



Iowa Department of **REVENUE**

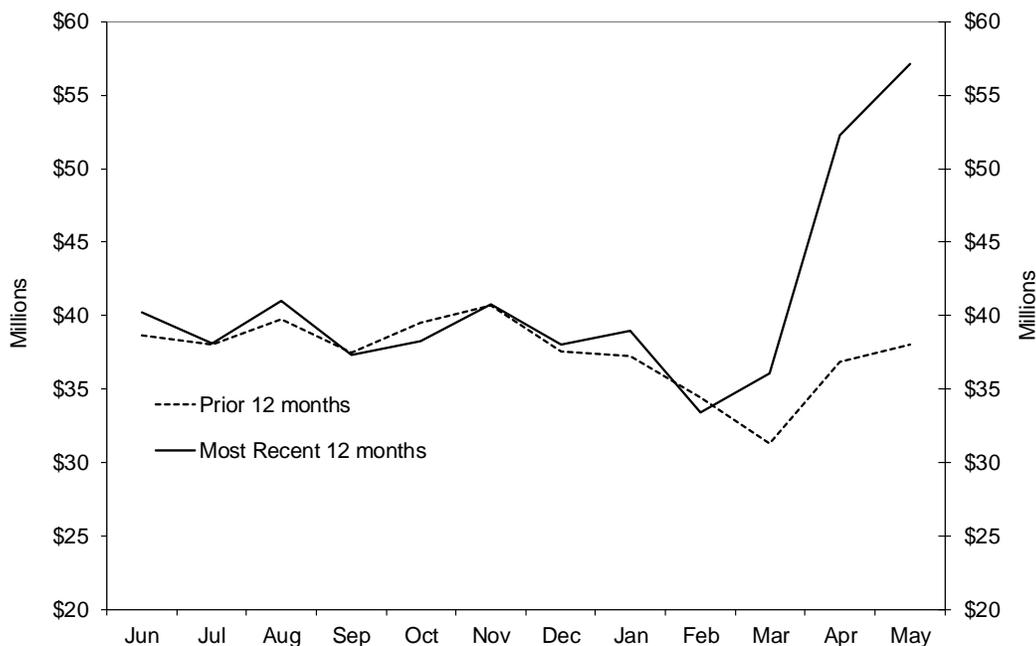
Fuel Tax Monthly Report for May 2015

The Iowa Fuel Tax Monthly Report presents the gross gallons of fuel delivered by Iowa licensed Suppliers, Blenders, Importers, Restrictive Suppliers, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas/Compressed Natural Gas Dealers and Users. The report captures information on a monthly basis and is made available on the Motor Fuel monthly reports page of the [Iowa Department of Revenue website](#). The Monthly Report is available no later than the last working day of the month following the tax reporting period covered in the Monthly Report. For example, information for the tax period March 1 through March 31, which is reported to the Department of Revenue during the reporting period April 1 to April 30, is contained in the April Monthly Report.

Page 3 of the report shows monthly collections for nine fuel types as well as collections from prior tax periods reported as accounts receivable. Fiscal Year-To-Date and Prior Fiscal Year-To-Date collections, refunds and credits, and collections less refunds and credits are also provided, along with the percent change between the two years. Refund claims can be filed throughout the year, while credits are claimed only once a year on annual income tax returns.

Figure 1 compares monthly net collections across the last 24 months. Net collections were \$57.1 million in May 2015, markedly higher than in May 2014, and continuing a sharp increase over collections since March 2015. The spike in net collections reflects the impact of tax rate increases that became effective on March 1, 2015. With 200.0 million taxable gallons of various fuel types reported subject to the higher tax rates, the rate increases account for an estimated increase in collections of \$20.0 million in the month.

**Figure 1. Iowa Monthly Fuel Tax Collections Less Refunds and Credits:
Most Recent 12 Months Compared to Prior 12 Months for May 2015**



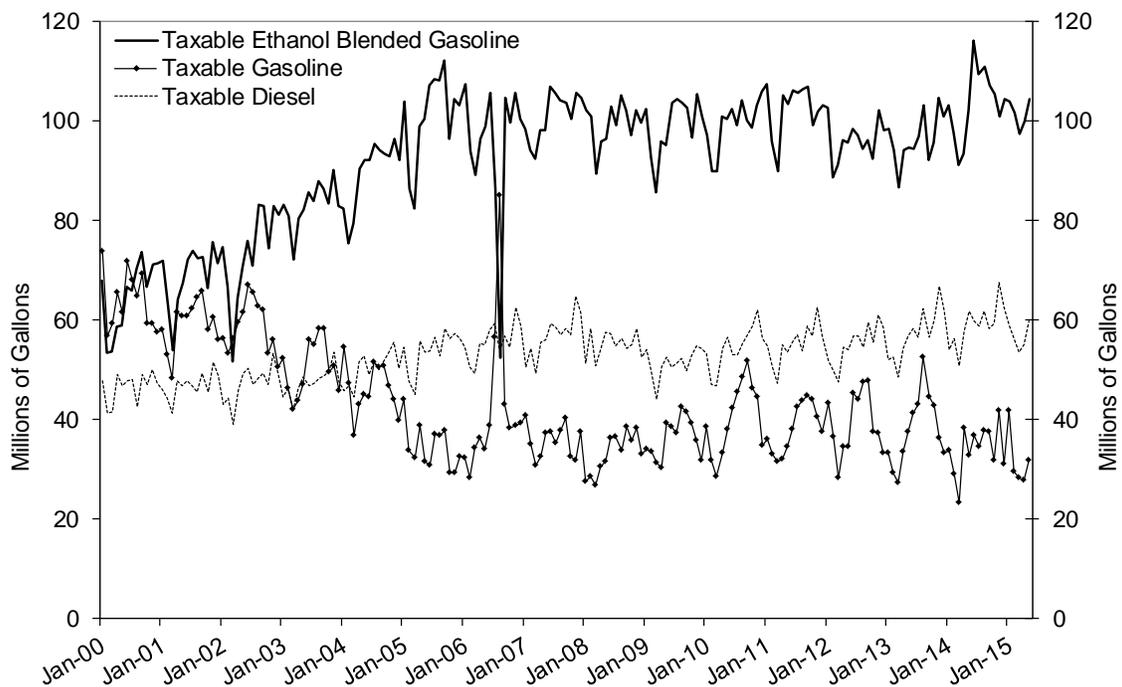
Source: Iowa Department of Revenue

Page 4 of the report displays gross gallons and taxable gallons by fuel type for Motor Fuel, Special Fuel, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, and Compressed Natural Gas. The main factor in the difference between gross and taxable amounts is exported gallons, where Iowa exports well over half of the ethanol-blended gasoline produced in the state. Note that, though done infrequently, the number of taxable gallons is sometimes reported in a month other than that for which taxes are due and remitted.

Collections and gallon amounts contained in this report are from the Supplier/Terminal or “Rack” level, not the retail level. Further blending of products may occur throughout the fuel distribution chain. This is the case for most E85 (gasoline blended with 70 to 85 percent ethanol) gallons, therefore the gallons reported are far below actual retail gallons sold in Iowa.

In 2000, taxable sales of ethanol blended gasoline and gasoline were roughly equal. As Figure 2 shows, over the next six years demand shifted to ethanol blended gasoline sales which rose to over two-thirds of gallons sold, except for September 2006 when a temporary price shift drove a brief change in demand. Since 2007, ethanol blended gasoline has accounted for a monthly average of 73 percent of taxable gallons of motor fuel. In May 2015, ethanol blended gasoline accounted for 77 percent of taxable gallons of motor fuel.

Figure 2. Iowa Monthly Taxable Ethanol Blended Gasoline, Gasoline, and Diesel Gallons: January 2000 – May 2015



Source: Iowa Department of Revenue

The report also shows a breakdown of the refund dollar amounts by claim type for the month. Refunds are claimed against taxes paid on fuel that is used for non-taxable purposes, such as agricultural or commercial non-highway uses. Refunds are also claimed for excess tax on ethanol blended gasoline and denaturing alcohol. The excess tax on ethanol blended gasoline refund results when a blender purchases gasoline taxed at 31 cents per gallon and collects tax on the resulting ethanol blended gasoline at 29 cents per gallon; therefore, the additional 2 cents paid on the gasoline is eligible for refund. The denaturing alcohol refund applies when the denaturant (gasoline) taxed at 31 cents per gallon is blended with food grade alcohol to produce ethanol. When a refund of Iowa fuel tax is granted for non-taxable usage, those gallons become subject to Iowa sales tax, unless a sales tax exemption applies. Sales tax collected on those gallons is included at the bottom of the second page of the monthly report.

**Iowa Department of Revenue
Fuel Tax Monthly Report
For Gallons Reported on Returns Filed in May 2015**

MOTOR FUEL

Detailed Collections	Gasoline	Ethanol Blended Gasoline	E85	Aviation Gasoline	
		\$9,832,451	\$30,157,261	\$215,271	\$10,390
Collections	Total Remitted	\$40,215,373			
Permit Refunds	Total Refunded	<u>\$2,263,593</u>			
Collections Less Permit Refunds		Current Month \$37,951,780	Fiscal YTD \$297,269,850	Prior FYTD \$269,823,400	Change 10.17%

SPECIAL FUEL

Detailed Collections	Aviation Jet		Diesel		
			\$150,003		\$19,349,370
Collections	Total Remitted	\$19,499,373			
Permit Refunds	Total Refunded	<u>\$243,010</u>			
Collections Less Permit Refunds		Current Month \$19,256,363	Fiscal YTD \$155,809,092	Prior FYTD \$143,040,767	Change 8.93%

LPG, LNG, & CNG

Detailed Collections	LPG	LNG	CNG		
		\$36,108	\$0	\$71,057	
Collections	Total Remitted	\$107,165			
Permit Refunds	Total Refunded	<u>\$4,935</u>			
Collections Less Permit Refunds		Current Month \$102,230	Fiscal YTD \$377,529	Prior FYTD \$223,216	Change 69.13%

MISC. & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Detailed Collections	Miscellaneous	Accounts Receivable			
		\$0	\$12,731		
Collections	Total Remitted	<u>\$12,731</u>			
Misc. & Account Receivable		Current Month \$12,731	Fiscal YTD \$343,836	Prior FYTD \$433,022	Change -20.60%

TOTAL

Collections	Current Month	Fiscal YTD	Prior FYTD	Change
	\$59,834,642	\$482,992,134	\$437,213,260	10.47%
Refunds				
Permit Refunds Including Interest	\$2,511,539			
Motor Fuel Individual/Corporate Credits	<u>\$180,237</u>			
Total Refunds and Credits	\$2,691,776	\$31,848,401	\$28,483,842	11.81%
Collections Less Permit Refunds and Credits	\$57,142,866	\$451,143,733	\$408,729,418	10.38%

**Iowa Department of Revenue
Fuel Tax Monthly Report
For Gallons Reported on Returns Filed in May 2015**

MOTOR FUEL GALLONS SUMMARY

	Gasoline	Ethanol Blended Gasoline	E85	Aviation Gas	Motor Fuel Total
Gross Gallons Received	38,710,939	261,365,096	987,262	132,469	301,195,766
Exported Gallons	6,316,125	155,167,382	234,537	0	161,718,044
Distribution Allowance	514,452	1,675,957	6,548	1,849	2,198,806
Total Taxable Gallons	31,880,362	104,521,757	746,177	130,620	137,278,916
Remitted	\$9,832,451	\$30,157,261	\$215,271	\$10,390	\$40,215,373

SPECIAL FUEL GALLONS SUMMARY

	Aviation Jet	Diesel	Special Fuel Total
Gross Gallons Received	3,362,952	76,517,688	79,880,640
Exported Gallons	327,234	16,263,340	16,590,574
Distribution Allowance	19,568	404,667	424,235
Total Taxable Gallons	3,016,150	59,849,681	62,865,831
Remitted	\$150,003	\$19,349,370	\$19,499,373

LPG, LNG, & CNG GALLONS SUMMARY

	LPG	LNG	CNG
Total Taxable Gallons	121,400	0	277,623
Remitted	\$36,108	\$0	\$71,057

REFUND SUMMARY

		DOLLARS				
Number of Claims	Permit Type	Motor Fuel	Special Fuel	LPG & CNG	Interest Paid	Total
15	Agricultural	1,576	2,254	0	0	3,830
4	Federal Government	40,120	3,738	0	0	43,857
13	State Government	192,188	113,132	0	0	305,320
110	Other Political	82,599	28,194	4,749	0	115,541
0	Urban Transit	0	0	0	0	0
0	Regional Transit	0	0	0	0	0
1	Native American	3,851	114	0	0	3,965
0	Contract Carrier	0	0	0	0	0
0	Commercial Fisherman	0	0	0	0	0
0	Home Heating	0	0	0	0	0
2	Extract of Nat'l Deposits	515	0	0	0	515
23	Denaturing Alcohol	1,187,744	0	0	0	1,187,744
90	Commercial	48,940	81,890	186	1	131,018
0	Refund Agent	0	0	0	0	0
6	Transport Diversions	697,810	13,351	0	0	711,160
0	Casualty Losses	0	0	0	0	0
1	Special Fuel Blending	0	338	0	0	338
7	Excess Tax on Ethanol Blended Gasoline	8,252	0	0	0	8,252
0	Excess Tax on E85	0	0	0	0	0
272	TOTALS	\$2,263,593	\$243,010	\$4,935	\$1	\$2,511,539

GALLONS USED IN A MANNER EXEMPT FROM FUEL TAX

Sales Tax \$117,278