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# News Release

**George Runner, Member**

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## **California Gasoline Use Rose 0.9%; Diesel Drops 3.8% in October 2010**

Senator George Runner, Second District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today released California gasoline and diesel consumption figures for October 2010.

California gasoline consumption increased 0.9 percent in October 2010, while diesel fuel consumption declined 3.8 percent, compared with October 2009.

In October 2010, gasoline demand rose 0.9 percent when Californians used 1.257 billion gallons of gasoline compared to 1.246 billion gallons in October 2009. The average California gasoline price at the pump in October 2010 was \$3.15 per gallon compared to \$3.06 in October 2009, a 2.9 percent increase. The national average in October 2010 was \$2.85 per gallon compared to \$2.60 a year earlier.

"High gasoline prices hurt the pocketbooks of Californians and rob our state of jobs" said Senator Runner. "Many employers choose not to locate jobs in California because of this state's high energy costs. If we want to attract jobs, we need to do more to keep energy abundant and affordable."

Diesel fuel sold in California during October 2010 totaled 216 million gallons compared to October 2009's total of 224 million gallons, which is a decrease of 3.8 percent. California diesel prices were \$3.21 per gallon in October 2010 an increase of 12.2 percent compared to October 2009 when the average diesel price was \$2.86 per gallon. The national average in October 2010 was \$3.05 per gallon compared to \$2.67 a year earlier.

The BOE is able to monitor gallons through tax receipts paid by fuel distributors. The figures reported monthly are net consumption that includes BOE audit assessments, refunds, amended and late tax returns, and State Controller's Office refunds. Figures for November 2010 are scheduled to be available at the end of February 2011.

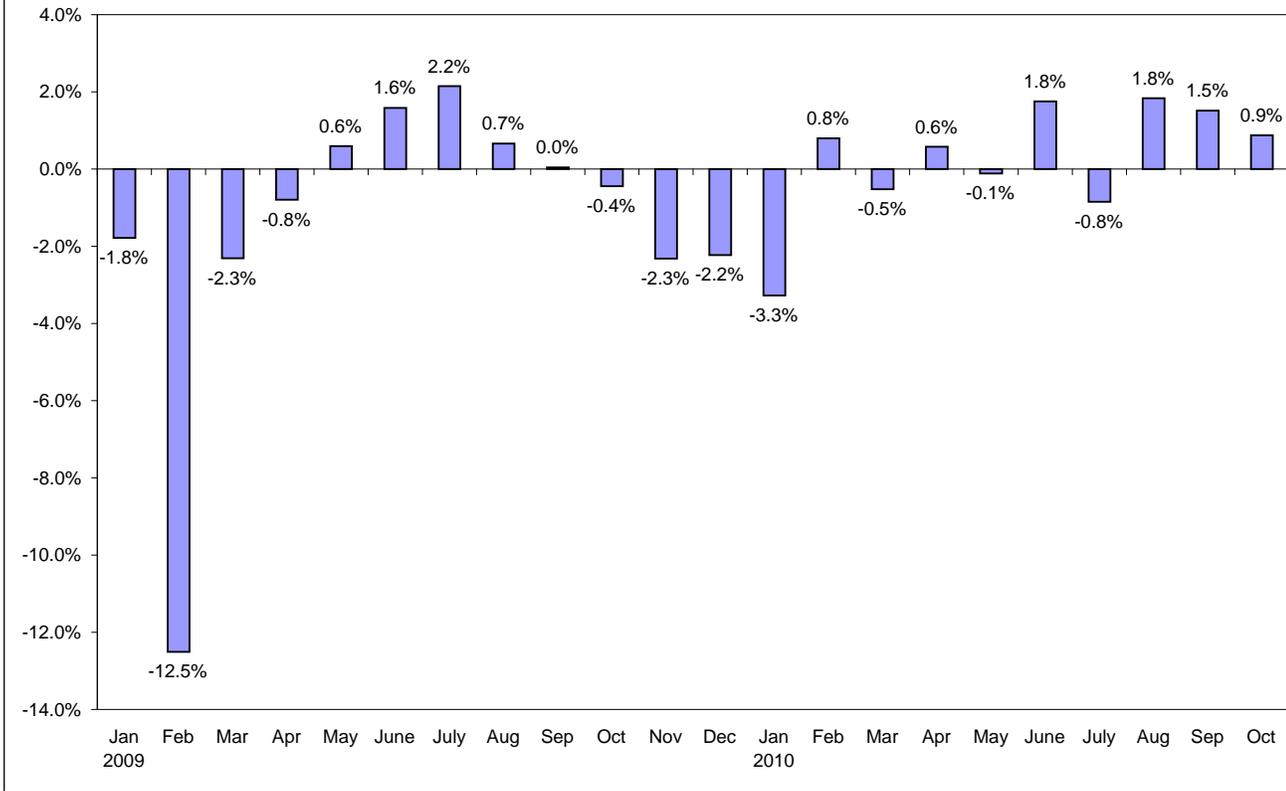
All monthly, quarterly, and annual figures can be viewed at: [www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm).

Taxable Gasoline Gallons: [www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF\\_10\\_Year\\_Report.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF_10_Year_Report.pdf)

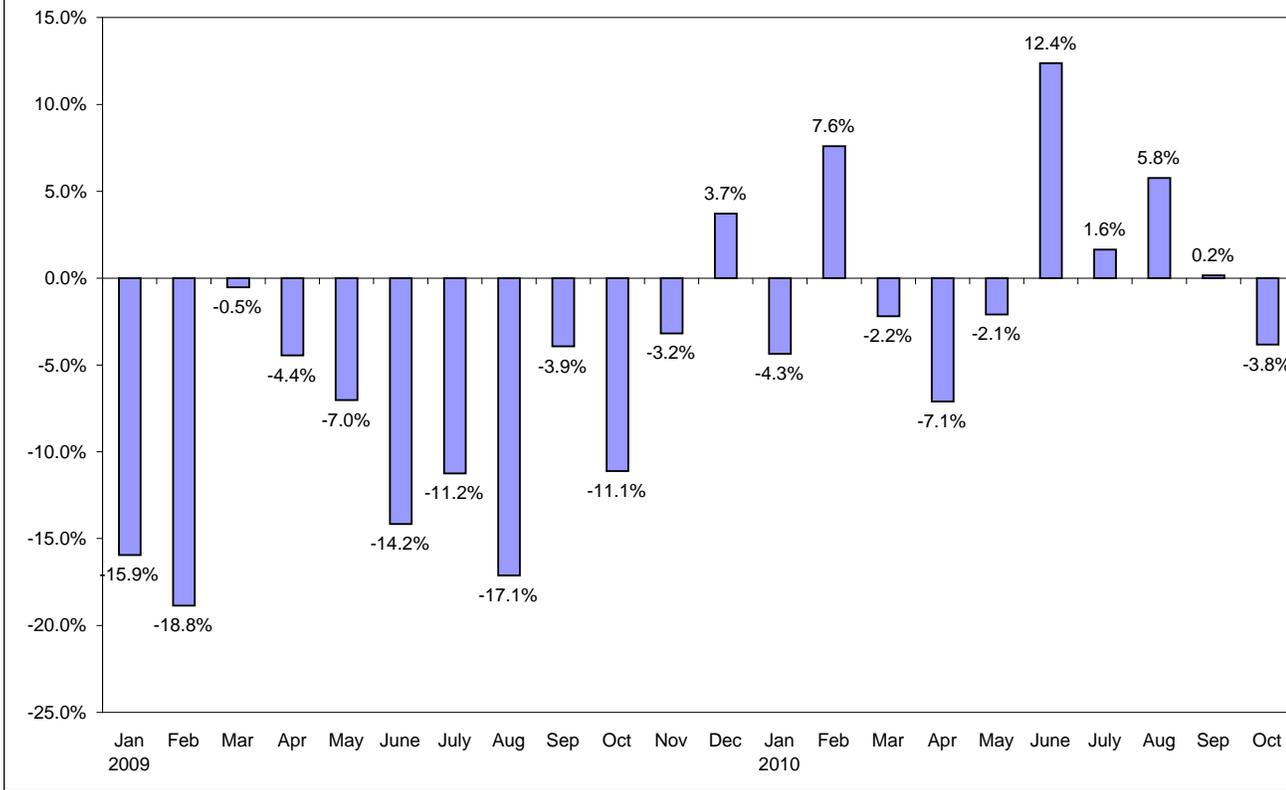
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*Editor's note – please see the two attached charts showing percent change in gasoline and diesel gallons consumption compared to 12 months from January 2009 through October 2010.*

**Percent Change in Gas Consumption Compared to 12 Months Prior  
From January 2009 through October 2010**



**Percent Change in Diesel Gallons Compared to 12 Months Prior  
From January 2009 through October 2010**



Elected in November 2010, taxpayer advocate George Runner represents the Second District of the Board of Equalization. Runner was sworn in as Second District Board Member on January 3, 2011. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and family preservation for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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