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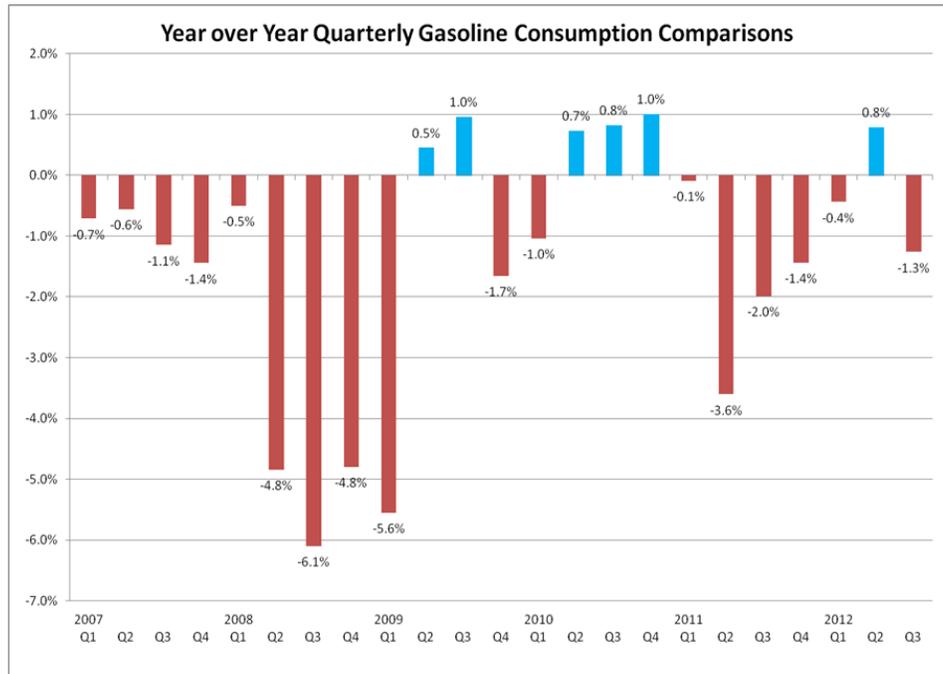
California Gasoline and Diesel Demand Fell in Third Quarter, Fuel Tax Data Says

Sacramento – California’s gasoline consumption declined 1.3 percent in the third quarter of 2012, according to fuel tax data released by Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE). Diesel consumption declined 4.9 percent in the third quarter of 2012.

BOE’s fuel tax report shows Californians consumed **3.68 billion gallons of gasoline** in the third quarter of 2012, a 1.3 percent decline from the 3.73 billion gallons consumed during the third quarter of 2011.

In California, the average price of gasoline in the third quarter of 2012 was \$4.05 per gallon.

Nationally, the average price of gasoline in the third quarter was \$3.73, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA).



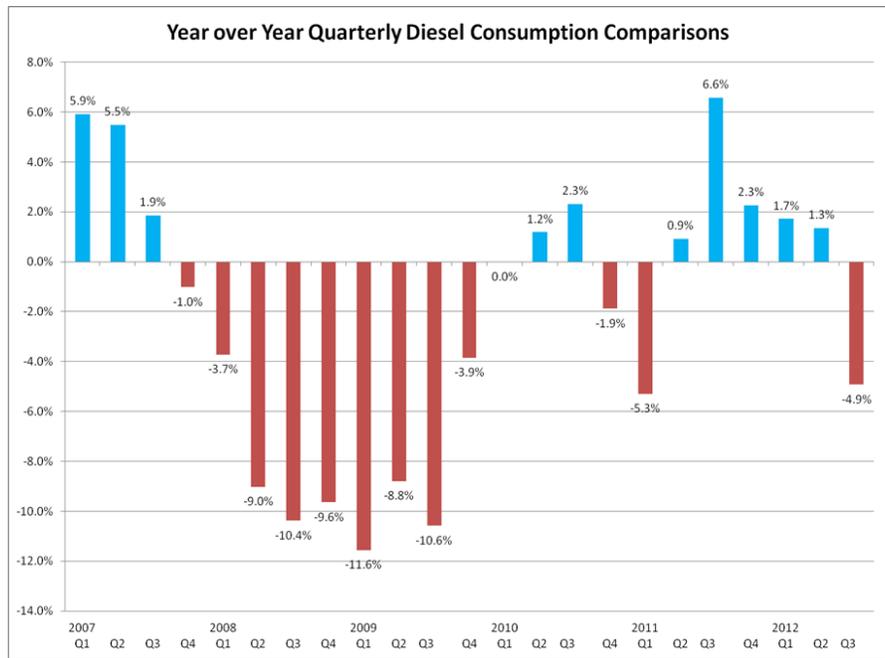
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California's diesel consumption declined 4.9 percent in the third quarter of 2012 to 678 million gallons, compared to 713 million gallons in the third quarter of 2011.

In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the third quarter of 2012 was \$4.20 per gallon.

Nationally, the average price of diesel fuel in the third quarter was \$3.94, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA).



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 to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

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.

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