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California Gasoline and Diesel Consumption Data Declines in Fourth Quarter of 2012

Sacramento – California’s gasoline consumption declined 1.7 percent, while diesel consumption declined 0.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012, according to fuel tax data released by Chairman Jerome E. Horton of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

“California consumers and businesses are struggling with high fuel prices,” said Horton. “However, despite other economic indicators such as unemployment and housing prices, I remain optimistic for California’s full recovery.”

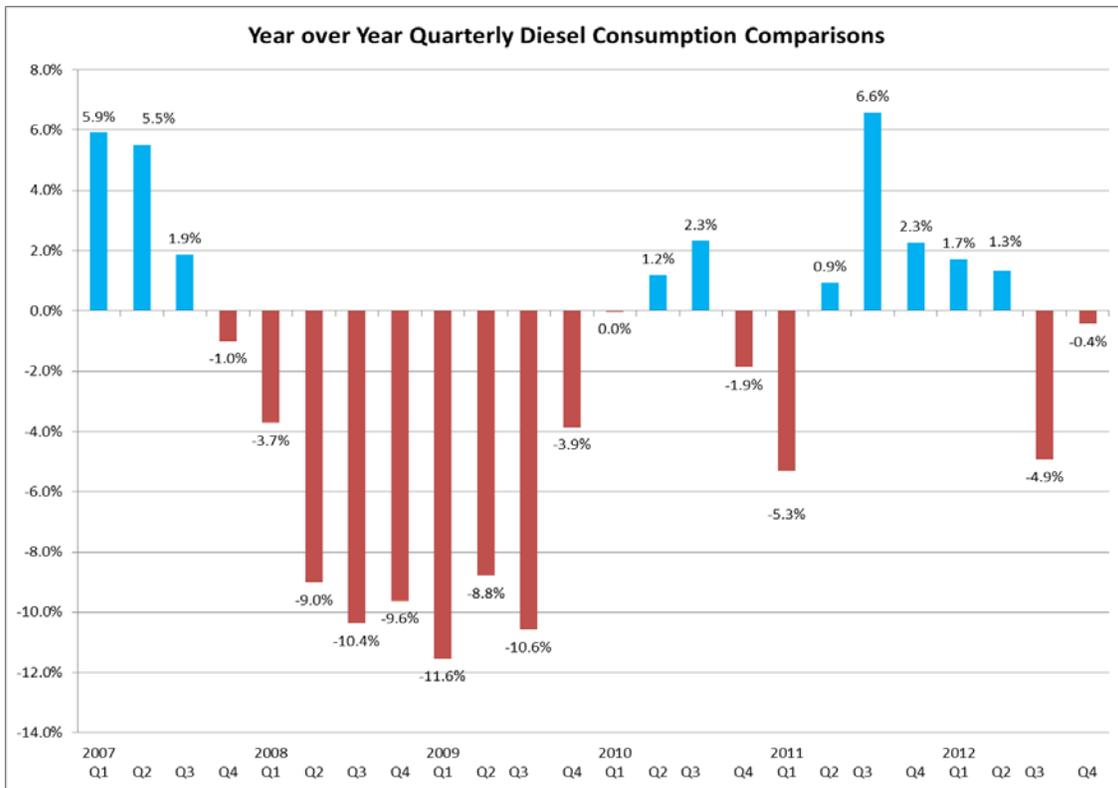
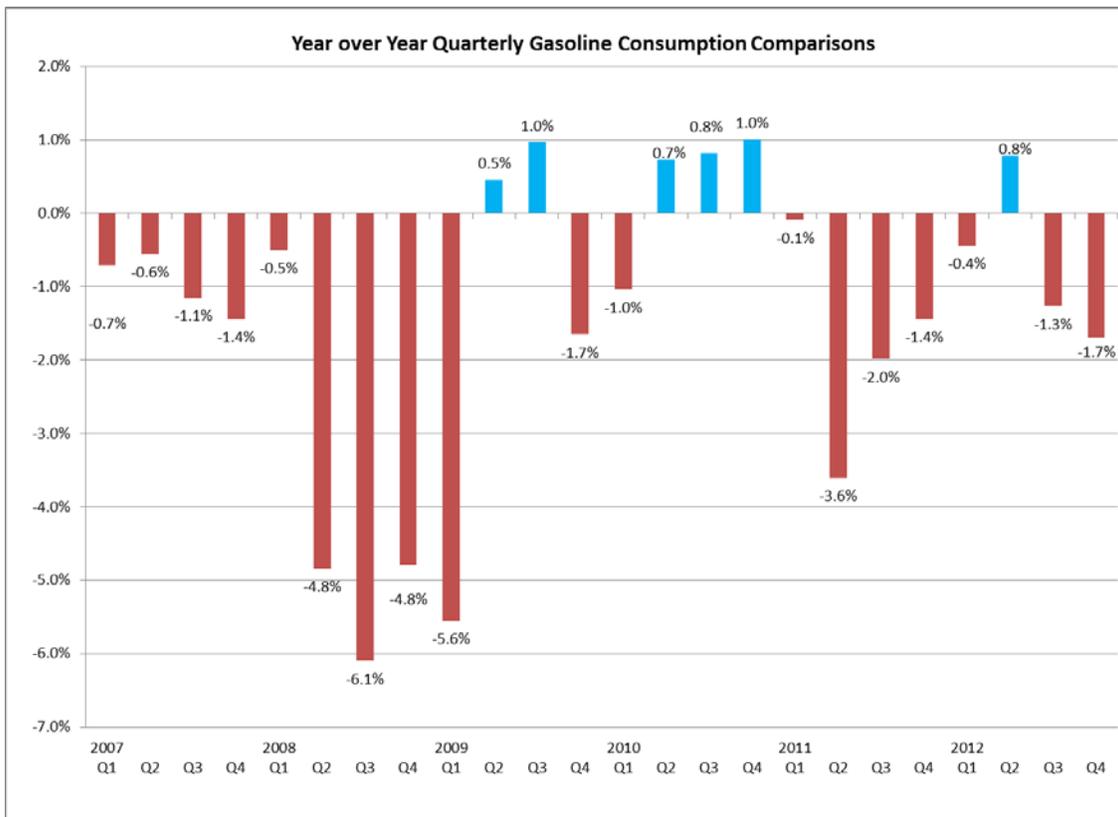
BOE’s [gasoline fuel tax](#) report shows Californians consumed 3.58 billion gallons of gasoline in the fourth quarter of 2012, a 1.7 percent decline from the 3.64 billion gallons consumed during the fourth quarter of 2011. In California, the average price of gasoline in the fourth quarter of 2012 was \$3.99 per gallon, which is a 19 cent increase over the average price of \$3.80 per gallon in the fourth quarter of 2011. Nationally, the average price of gasoline during the fourth quarter of 2012 was \$3.57, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#) (EIA). BOE estimates statewide gasoline tax-related revenues for the fourth quarter of 2012 are \$432 million in sales taxes and \$1.29 billion in excise taxes in California.

California’s [diesel fuel consumption](#) decreased 0.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012 to 653 million gallons, compared to 656 million gallons in the fourth quarter of 2011. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the fourth quarter of 2012 was \$4.21 per gallon, which is an increase of 8 cents over the average price of \$4.13 in the fourth quarter of 2011. Nationally, the average price of diesel fuel in the fourth quarter of 2012 was \$4.02 according to the EIA. BOE estimates statewide diesel fuel tax-related revenues for the fourth quarter of 2012 are \$248 million in sales taxes and \$76 million in excise tax in California.

Editor’s Note: Please see charts below comparing year-over-year quarterly gasoline and diesel consumption.

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For a more in-depth discussion of gasoline consumption, see the *Economic Perspective* newsletter on the BOE website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/epcont13.htm>

For more information on California fuel statistics or reports based on fuel tax receipts paid by distributors in California, visit www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm

State Taxable Gasoline Gallons Report: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF_10_Year_Report.pdf

State Taxable Diesel Gallons Report: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/Diesel_10_Year_Report.pdf

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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