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New study: Michigan households now paying \$5,600 more due to tariffs, trade war

*Analysis finds Michigan households face skyrocketing costs over the
past 18 months, more than any other state in the nation*

LANSING, Mich. — A recent study found that Michigan households are paying an average of \$5,600, more than anywhere in the nation, since new tariffs began to take effect in January 2025.

During that period, importers of goods bound for Michigan paid an estimated \$23 billion in tariffs, the third largest of any state – behind only California and Texas. The per-household figure is an estimate since tariffs are typically paid by importers and not directly by consumers.

The analysis by the [National Taxpayers Union Foundation](#) found that the state’s auto industry is particularly vulnerable to the tariffs because of its reliance on imported steel, aluminum and parts subject to tariffs. About \$10 billion of Michigan’s tariff cost was on cars and trucks, and another \$5 billion in tariffs was on auto parts, the report said.

“The inconsistency of our current trade policies and escalating trade war between Washington and Ottawa is making life much more expensive for families across Michigan,” said **Mark Fisk**, a spokesman for the **Michigan Smart Trade Alliance**. “The recent analysis by the National Taxpayers Union Foundation showing Michigan households are absorbing an additional \$5,600 in added costs should be a wake-up call for elected leaders in Congress.”

“The cost of tariffs is having a chilling effect on Michigan families. These new numbers make it clearer than ever our elected leaders should speak out on behalf of their constituents to eliminate these tariffs and bring down costs,” said **John Sellek**, a MISTA spokesman. “Ultimately, families and our entire economy need the same things: predictable prices and the ability to plan for the future.”

MISTA offers resources and information to businesses across Michigan. The group continues to grow our coalition. Information is online at www.smarttradealliance.com.

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