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Gasoline Consumption in California Rises Nearly 1% as Economy Picks Up Increase is the First Since 2005-06 Fiscal Year

Sacramento – California’s gasoline consumption rose 0.9 percent during fiscal year 2013-14, the first increase in eight fiscal years, since 2005-06 -- offering another sign of an improving economy -- according to data released by the California State Board of Equalization (BOE). During fiscal year 2013-14, diesel consumption rose 3.7 percent, reversing a 0.4 percent decline in 2012-13.

In the fiscal year 2013-14, Californians consumed 14.574 billion gallons of gasoline, a 0.9 percent increase from 14.444 billion used in fiscal year 2012-13. California’s average price of gasoline was \$3.92 per gallon in the fiscal year 2013-14, which is a decline of 2.5 percent from the average price of gasoline of \$4.02 in fiscal year 2012-13. In fiscal year 2013-14, BOE gasoline revenue estimates for excise and sales and use taxes came in at \$1.651 billion for sales tax and \$5.759 billion for excise tax.

Diesel consumption increased 3.7 percent in fiscal year 2013-14 when Californians consumed 2.752 billion gallons of diesel compared to 2.651 billion consumed in fiscal year 2012-13. California’s average price of diesel fuel in fiscal year 2013-14 was \$4.12, which is a 1.4 percent decrease from the average price of \$4.18 for diesel in fiscal year 2012-13. In fiscal year 2013-14, BOE’s estimated diesel fuel revenues for excise and sales and use taxes came in at \$866 million for sales tax and \$304 million for excise tax.

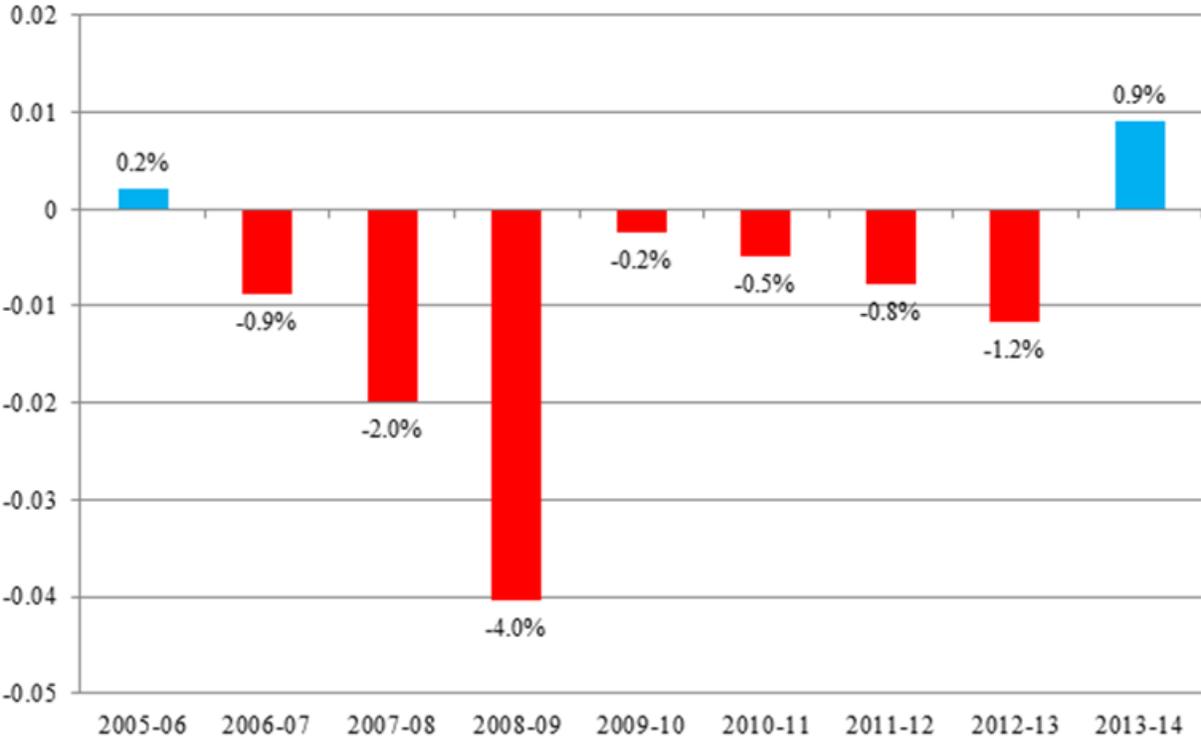
Taxable Gasoline Gallons: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF_10_Year_Report.pdf

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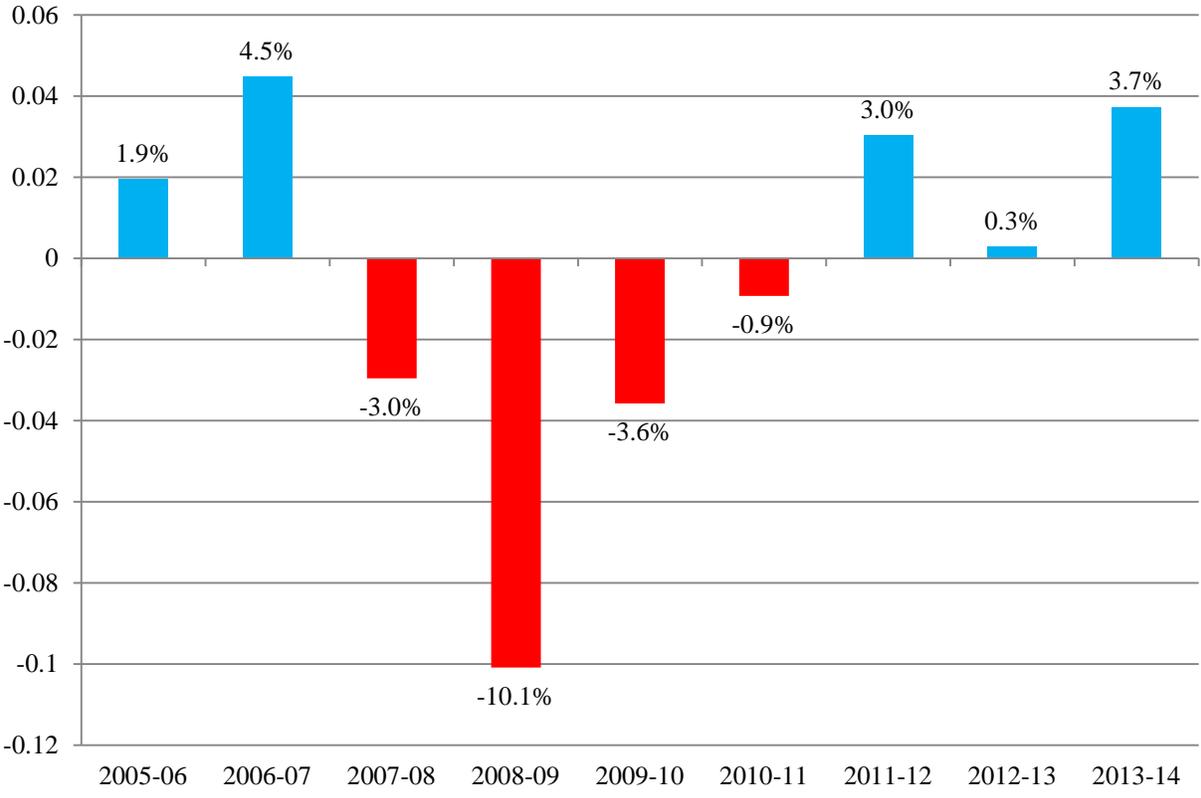
Estimated Fuel Excise Tax and Sales Tax Revenues: www.boe.ca.gov/legdiv/pdf/FuelRevenues.pdf

Editor’s Note: The two charts below compare fiscal year gasoline and diesel consumption.

Fiscal Year Gasoline Consumption Comparisons



Fiscal Year Diesel 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.

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