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## **Gasoline Consumption Declines, Diesel Consumption Up in First Quarter 2013**

**Sacramento** – California’s gasoline consumption declined 1.5 percent, while diesel consumption increased 3.8 percent in the first quarter of 2013, according to fuel tax data released by the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

The BOE’s [gasoline fuel tax](#) report shows Californians consumed 3.50 billion gallons of gasoline in the first quarter of 2013, a 1.5 percent decline from the 3.56 billion gallons consumed during the first quarter of 2012. In California, the average price of gasoline in the first quarter of 2013 was \$4.00 per gallon, which is a six cent decrease over the average price of \$4.06 per gallon in the first quarter of 2012. Nationally, the average price of gasoline during the first quarter of 2013 was \$3.64, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#) (EIA). BOE estimates statewide gasoline tax-related revenues for the first quarter of 2013 are \$424 million in sales taxes and \$1.261 billion in excise taxes in California.

“The Board of Equalization was charged with the responsibility of neutralizing the two state taxes on fuel to ensure a net zero increase in the overall tax burden to Californians at the pump,” said Chairman, Horton. “Since the Board voted to adjust the excise tax in February, the price of gasoline has been steadily declining, while the consumption of diesel fuel has gone up. This is a positive sign that the manufacturing and transportation sectors continued to improve during the first quarter of 2013 in California.”

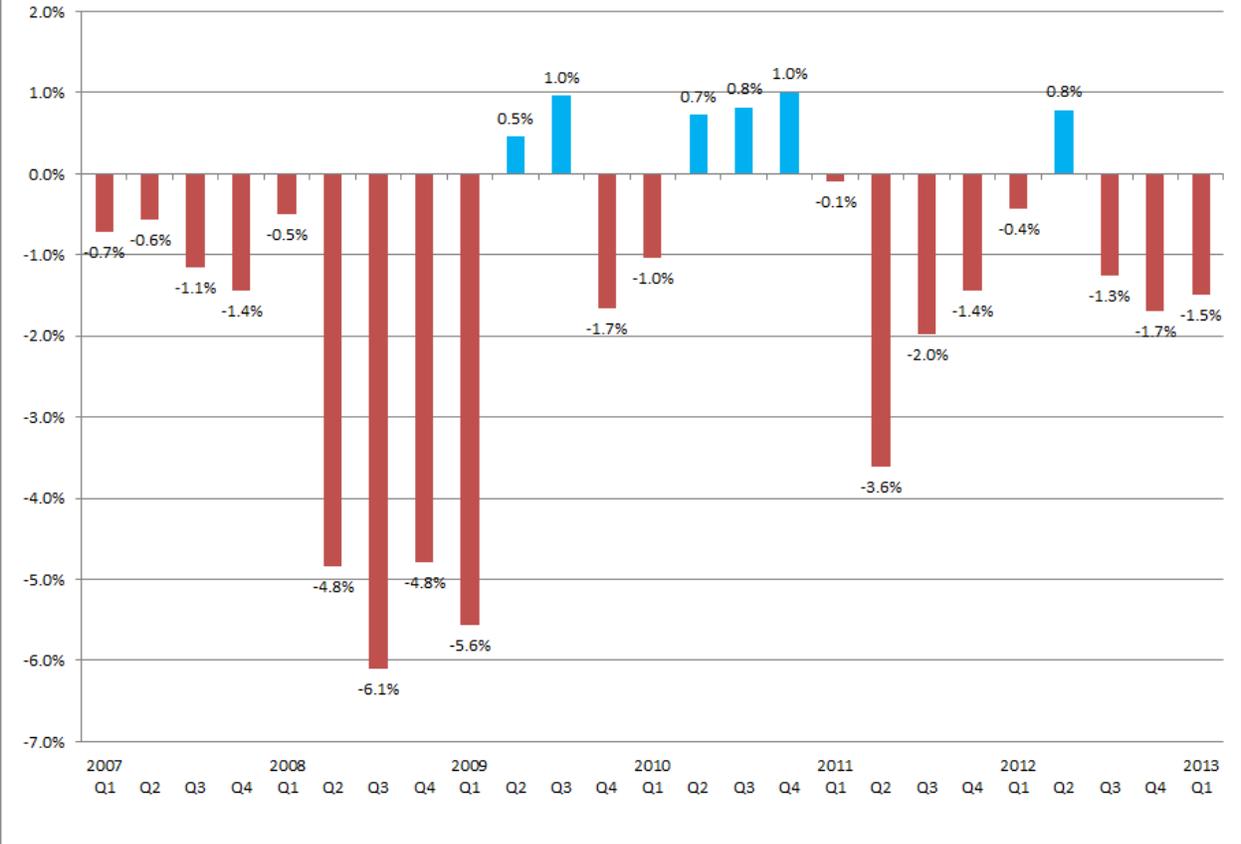
California’s [diesel fuel consumption](#) increased 3.8 percent in the first quarter of 2013 to 619 million gallons, compared to 597 million gallons in the first quarter of 2012. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the first quarter of 2013 was \$4.22 per gallon, which is a decrease of six cents over the average price of \$4.28 in the first quarter of 2012. Nationally, the average price of diesel fuel in the first quarter of 2013 was \$4.03 according to the EIA. BOE estimates statewide diesel fuel tax-related revenues for the first quarter of 2013 are \$235 million in sales taxes and \$77 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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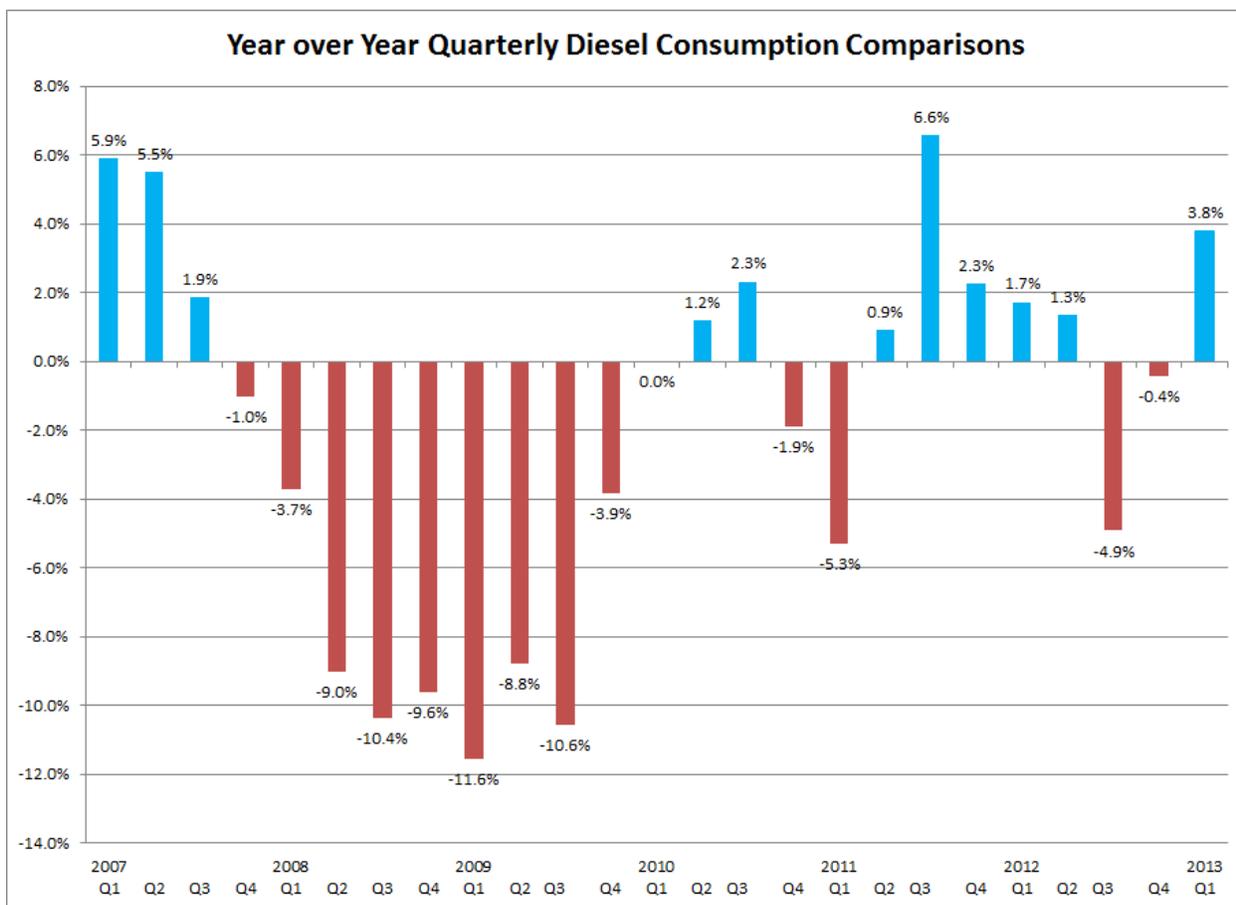


## Year over Year Quarterly Gasoline Consumption Comparisons



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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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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