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New poll shows rising auto insurance rates a major concern for Michiganders

Nearly 25 percent of likely Michigan voters surveyed say auto insurance rates are among the most important issues facing the state

LANSING – A recent poll conducted by Marketing Research Group Inc. (MRG) shows auto insurance rates are among the top four most critical issues facing the state in voters' minds. Of the 600 likely Michigan voters surveyed, 23 percent noted the cost of auto insurance as a major concern.

"Michigan drivers pay the highest auto insurance premiums in the country, so it's no surprise that the cost of auto insurance is becoming a greater concern for drivers across the state," said **Pete Kuhnmuench**, executive director of the **Insurance Alliance of Michigan**. "Michigan's auto no-fault system is broken, outdated and requires drivers to purchase unlimited lifetime medical benefits with their auto insurance, increasing costs for drivers statewide."

Many factors are contributing to Michigan's high insurance premiums, including Michigan's lifetime medical mandate, medical costs rising at a rate above inflation, fraud and hospitals that charge auto insurance carriers two to three times more for treatment than other insurers.

A February report from [The Zebra](#), an insurance search engine, found drivers in Michigan pay, on average, \$2,610 for auto insurance – more than twice the national average. In Detroit, drivers pay \$5,414, on average, which is higher than any other city in the nation.

According to those surveyed, the rising cost of auto insurance is a larger concern than school safety, access to health care and taxes.

"Michigan is the only state in the country that forces drivers to pay for unlimited, lifetime medical benefits, an expensive mandate that fewer and fewer drivers can afford, and this recent poll shows drivers need relief from Michigan's broken, outdated auto no-fault system," **Kuhnmuench** said.

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