# Gasoline prices on decline for rest

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Consumers are about to get a break at the gas pump for the rest of 2013 and much of 2014, analysts say.

Gasoline prices typically head lower after the peak summer driving season, and despite a blip Friday, wholesale prices reflecting September levels are slumping. Coupled with ample supplies and lover autumn demand, thenational average price of regular-grade gasoline is likely to fall to about $3.40 in the coming weeks. That's about 5 percent less than Saturday's $3.56 national average.

Relief at the pump looks even brighter for 2014. The federal Energy Information Administration forecasts 2014 will average $3.37 a gallon compared with an estimated $3.52 a gallon in 2013. That would be the lowest national average since 2010, when gasoline averaged about $2.80.



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"Once we get to mid-September, we'll see prices drop 10 to 20 cents a gallon," says Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst for price tracker *Gasbuddy.com*. "Typically, demand drops the last 100 days of the year and bottoms out in December."

This year has been a roller coaster for prices. After starting the year at $3.29, prices surged to $3.79 by mid-February, then dropped to $3.50 by the end of April before climbing again.