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Gas prices are increasing around the country but N-C-C News's Luc Sigaud (SEE-Goh) explains why drivers shouldn't be slamming the brakes just yet.

(TRACK 1)

Triple-A forecasts that gas prices could rise above three dollars this spring in New York for the first time since 2015. Donald Dutkowsky, an economics professor at S-U, says people might not feel that price hike in the short term.

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<"The long term is when they'll look to make some changes in terms of cutting back or looking at fuel efficient cars or anything.">

(Track 2)

Dutkowsky also wants drivers to remember that things were a whole lot worse just a few years ago.

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<"Even three dollars is below what we've enjoyed in recent history, so, you know, uh, kind of absorb it and live your life.">

(Track 3)

Gas is 26 cents more expensive now in New York than a year ago. Luc Sigaud, N-C-C News.