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Drivers bracing for higher prices

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Drivers are bracing for a rough road ahead when it comes to the pain at the pump.

Chris Bason, Driver: "It feels awful. I mean it's something we're definitely not used to."

Amberlee Dantler, Driver: "It's getting out of hand, it really is."

The price at the pump is about \$4.07 a gallon and drivers say they're bracing for even higher prices to come.

Economist Ilhan Geckil says they should. He predicts a gallon of regular to spike this summer at \$4.50 a gallon and hold steady.

Ilhan Geckil, Anderson Economic Group: "Until OPEC decides to increase supply a bit more, and we find some alternative energy resources."

In the meantime Geckil says drivers will pinch their pennies.

Ilhan Geckil: "They are spending less on other items. And that's effecting our economy because you know we have local coffee shops and we have local retail stores."

Stores that Geckil says are already taking a hit from high gas prices.

Drivers say they have no choice but to cut back on luxuries and put their money in the pump.

Amberlee Dantler: "I've got no option. I may have to get a second job to keep my first job. But theres, what else am I going to do? you've got to pay it."

Jordan Irish, Driver: "This is kind of the way things are going, so we might as well get used to it."

You may not want to get used to it but it looks like high gas prices are here to stay.



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