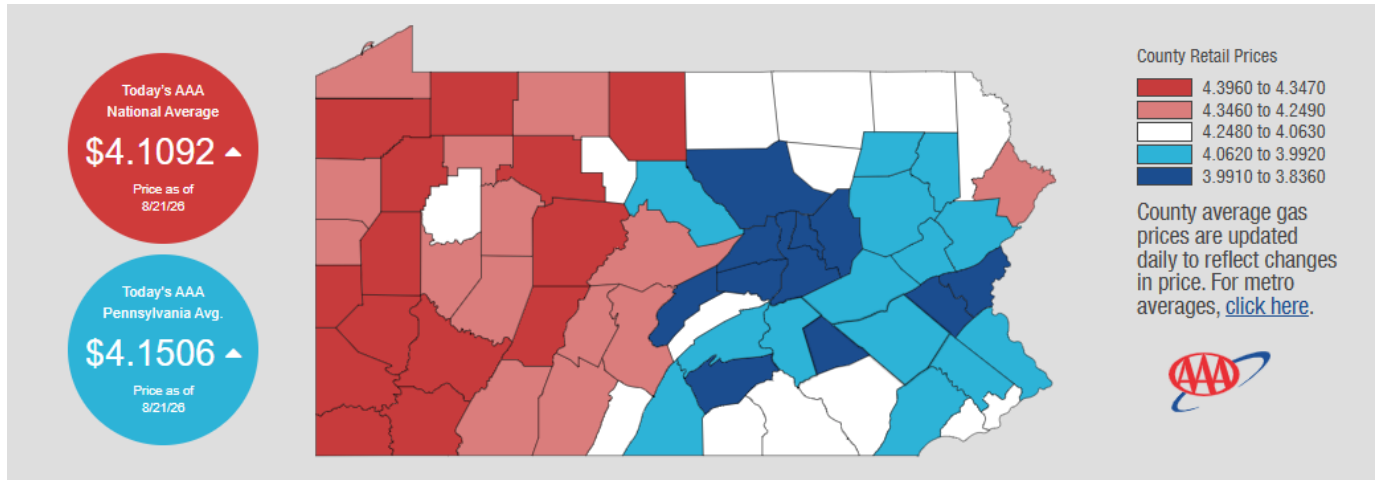
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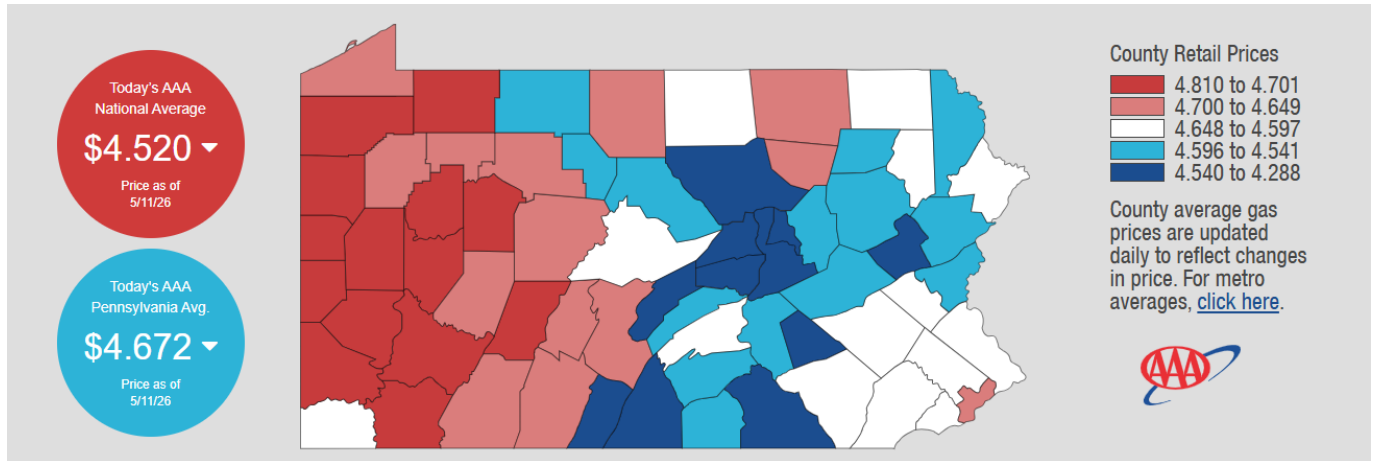
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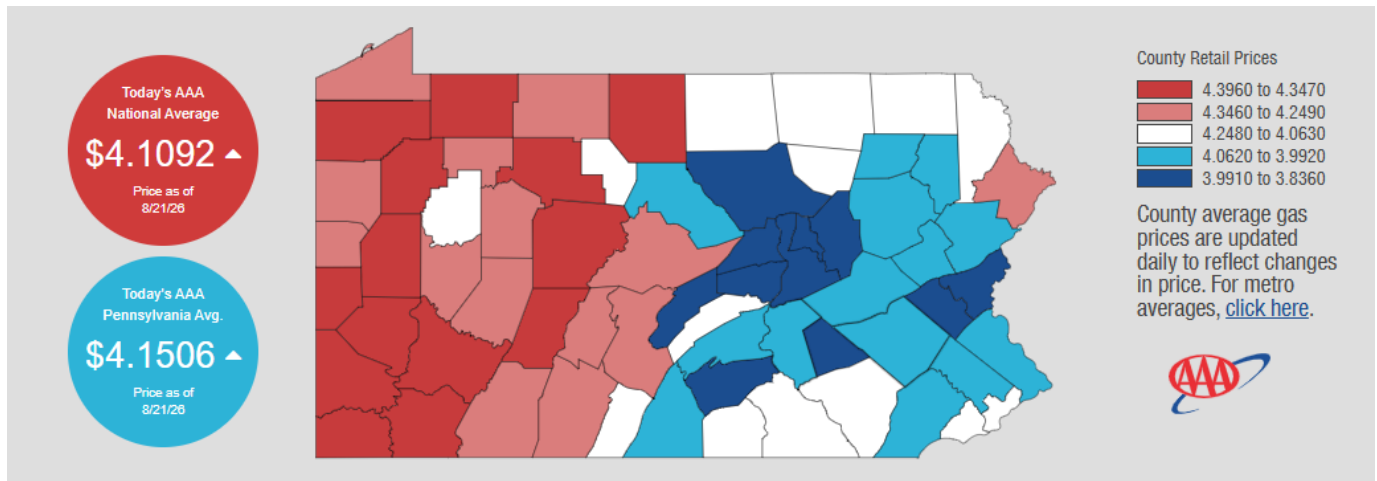
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