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## Trends in Transportation Energy Consumption

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## Finished Retail Transportation Energy Consumption



Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, National Transit Database

## California On-Road Vehicle Fleet



Source: California Energy Commission, California Department of Motor Vehicles

## Trends in Finished Gasoline Consumption

- 4 years of consecutive daily consumption declined from 43.5 million gallons a day in 2005 to 40.6 million gallons a day in 2009.
- On an annual basis, California has experienced 5 years of demand decline (15.9 billion in 2004 to 14.8 billion in 2009), before increasing slightly in 2010 to 14.86 billion gallons.
- From 2004 to 2008, average California regular grade gasoline prices have risen from $\$ 2.11$ to $\$ 3.52$, before falling to $\$ 2.67$ in 2009.
- From 2004 to 2010, California’s share of U.S. gasoline consumption has fallen 11.4 percent to $10.7 \%$.
- The percent of ethanol in gasoline has also risen from 6\% in 2004 to $10 \%$ in 2010.


## California Total and Per Capita Gasoline Consumption


-Daily California Gasoline Consumption $\rightarrow$ CA Per Capita Gasoline Consumption * US Per Capita Gasoline Consumption

Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization


## California Per Capita Vehicle Miles Traveled and Gasoline Consumption



Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, California Department of Transportation

## Gasoline Consumption and Transit Ridership



Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, National Transit Database

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## California Per Capita Gasoline

 Consumption and Unemployment Rates

- CA Unemployment Rate $\quad$ U.S. Unemployment Rate

Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## California Gasoline Expenditures and Consumption, with Income.



Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, Energy Information Administration

## Gasoline Summary

- Along with the drops in annual gasoline consumption, California per capita gasoline consumption has fallen from 1.2 gallons a day in 2004 to 1.041 .2 gallons a day in 2010.
- This fall is accompanied by a dropped in per capita driving over the same time period, from 24.6 miles a day to 22.96 miles a day.
- There has been a rise in California transit ridership over that time period, possibly accounting for some of the decline in gasoline consumption.
- The largest shift in California per capita gasoline consumption occurs from 2007 to 2008 as California unemployment increases from 4.9\% in January of 2007 to $9.1 \%$ in December of 2008.
- From 2002 to 2008, price increases in gasoline lead to a rise in real gasoline expenditures from $1.6 \%$ to $2.7 \%$.


## Trends in Diesel and Jet Fuel Consumption

- Diesel and jet fuel consumption in 2010 was 3.3 and 3.1 billion gallons, respectively, roughly $21 \%$ to $22 \%$ of the size of gasoline consumption
- In 2008 consumption for both fuels declined, from 3.8 to 3.4 billion gallons for diesel and from 3.4 to 3.1 billion gallons for jet fuel.
- With consumption of both fuels being linked to freight goods movement, consumption of these fuel seem strongly linked to Californian income.
- Like gasoline prices, California diesel prices rose from an average of $\$ 2.09$ in 2004 to an average of $\$ 3.93$ in 2008, before falling to $\$ 2.60$ in 2009.


## California Taxable Diesel Consumption and Income



Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Average U.S. Rail Activity and California Diesel Consumption



Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, Association of American Railroads

## California Port Activity and Income


-Annual Totals (LB, LA \& Oakland) - CA Per Capita GSP
$\triangle$ US Per Capita GDP
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, American Association of Port Authority, Port of Long Beach, Port of Los Angeles, Port of Oakland

California Commercial Air Travel Departures and Jet Fuel Consumption


Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, National Transit Database

## Air Travel Ticket Prices and Income



Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, National Transit Database

## Alternative Fuels

- Excluding the ethanol used in gasoline, natural gas is the most consumed alternative fuel in California, estimated at 192 million GGEs.
- Excluding the ethanol in gasoline, total retail alternative fuels consumption has been rising, going from 1 to $1.6 \%$ of gasoline consumption from 2006 to 2010.
- Staff estimates that the largest proportion of transportation natural gas consume comes from Medium- and Heavy- Duty vehicle consumption.
- Initial analysis of retail alternative fuels indicates that consumption of these fuels are unstable and likely highly sensitive to changes in economic conditions.
- Staff experiences many difficulties in determining actual levels of consumption of retail alternative fuels.


## Finished Alternative Fuel Consumption


$\square$ Biodiesel $\square \mathrm{E}-85 \square$ Natural Gas $\square$ Electricity $*$ Alt Fuels as a Percent of Gasoline

Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, National Transit Database

## Data Sources for Finished Alternative Fuel Consumption

- Biodiesel: Board of Equalization wholesale tax receipts.
- E-85:
- Natural gas:
- Electricity:

Board of Equalization wholesale tax receipts.
Staff estimated based on vehicle population and calibrated to a 2006 California Public Utilities Commission estimate of natural gas consumed for transportation purposes.
Staff estimated based on vehicle population and average driving behavior of California citizens and National Transit Database figures for transit vehicles.

## Medium- / Heavy- Duty Natural Gas Vehicles


$■$ Government MD/HD Commercial - Non-Rental MD/HD ■ Rental MD/HD
Source: California Energy Commission, Board of Equalization, National Transit Database

## Transportation Energy Trends Wrap-Up

- Gasoline consumption had begun to decline on a daily and annual basis before the recent California economic difficulties.
- With the beginning of increased unemployment and the decline of real income for California citizens, consumption for the three primary transportation fuels declined significantly-
* 5 percent decline for gasoline (2007 to 2008)
* 10 percent decline for diesel (2007 to 2008)
* 9 percent decline for jet fuel (2007 to 2008)
- Retail alternative fuel consumption is increasing, but remains a small portion of transportation fuel use.


## Questions and Comments



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