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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 today by George Runner, Second District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

“Californians are paying more tax for less gas,” said Runner. “With the recent tax hike, Californians are now paying the highest gas tax in the nation for the privilege of driving some of its worst roads. Clearly, something is very wrong here.”

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.

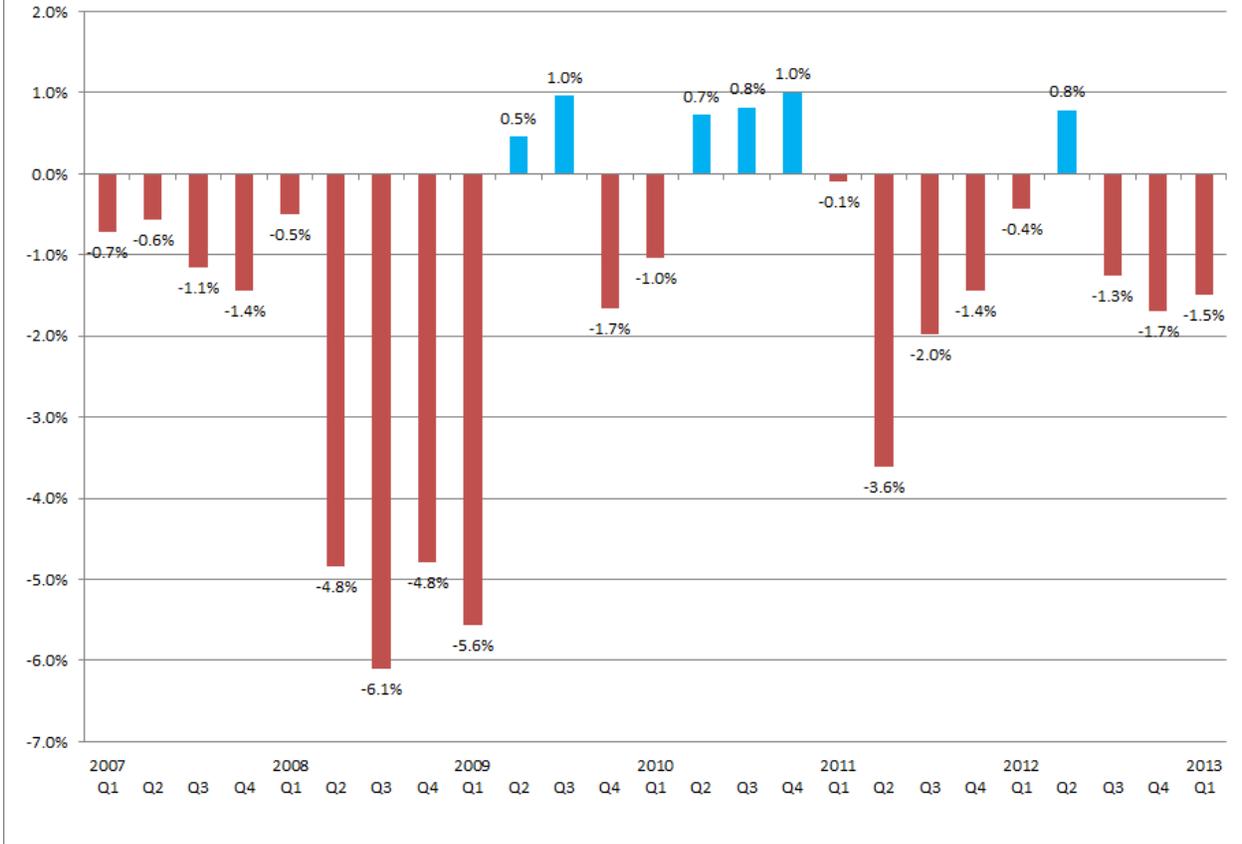
California’s [diesel fuel consumption](#) increased 3.8 percent in the first quarter of 2013 to 619 million gallons, compared to 597 million gallons in the first quarter of 2012. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the first quarter of 2013 was \$4.22 per gallon, which is a decrease of 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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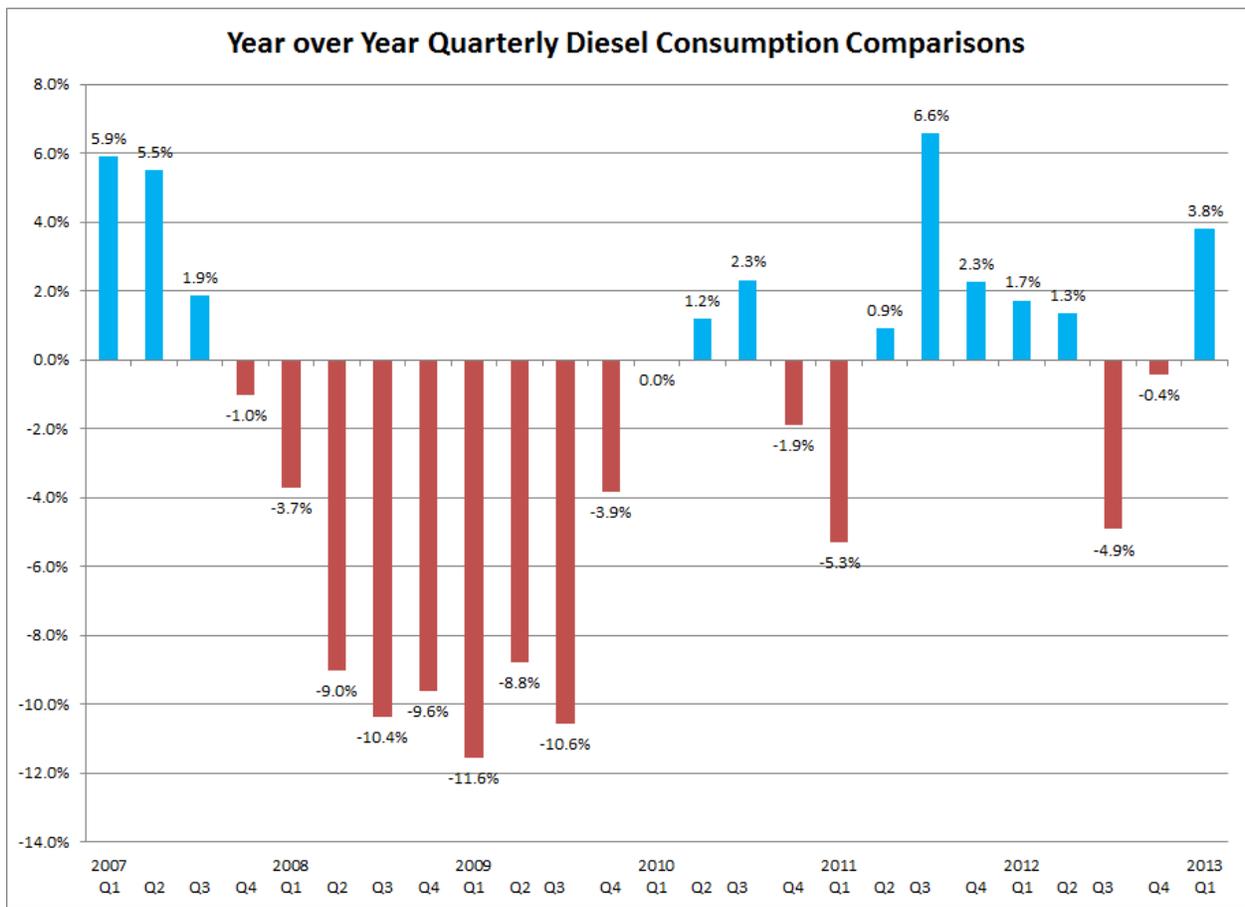


## Year over Year Quarterly Gasoline Consumption Comparisons



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State 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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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

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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