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## **California Gasoline and Diesel Consumption Down in August, Fuel Tax Data Says**

**Sacramento** – California’s gasoline demand declined 1.1 percent while average prices were \$4.11 per gallon in August 2012 according to fuel tax data released today by Betty T. Yee, First District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE). Diesel consumption declined 2.1 percent while diesel fuel prices averaged \$4.24 per gallon in August.

“High gasoline prices keep straining California families’ budgets, and in turn affect their consumption habits,” said Ms. Yee.

California’s gasoline consumption was 1.26 billion gallons in August 2012, down 14 million gallons or a 1.1 percent decline from last August. [California average gasoline prices](#) were up 29 cents to \$4.11 in August or 7.5 percent higher than August 2011, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). The EIA also reported that U.S. retail gasoline prices averaged \$3.78 a gallon in August 2012, up 8 cents from August 2011.

California’s diesel consumption was 223 million gallons in August 2012, down 5 million gallons or a 2.1 percent decline from August 2011. [California’s average diesel](#) prices went up 23 cents to \$4.24 per gallon this August compared to August 2011. The EIA reported the U.S. average diesel prices in August was up 12 cents to \$3.98.

For more information on California fuel statistics reports based on fuel tax receipts paid by distributors in California, visit: [www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm).

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

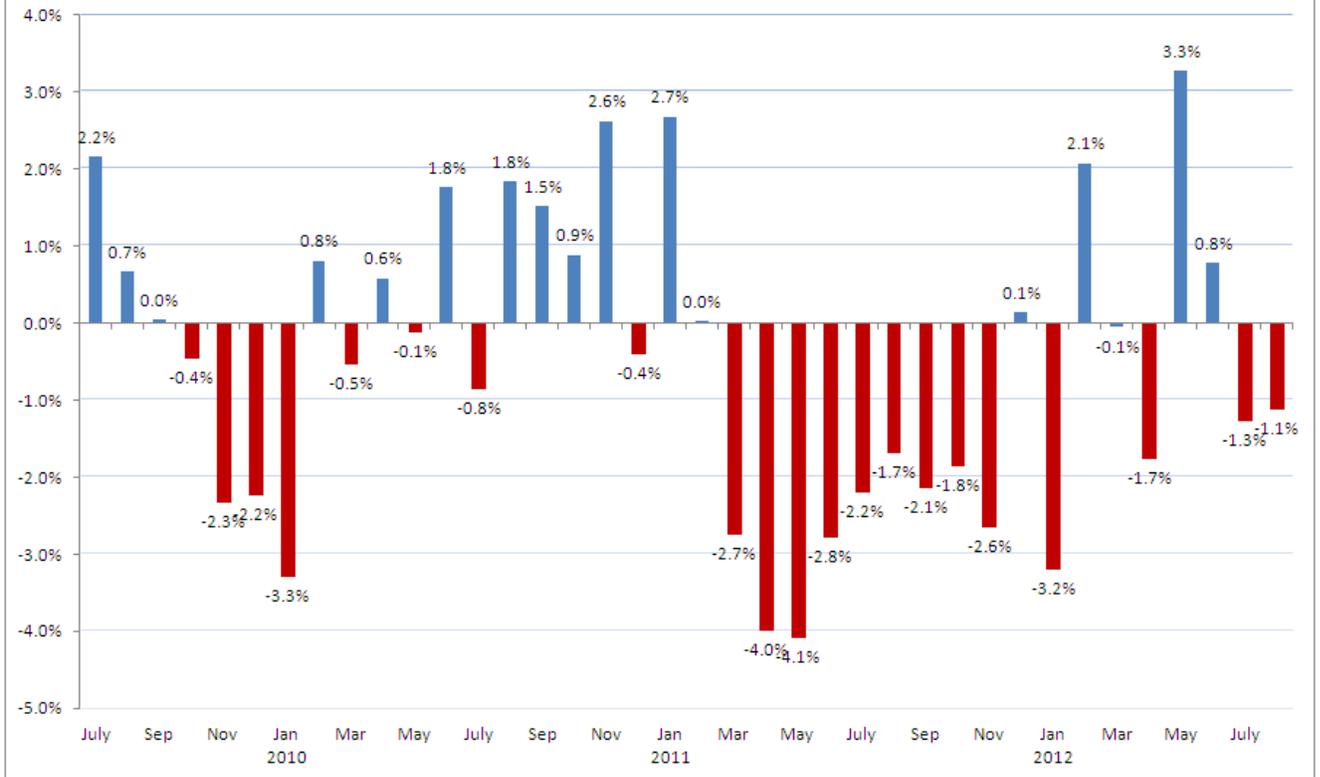
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*(See below charts for gasoline and diesel consumption that compare one month with the same month in a previous year. For example, gasoline consumption in August 2012 was 1.1% less than August 2011.)*

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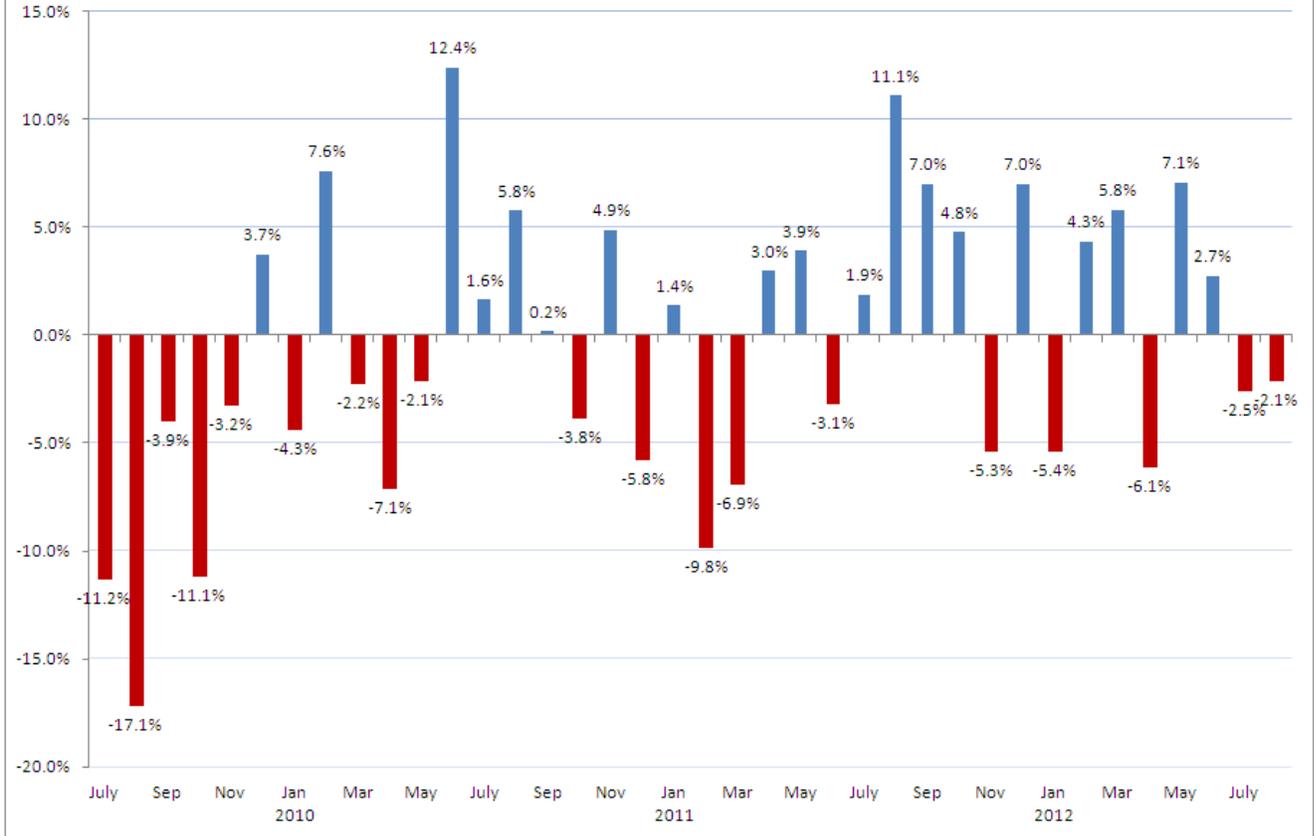
## Percent Change in Gas Consumption Compared to Twelve Months Prior From July 2009 Through August 2012



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## Percent Change in Diesel Gallons Compared to Twelve Months Prior From July 2009 Through August 2012



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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

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

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