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How Much More will New Yorkers Pay at the Pump Because of Sky-High Gasoline Prices?

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, gas prices have skyrocketed past already record highs. These prices will dramatically increase the cost of living for New York families. On Tuesday, the average price at the pump in New York hit \$3.34 already \$1.32 cents higher than it was at this time last year. In New York, gas has risen by 75 cents in a month. The average two car upstate New York family will pay \$1,977 more per year if gas prices stay at these levels. Upstate New Yorkers as a whole could pay over \$5 BILLION over the next year extra as costs rise.

To keep prices from skyrocketing even further, Schumer is calling for an expanded swap of the Strategic Petroleum Reserves, an FTC investigation into price gouging and asking the IRS to increase the mileage reimbursement for employees.

Capital Region: On September 6, 2005, the average price of one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline reached \$3.37, compared with \$1.92 at this time last year. As a result of this hike, this year the average two-car family in the Capital Region will pay \$2,235 above the high prices paid at the pump last year.

County	Licensed Drivers	Added yearly cost for average 2 car family	Total added cost for county
Albany	199,527	\$2,583	\$235.3 million
Fulton	40,245	\$2,106	\$36.6 million
Montgomery	35,916	\$3,409	\$54.5 million
Rensselaer	109,685	\$2,151	\$105.8 million
Saratoga	161,195	\$2,024	\$148.3 million
Schenectady	114,171	\$1,969	\$101.2 million
Schoharie	24,025	\$1,755	\$20 million
Washington	44,506	\$1,734	\$32.7 million
Capital Region	729,270	\$2,235	\$734.3 million

Central New York: On September 6, 2005, the average price of one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline reached \$3.33, compared with \$1.95 at this time last year. As a result of this hike, this year the average two-car family in Central New York will pay \$2,157 above the high prices paid at the pump last year.

County	Licensed Drivers	Added yearly cost for average 2 car family	Total added cost for county
Cortland	32,608	\$3,081	\$42.1 million
Madison	50,473	\$1,437	\$29 million
Oneida	161,354	\$2,108	\$145 million
Onondaga	320,195	\$2,194	\$305.3 million
Oswego	86,470	\$2,160	\$76.5 million
Central New York	651,100	\$2,157	\$597.9 million

Hudson Valley: On September 6, 2005, the average price of one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline reached \$3.41, compared with \$2.02 at this time last year. As a result of this hike, this year the average two-car family in the Hudson Valley will pay \$1,408 above the high prices paid at the pump last year.

County	Licensed Drivers	Added yearly cost for average 2 car family	Total added cost for county
Columbia	48,191	\$2,659	\$61.8 million
Dutchess	209,434	\$1,554	\$166.5 million
Greene	37,874	\$2,317	\$43.8 million
Orange	246,573	\$1,771	\$215.9 million
Putnam	77,715	\$1,429	\$59.4 million
Rockland	210,125	\$832	\$82.3 million
Sullivan	57,068	\$2,069	\$56.4 million
Ulster	134,223	\$2,009	\$131.5 million
Westchester	650,209	\$1,058	\$323.8 million
Hudson Valley	1,671,412	\$1,408	\$1.141 Billion

Rochester/Finger Lakes: On September 6, 2005 the average price of one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline reached \$3.38, compared with \$2.01 at this time last year. As a result of this hike, this year the average two-car family in the Rochester/Finger Lakes area will pay \$1,971 above the high prices paid at the pump last year.

County	Licensed Drivers	Added yearly cost for average 2 car family	Total added cost for county
Cayuga	55,437	\$2,507	\$57.5 million
Livingston	45,406	\$2,745	\$53.7 million
Monroe	512,686	\$1,679	\$393.8 million
Ontario	76,698	\$2,947	\$98.1 million
Schuyler	13,960	\$1,860	\$11.1 million
Seneca	24,402	\$2,841	\$28.9 million
Tompkins	62,531	\$2,127	\$54.9 million
Wayne	69,631	\$1,890	\$57.9 million
Yates	17,053	\$1,803	\$12.7 million
Rochester/ Finger Lakes	877,804	\$1,971	\$768.6 million

North Country: On September 6, 2005, the average price of one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline reached \$3.45 compared with \$1.92 at this time last year. As a result of this hike, this year the average two-car family in the North Country will pay \$2,446 above the high prices paid at the pump last year.

County	Licensed Drivers	Added yearly cost for average 2 car family	Total added cost for county
Clinton	56,141	\$2,381	\$59.7 million
Essex	28,805	\$2,510	\$30.5 million
Franklin	34,427	\$1,940	\$27.3 million
Hamilton	4,866	\$2,659	\$5.3 million
Herkimer	45,662	\$2,618	\$48.8 million
Jefferson	70,852	\$2,524	\$74.7 million
Lewis	19,794	\$2,576	\$19 million
St Lawrence	74,962	\$2,100	\$62 million
Warren	51,309	\$2,944	\$67 million
North Country	386,818	\$2,446	\$394.3 million

Southern Tier: On September 6, 2005, the average price of one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline reached \$3.39, compared with \$1.99 at this time last year. As a result of this hike, this year the average two-car family in the Southern Tier will pay \$2,159 above the high prices paid at the pump last year.

County	Licensed Drivers	Added yearly cost for average 2 car family	Total added cost for county
Allegany	33,062	\$1,981	\$25.6 million
Broome	143,603	\$2,409	\$152 million
Chemung	62,499	\$1,840	\$52.2 million
Chenango	38,057	\$2,057	\$33.6 million
Delaware	38,273	\$1,869	\$32.5 million
Otsego	44,432	\$2,282	\$43.8 million
Steuben	72,487	\$2,355	\$71.6 million
Tioga	38,508	\$1,775	\$29.4 million
Southern Tier	470,921	\$2,159	\$440.7 million

Western New York: On September 6, 2005, the average price of one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline reached \$3.43, compared with \$1.95 at this time last year. As a result of this hike, this year the average two-car family in Western New York will pay \$2,051 above the high prices paid at the pump last year.

County	Licensed Drivers	Added yearly cost for average 2 car family	Total added cost for county
Cattaraugus	58,727	\$1,694	\$39.2 million
Chautauqua	96,298	\$1,741	\$69.1 million
Erie	644,035	\$2,122	\$601.4 million
Genesee	44,475	\$4,480	\$83.9 million
Niagara	158,104	\$1,480	\$101.7 million
Orleans	29,793	\$1,605	\$20.1 million
Wyoming	29,970	\$2,044	\$24.2 million
Western New York	1,061,402	\$2,051	\$939.6 million

**** Source: Schumer projections based on price and fuel consumption data from American Automobile Association (AAA), the New York Department of Motor Vehicles, New York State Energy Research and Development Agency and Schumer survey of local gas stations.**