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## **BOE Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Tax Data Released for Third Quarter 2013**

**Sacramento** – California’s gasoline consumption increased 0.9 percent, while diesel consumption increased 4.0 percent in the third quarter of 2013, according to fuel tax data released by Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

The BOE’s [state taxable gasoline gallons report](#) reveals Californians consumed 3.71 billion gallons of gasoline in the third quarter, a 0.9 percent increase from 3.68 billion gallons used in the third quarter of last year. The average price of gasoline was \$3.99 per gallon in California during the third quarter, which is a six cent decrease from the average price of \$4.05 per gallon in the third quarter of 2012. Nationally the average price of gasoline in the third quarter was \$3.64, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#). The BOE estimates statewide gasoline tax-related revenues for the third quarter of 2013 are \$422 million in sales taxes and \$1.5 billion in excise taxes.

The BOE’s [state taxable diesel gallons report](#) shows California’s diesel fuel consumption increased 4.0 percent in the third quarter to 705 million gallons, compared to 678 million gallons during the third quarter of last year. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the third quarter was \$4.06 per gallon, which is a 14 cent decrease from the average price of \$4.20 in the third quarter of 2012, while the nationwide average price of diesel fuel was \$3.87. The BOE estimates statewide diesel fuel tax-related revenues for the third quarter of 2013 are \$251 million in sales taxes and \$82 million in excise tax.

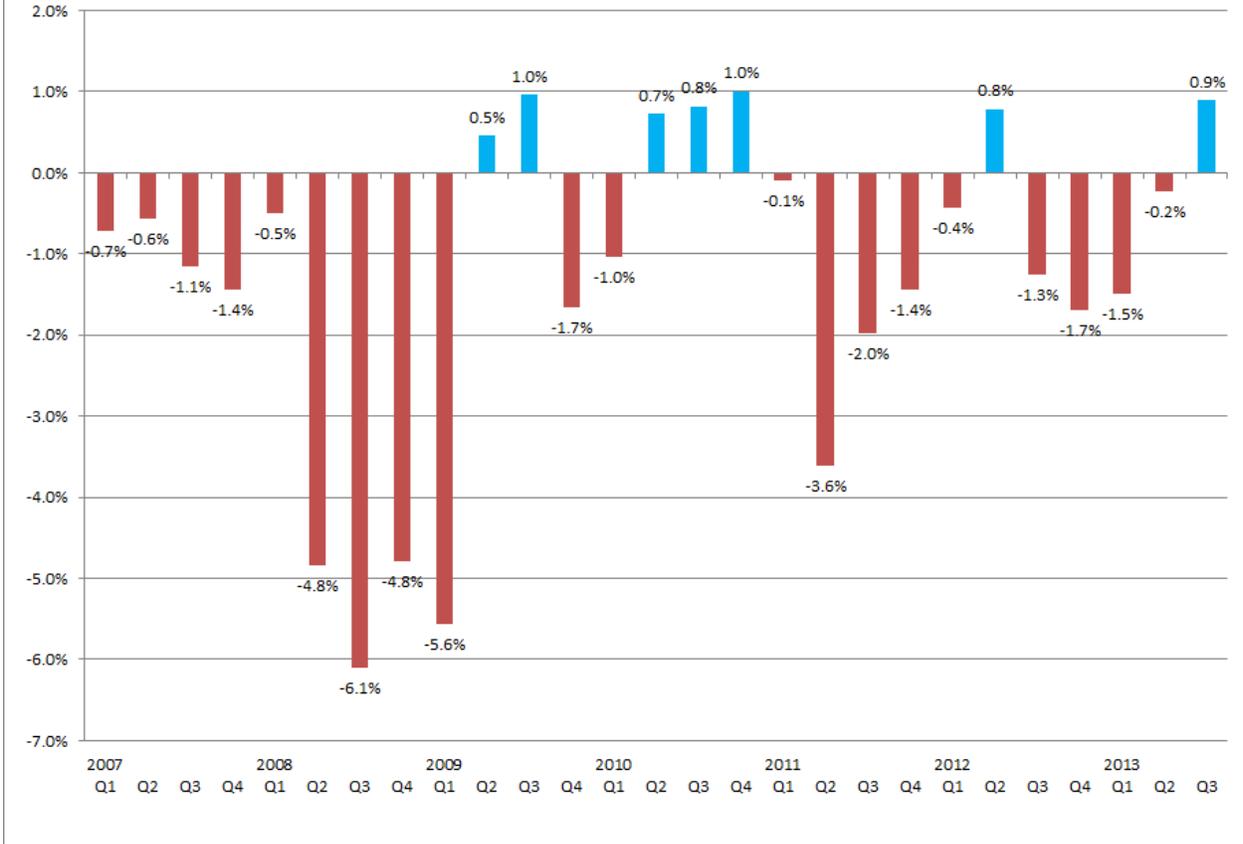
For more in-depth analysis of California gasoline consumption trends, see the BOE [Economic Perspective](#). For the most recent figures from BOE, visit Fuel Taxes Statistics and Reports: [www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm).

***Editor’s Note: The charts below compare year-over-year quarterly gasoline and diesel consumption.***

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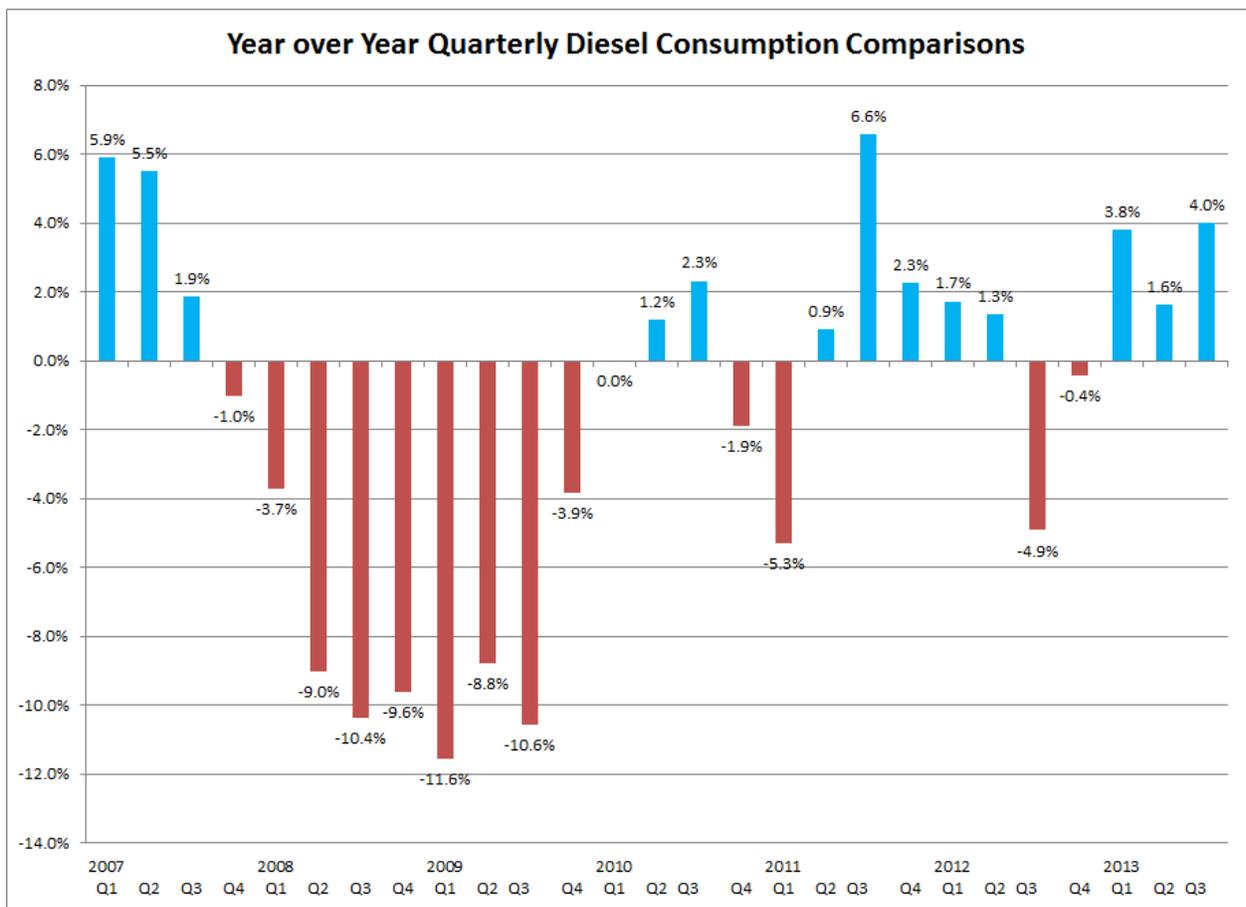


## Year over Year Quarterly Gasoline Consumption Comparisons



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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 \$56 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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