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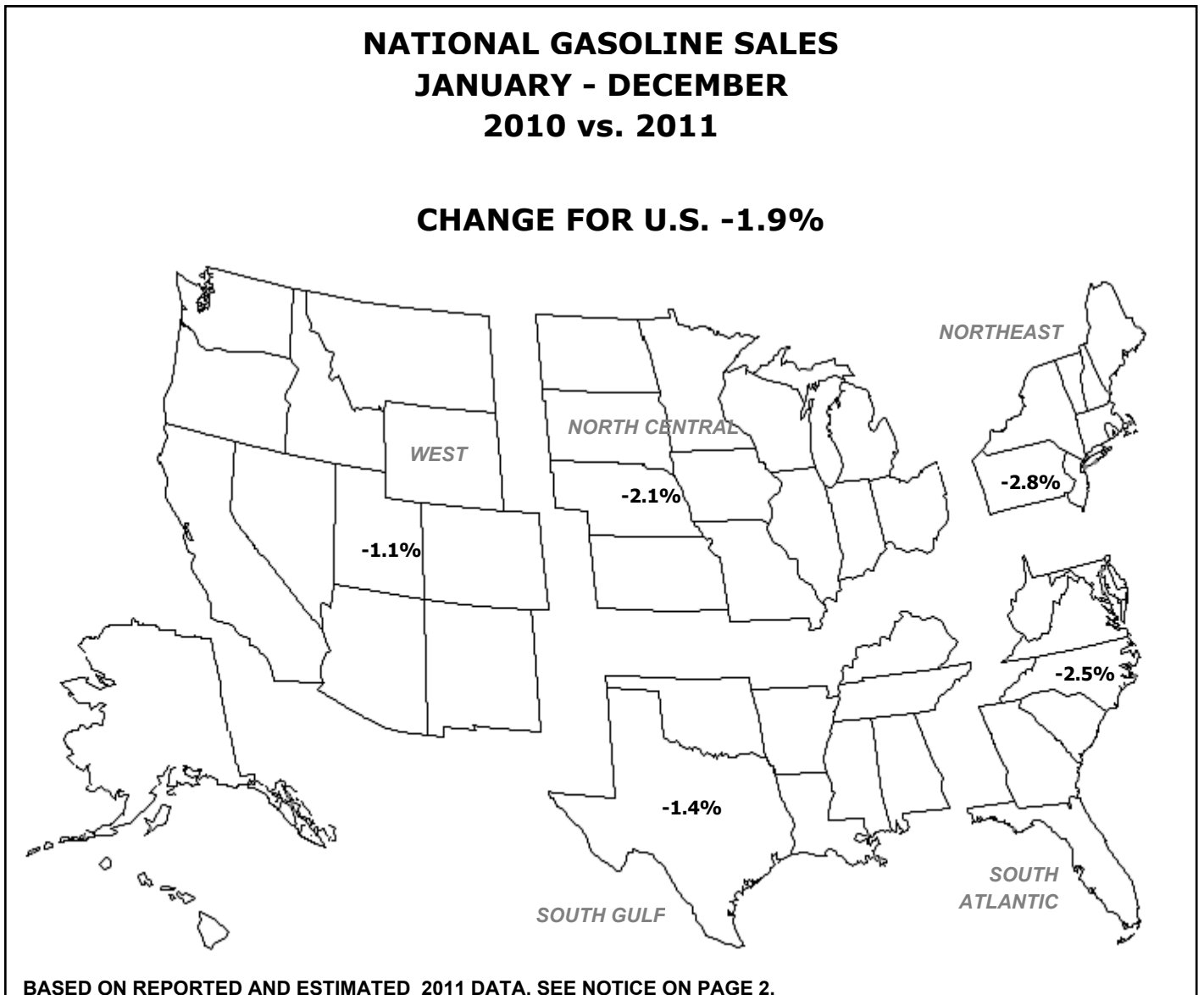
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MONTHLY MOTOR FUEL REPORTED BY STATES

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Data in the tables are subject to change because the States may revise and update their data. Effective with the May, 2005 report, the table MF-121T will no longer show tax rate changes during the year. The table only show the most current tax rate and the effective date.

In the event that a State has not yet reported data, the tables MF33G, MF33GA, MF33SF, and the Cover Sheet of this report will show estimates based on the State's previous years' data and that State's region percent change. If the previous year's data is unavailable, the estimate will be based on two years back. Estimated data for States are in bold fonts.

Note to Users of Monthly Motor-Fuel 'Retail Price' Data: Beginning with the May 2011 edition of the Monthly Motor Fuel Reported by States, the 'Retail Price Data' table will no longer be published. For information on the price of fuel, see the Energy Information Agency (EIA) website at the following link:

<http://www.eia.gov/>

Motor Fuel Trends

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Gasoline Sales

Based on State-reported data (33 entities) and estimated data where States did not report, gasoline consumption for January - December 2011 changed by -1.9 percent compared to the same period in 2010. 1/

The gasoline volume shown in this report is a cumulative tabulation of gross volume reported by wholesale distributors to State motor fuel tax agencies. It includes highway use, nonhighway use and losses. There is a lag of up to 6 weeks between the wholesale transactions reported and retail sales to consumers. Travel trends are reported monthly in *Traffic Volume Trends* based on actual traffic counts at permanent traffic recorders operated by the State highway agencies and reflect highway use of fuel. The vehicle-miles reported include all vehicles, regardless of fuel type. While data in both reports reflect changes in trends, large monthly changes can be caused by exceptional weather conditions, variations in timing of holidays, or processing delays.

Motor Fuel Taxation

All States levy volume taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel. The rates in effect for 2011 are shown in Table MF-121T. The gasoline rates vary from a low of 7.5 cents per gallon to 37.5 cents with an average of 21.4 cents. Five States provide for full or partial exemptions for gasohol, a blend of 90 percent gasoline and 10 percent fuel alcohol. Diesel fuel rates vary from 7.5 cents to 46.2 cents per gallon.

Traditionally, State fuel tax rates could only be changed with legislation, but 10 States now have variable rate motor fuel taxes. These taxes are adjusted at specified intervals-annually, semiannually, or quarterly-usually on Table MF-121T. Adjustments to variable rate taxes are announced by State tax agencies shortly before the effective date of the change.

1/ This percentage change is a comparison for those States for which data are available for the report month. However, the percentage change on the national map is a comparison of cumulative data for all States (reported and estimated) for which both 2010 and 2011 data are available.

TAX RATES ON MOTOR FUEL 1/

TABLE MF-121T

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(CENTS PER GALLON)

2011 Reporting Period

STATE	GASOLINE		DIESEL		LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS		GASOHOL ²	
	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Alabama *	18	10/01/95	19	06/01/92	-	-	18	10/01/95
Alaska	8	09/01/09	8	09/01/09	-	-	8	09/01/09
Arizona *	18	07/01/00	26	07/01/00	-	-	18	07/01/00
Arkansas *	21.5	07/01/01	22.5	07/01/01	16.5	04/01/91	21.5	07/01/01
California *	18	01/01/94	13	07/01/11	6	01/01/66	35.7	07/01/11
Colorado *	22	01/01/91	20.5	01/01/92	20.5	01/01/92	22	01/01/91
Connecticut *	25	01/01/05	46.2	07/01/11	-	-	25	01/01/05
Delaware *	23	01/01/95	22	01/01/95	22	01/01/95	23	01/01/95
District of Columbia	23.5	10/01/09	23.5	10/01/09	20	10/01/94	23.5	10/01/09
Florida *	16.2	01/01/11	16.2	01/01/11	14.5	01/01/05	16.2	01/01/11
Georgia	7.5	07/01/71	7.5	07/01/71	7.5	07/01/71	7.5	07/01/71
Hawaii *	17	07/01/07	17	07/01/07	5.2	07/01/04	16	07/01/91
Idaho *	25	01/01/96	25	01/01/96	18.1	01/01/96	25	07/01/09
Illinois *	19	01/01/90	21.5	01/01/90	19	01/01/90	19	01/01/90
Indiana *	18	01/01/03	16	01/01/97	-	-	18	01/01/03
Iowa *	21	07/01/08	22.5	01/01/89	20	01/01/89	19	01/01/89
Kansas *	24	07/01/03	26	07/01/03	23	07/01/03	24	07/01/03
Kentucky *	26.4	07/01/11	23.4	07/01/11	26.4	07/01/11	26.4	07/01/11
Louisiana	20	01/01/90	20	01/01/90	16	07/01/93	20	01/01/90
Maine *	29.5	07/01/09	30.7	07/01/09	-	-	23	08/01/99
Maryland	23.5	05/01/92	24.25	07/01/93	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	21	01/01/91	21	01/01/91	23	10/01/11	21	01/01/91
Michigan	19	08/01/97	15	04/01/03	15	01/01/84	-	-
Minnesota *	28	07/01/11	28	07/01/11	21.05	07/01/11	28	07/01/11
Mississippi *	18.4	08/01/00	18.4	08/01/00	17	01/31/89	18.4	08/01/00
Missouri *	17	04/01/96	17	04/01/96	17	04/01/96	17	04/01/96
Montana *	27.75	07/01/94	28.5	07/01/94	-	-	23.75	04/28/05
Nebraska *	26.3	07/01/11	26.3	07/01/11	26.3	07/01/11	26.3	07/01/11
Nevada	24	10/02/92	27	10/02/92	22	07/01/97	24	10/02/92
New Hampshire *	19.625	12/01/00	19.625	12/01/00	-	-	18	12/01/00
New Jersey *	10.5	07/01/88	13.5	07/01/88	5.25	07/01/88	10.5	01/01/92
New Mexico *	17	07/01/95	21	07/01/04	12	01/01/02	17	07/01/95
New York *	25.05	01/01/11	23.25	01/01/11	8.05	01/01/02	25.05	01/01/11
North Carolina *	35.25	07/01/11	35.25	07/01/11	27.1	07/01/05	35.25	07/01/11
North Dakota *	23	07/01/05	23	07/01/05	23	07/01/05	23	07/01/05
Ohio *	28	07/01/05	28	07/01/05	28	07/01/05	28	07/01/05
Oklahoma *	17	05/27/87	14	05/27/87	17	05/27/87	17	05/27/87
Oregon *	30	01/01/11	30	01/01/11	23.1	01/01/11	30	01/01/11
Pennsylvania *	31.2	01/01/06	38.1	01/01/06	22.8	01/01/06	31.2	01/01/06
Rhode Island *	32	04/01/09	32	04/01/09	32	04/01/09	32	04/01/09
South Carolina	16	07/01/87	16	07/01/87	16	07/01/87	16	07/01/87
South Dakota *	22	04/01/99	22	04/01/99	20	04/01/99	8	07/01/09
Tennessee	20	07/01/89	17	04/01/90	14	07/01/89	20	07/01/89
Texas *	20	10/01/91	20	10/01/91	15	09/01/97	20	10/01/91
Utah *	24.5	05/01/97	24.5	05/01/97	24.5	05/01/97	24.5	05/01/97
Vermont *	20	07/01/99	29	10/01/09	-	-	-	-
Virginia *	17.5	01/01/87	17.5	07/01/07	17.5	07/01/07	17.5	01/01/87
Washington *	37.5	07/01/08	37.5	07/01/08	37.5	07/01/08	37.5	07/01/08
West Virginia *	32.2	01/01/08	32.2	01/01/08	32.2	01/01/08	32.2	01/01/08
Wisconsin *	30.9	04/01/06	30.9	04/01/06	22.6	04/01/06	30.9	04/01/06
Wyoming *	14	07/01/98	14	07/01/98	14	07/01/98	14	07/01/98
Puerto Rico	16	07/01/75	8	07/01/94	-	-	-	-
Mean	22.015		22.659		19.211		21.976	
Weighted Average	21.382		21.338		11.638		25.803	
Federal Tax	18.4	10/01/97	24.4	10/01/97	13.6	10/01/97	18.4	01/01/05

TAX RATES ON MOTOR FUEL - FOOTNOTES

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For States marked with an asterisk on table MF-121T - Sheet 1, see the notes below:	
Alabama -	The gasoline, gasohol, and diesel rates include a 2 cents per gallon inspection fee. Alabama-registered LPG vehicles pay an annual fee based on vehicle type in lieu of the volume tax.
Arizona -	The fuel tax on diesel remains at 18 cents per gallon for light and exempt vehicles, but is set at 27 cents per gallon if used to propel a truck with more than two axles or with a declared gross weight over 26,000 pounds.
Arkansas -	The gasoline, gasohol, and diesel rates include 0.4 cents per gallon Environmental Assurance Fee. Applicants for LPG user permits must pay a fee in lieu of the volume tax.
California -	LPG users may pay an annual fee in lieu of the volume tax.
Colorado -	Owners of LPG vehicles registered in the State must pay an annual fee in lieu of the volume tax.
Connecticut -	The tax is computed at 5% of the gross earnings from the first sale of a petroleum product in the State.
Delaware -	The tax rate varies annually based on the average wholesale price of gasoline for the previous year.
Florida -	Tax rates are variable, adjusted annually. For gasoline and gasohol, in addition to the rates shown, there is a State-imposed State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System (SCETS) tax that varies by the county from 0-5.0 cents per gallon. All counties levy the SCETS tax on gasoline, but a few levy less than the maximum rate. LPG vehicles registered in the State pay an annual fee in lieu of the tax on alternative fuels and the SCETS tax.
Hawaii -	Effective 01/01/02, alternative fuels pay an amount proportional to the diesel tax as follows: .29 for ethanol, .5 for bio-diesel, and .33 for LPG. An additional 1 cent is added to these amounts, and then rounded to the nearest 1 cent.
Idaho -	LPG users may pay an annual fee based on vehicle weight in lieu of volume tax.
Illinois -	Motor carriers pay an additional 6.3 cents per gallon on gasoline, 6.5 cents on diesel, and 5.9 cents on LPG.
Indiana -	Motor carriers pay an additional 11 cents per gallon. LPG vehicles pay an annual fee.
Iowa -	Effective 07/01/02, motor fuel tax rates will be adjusted annually based on the amounts of ethanol blended gasoline being sold and distributed annually.
Kansas -	LPG users may pay an annual fee based on mileage and gross vehicle weight in lieu of the volume tax.
Kentucky -	Tax rates are variable, adjusted quarterly. A 2 percent surtax is imposed on gasoline and 4.7 percent on special fuels for any vehicle with 3 or more axles. The gasoline, gasohol, and diesel rates include 1.4 cents per gallon Petroleum Environmental Assurance Fee.
Maine -	Rates are variable, adjusted every February based on past years Consumer Price Index. Rates are effective on the following July 1.
Minnesota -	There is a credit to the wholesaler of 15 cents per gallon of alcohol used to make gasohol.
Mississippi -	The gasoline, gasohol, and diesel rates include 0.4 cents per gallon dedicated to the Groundwater Protection Trust Fund.
Missouri -	LPG vehicles 18,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight registered in the State pay an annual fee in lieu of the volume tax.
Montana -	LPG vehicles registered in the State pay an annual fee based on gross weight in lieu of the volume tax. Out-of-State vehicles purchase trip permits. There is an alcohol distiller credit of 30 cents per gallon of alcohol produced in the State with State agricultural products and used to make gasohol.
Nebraska -	Rates are variable, adjusted quarterly. The gasoline and gasohol include 0.6 cents per gallon and diesel rate includes 0.2 cents per gallon Petroleum Release Remedial Action Fee. Effective 01/01/02, new Nebraska ethanol production facilities may receive an ethanol production credit equal to 18 cents per gallon of ethanol used to fuel motor vehicles.
New Hampshire -	The gasoline, gasohol, and diesel rates include 1.5 cents per gallon Oil Discharge and Disposal Cleanup Fee. Alternative fuel vehicles pay twice the usual registration fee in lieu of the volume tax.
New Jersey -	In addition to the rates shown, there is a Petroleum Products Gross Receipts Tax. The tax is computed on a cents-per-gallon basis and is applicable to a wide variety of petroleum products.
New Mexico -	The gasoline, gasohol, and diesel rates include the Petroleum Products Loading Fee of \$150 per 8,000 gallons (1.875 cents per gallon). Owners of LPG-powered vehicles up to 54,000 pounds gross vehicle weight may pay an annual fee in lieu of the volume tax.
New York -	Rates are variable, adjusted annually. Rates include the Petroleum Business Tax of 17 cents per gallon. The gasoline rate includes a 0.5 mill (0.05 cents) per gallon Petroleum Testing Fee.
North Carolina -	Rates are variable, adjusted semiannually.
North Dakota -	A special excise tax of 2% is imposed on all sales of special fuel (diesel or LPG) that are exempted from the volume tax if the fuel is sold for use in the State. There is a producer credit of 40 cents per gallon of agriculturally derived alcohol produced in the State and used to make gasohol.
Ohio -	Commercial vehicles formerly subject to the highway use tax pay an additional 3 cents per gallon. Dealers are refunded 10 cents per gallon of each qualified fuel (ethanol or methanol) blended with unleaded gasoline.
Oklahoma -	Rates shown include 1 cent per gallon tax dedicated to the Petroleum Underground Tank Release Environmental Cleanup Indemnity Fund. When the Fund reaches specified balance, future tax revenues will be deposited in a highway fund. The gasoline, gasohol, and LPG rates include 0.08 cents for fuel inspection. LPG users may pay an annual fee in lieu of the volume tax.
Oregon -	The diesel and LPG rates shown are paid by users for vehicles not under the jurisdiction of Public Utility Commissioner. Vehicles under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commissioner and paying motor-carrier fees are exempt from payment of the motor-fuel tax.
Pennsylvania -	The rates include the Oil Franchise Tax for Maintenance and Construction, a variable rate tax adjusted annually. LPG rate is based on the gasoline gallon equivalent.
Rhode Island -	Rates includes 1 cent per gallon tax for the Underground Storage Tank Financial Responsibility Fund.
South Dakota -	As of 7/1/2009, South Dakota taxes gasoline at 22 cents and ethyl alcohol at 8 cents.
Texas -	Owners of LPG vehicles registered in the State must pay an annual fee in lieu of the volume tax.
Utah -	LPG is tax exempt if user purchases annual exemption certificate.
Vermont -	Diesel vehicles 10,000 pounds and over pay 26 cents per gallon. LPG vehicles are subject to a registration fee 1.75 times the usual fee. The gasoline, gasohol, and diesel rates include 1 cents per gallon for the Petroleum Cleanup Fund.
Virginia -	Vehicles weighing 26,000 pounds or more having 3 or more axles pay an additional 3.5 cents per gallon.
Washington -	Owners of LPG vehicles pay an annual fee.
West Virginia -	Rates are variable, adjusted annually.
Wisconsin -	Rates are variable, adjusted annually.
Wyoming -	LPG is subject to sales tax. The gasoline, gasohol, and diesel rates include 1 cent for the Underground Storage Tank Corrective Action Account.
1/	This table shows motor-fuel tax rates in effect as of January 1, and any subsequent changes that have occurred through the date shown in the title. Only taxes that are levied as a dollar amount per volume of motor fuel are included on sheet 1. Taxes that apply to all petroleum products without distinguishing motor fuel are omitted. Local option taxes are included only when they have been adopted uniformly Statewide.
2/	The gasohol rates shown are for gasoline blended with 10 percent ethanol. NOTE: The States which have exemptions are: Hawaii 1 cent, Iowa 2 cents, Maine 6.5 cents, and Montana 4 cents.

TAX RATES ON MOTOR FUEL

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STATE	SALES TAX	
	PERCENT	REMARKS
Alabama	4.0	Applies to fuel not taxable under volume tax laws.
Arizona	5.0	Applies to fuel not taxed under the motor-fuel or fuel-use taxes. Liquefied petroleum gas sold, used, or stored in State is exempt.
Arkansas	4.5	Special fuel for municipal buses and gasoline are exempt.
California	6.0	Applies to sales price including Federal and State motor-fuel taxes.
Colorado	3.0	Applies to fuel taxable under volume tax laws.
Connecticut	5.0	A Petroleum Products Gross Earnings tax is applied to many petroleum products, in addition to the per gallon taxes shown on Sheet 1.
District of Columbia	5.8	Applies to fuel not taxable under volume tax laws.
Georgia	4.0	A 3-percent second motor fuel tax and a 1-cent sales tax apply to the sales price including Federal motor-fuel tax.
Hawaii	4.0	Applies to the sales price excluding Federal and State motor fuel taxes. Alcohol fuels are exempt.
Idaho	5.0	Fuels subject to the motor fuel volume tax are exempt.
Indiana	5.0	Applies to the sales price excluding Federal and State motor fuel taxes.
Iowa	5.0	Applies to fuel not taxable under fuel tax laws, including those fuels taxable, then subject to refund.
Kansas	4.9	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Kentucky	6.0	Applies to sales price, exclusive of Federal tax, of fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Maine	6.0	Applies to motor fuel not taxed at the maximum rate for highway use under the volume tax laws.
Maryland	6.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under motor fuel tax laws, unless exempt from the sales and use tax by statute.
Massachusetts	5.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Michigan	6.0	Applies to sales price including Federal volume tax, except when used in a passenger vehicle with capacity of 10 or more, for-hire, over regularly scheduled routes in the State.
Minnesota	6.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Nebraska	5.0	Gasoline is exempt. Diesel and alternative fuels subject to the volume tax are exempt.
New Mexico	5.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws. Ethanol blends deductible under the gasoline tax laws are exempt.
New York	4.0	Applies only to the first \$2 of the price of a gallon of motor fuel. Counties have the option to use this cents-per-gallon method, or continue using their local percentage rates in their calculations.
North Dakota	5.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Ohio	5.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Oklahoma	4.5	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Pennsylvania	6.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
South Carolina	5.0	Applies to sales price of aviation gasoline only.
South Dakota	4.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Tennessee	6.0	Gasoline on which the volume tax has been paid and not refunded, and motor fuel subject to the fuel-use tax are exempt. Sales tax rate on aviation is 4.5 percent. LPG users without permits must pay in advance at the beginning of the fiscal year, others pay quarterly. Fee is based on vehicle weight and fuel efficiency.
Texas	6.3	Applies to fuels not taxed or exempted under other laws.
Utah	4.9	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Washington	6.5	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws. Certain providers of public transportation of handicapped persons are exempt.
Wisconsin	5.0	Applies to fuels not taxable under the volume tax laws.
Wyoming	4.0	Applies to sales price of LPG. Gasoline and diesel subject to volume tax are exempt.

MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES FOR SELECTED COUNTRIES 1/

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(CENTS PER GALLON)

COUNTRY	GASOLINE	DIESEL
Belgium	433	332
France	421	325
Germany	440	341
Italy	489	433
Japan	321	200
Netherlands	484	319
United Kingdom	469	477
United States 2/	40	46

1/ Source for foreign rates is data collected by the U.S. Department of Energy from various sources. Rates were converted to U.S. currency using current exchange rates.

2/ Includes the weighted average of State taxes as shown on Table MF-121T plus the Federal Tax.

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