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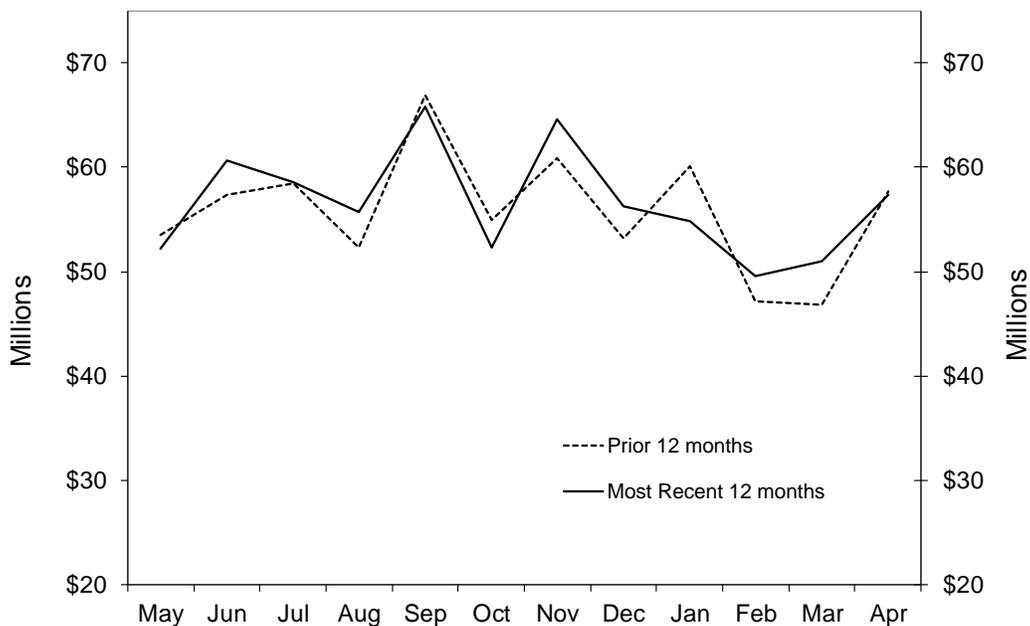
Fuel Tax Monthly Report for April 2019

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 is published on the Motor Fuel monthly reports page of the [Iowa Department of Revenue website](#). Each month's report is available no later than the last working day of the month following the tax reporting period it covers.

Page 3 of the report shows monthly collections for ten fuel types and collections from prior tax periods reported as accounts receivable. Fiscal Year-To-Date and Prior Fiscal Year-To-Date collections, refunds, credits, and collections less refunds and credits are also provided. While refund claims can be filed throughout the year, credits are claimed once annually on income tax returns.

Figure 1 compares monthly net collections across the last 24 months. In April 2019 collections were \$57.4 million, 0.6 percent lower than April of last year. Year-over-year, motor fuel net collections decreased by 1.3 percent and collections on diesel increased by 1.9 percent. Monthly collections were higher than prior year numbers in seven of the last twelve months. Because the number of taxable gallons may be reported in a month other than that for which taxes are remitted, net collections do not necessarily reflect the number of taxable gallons sold in the month. In April 2019, taxable gallons of motor fuel were 1.9 percent lower than in the previous April; taxable gallons of diesel were higher by just 0.2 percent, or virtually equal with a year ago.

**Figure 1. Iowa Monthly Fuel Tax Collections Less Refunds and Credits:
Most Recent 12 Months Compared to Prior 12 Months for April 2019**



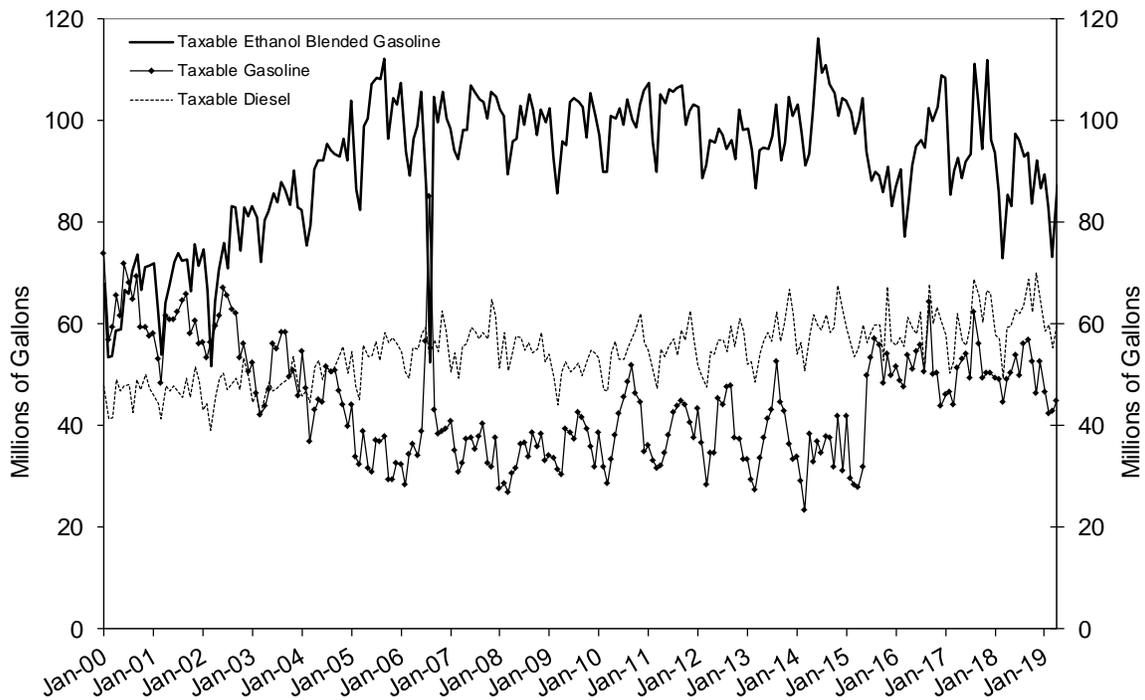
Source: Iowa Department of Revenue

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 along the fuel distribution chain. This is the case for most E85 (gasoline blended with 70 to 85 percent ethanol) gallons, so the gallons reported for this fuel type are far below the number of retail gallons sold in Iowa.

Page 4 of the report shows gross gallons and taxable gallons by fuel type. Exported gallons account for most of the difference between gross and taxable amounts since Iowa exports well over half of the ethanol blended gasoline produced in the state.

In 2000, taxable sales of ethanol blended gasoline and gasoline were roughly equal. As Figure 2 shows, demand shifted over the next six years to ethanol blended gasoline, except for August 2006 when a temporary price change drove a brief reversal. Between 2005 and early 2015, ethanol blended gasoline accounted for a monthly average of 73 percent of taxable gallons of motor fuel. For the period since June 2015, the monthly average percentage of taxable gallons reported as ethanol blended gasoline is 64 percent, reflecting a change in the manner in which the types of taxable gallons are reported by suppliers. Comparisons of ethanol blended gasoline’s share of total taxable gallons over time should be made with attention to this limitation. In April 2019, gallons of ethanol blended gasoline represented 66.3 percent of motor fuel taxable gallons.

Figure 2. Iowa Monthly Taxable Ethanol Blended Gasoline, Gasoline, and Diesel Gallons: January 2000 – April 2019



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 blended fuel and denaturing alcohol. The excess tax on blended fuel refund results when a blender purchases gasoline taxed at 30.7 cents per gallon and collects tax on the resulting ethanol blended gasoline at 29.0 cents per gallon. Therefore, the additional 1.7 cents paid on the gasoline is eligible for refund; similarly for the 3 cent gap between taxes on diesel and B11 or higher blends. The denaturing alcohol refund applies when the denaturant (gasoline) taxed at 30.7 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 final page of the monthly report.

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MOTOR FUEL

Detailed Collections	Gasoline	Ethanol Blended Gasoline	E85	Aviation Gasoline	
		\$14,590,752	\$26,950,519	\$214,094	\$13,609
Collections	Total Remitted	\$41,768,975			
Permit Refunds	Total Refunded	<u>\$3,013,527</u>			
Collections Less Permit Refunds		Current Month	Fiscal YTD	Prior FYTD	Change
		\$38,755,448	\$376,859,776	\$375,182,764	0.45%

SPECIAL FUEL

Detailed Collections		Aviation Jet	Diesel	B11 or Higher	
			\$181,959	\$19,048,163	\$1,392,820
Collections	Total Remitted	\$20,622,943			
Permit Refunds	Total Refunded	<u>\$939,335</u>			
Collections Less Permit Refunds		Current Month	Fiscal YTD	Prior FYTD	Change
		\$19,683,609	\$191,375,127	\$183,735,578	4.16%

LPG, LNG, & CNG

Detailed Collections		LPG	LNG	CNG	
			\$13,067	\$0	\$75,282
Collections	Total Remitted	\$88,349			
Permit Refunds	Total Refunded	<u>\$24,212</u>			
Collections Less Permit Refunds		Current Month	Fiscal YTD	Prior FYTD	Change
		\$64,137	\$864,137	\$1,063,466	-18.74%

MISC. & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Detailed Collections		Miscellaneous	Accounts Receivable		
			\$0	\$0	
Collections	Total Remitted	<u>\$0</u>			
Misc. & Account Receivable		Current Month	Fiscal YTD	Prior FYTD	Change
		\$0	\$202,885	\$1,728,405	-88.26%

TOTAL

Collections	Current Month	Fiscal YTD	Prior FYTD	Change
	\$62,480,267	\$614,801,802	\$629,327,069	-2.31%
Refunds				
Permit Refunds Including Interest	\$3,977,073			
Motor Fuel Individual/Corporate Credits	<u>\$1,151,396</u>			
Total Refunds and Credits	\$5,128,470	\$48,632,663	\$70,869,649	-31.38%
Collections Less Permit Refunds and Credits	\$57,351,798	\$566,169,140	\$558,457,420	1.38%

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MOTOR FUEL GALLONS SUMMARY

	Gasoline	Ethanol Blended Gasoline	E85	Aviation Gas	Motor Fuel Total
Gross Gallons Received	50,096,842	262,044,659	860,692	177,082	313,179,275
Exported Gallons	4,677,461	173,366,949	157,764	15,275	178,217,449
Distribution Allowance	725,240	1,407,738	8,651	1,821	2,143,450
Total Taxable Gallons	44,694,141	87,269,972	694,277	159,986	132,818,376
Remitted	\$14,590,752	\$26,950,519	\$214,094	\$13,609	\$41,768,975

SPECIAL FUEL GALLONS SUMMARY

	Aviation Jet	Diesel	B11 or Higher	Special Fuel Total
Gross Gallons Received	4,660,792	69,263,428	19,994,955	93,919,175
Exported Gallons	1,215,250	13,761,381	15,541,950	30,518,581
Distribution Allowance	23,210	384,546	12,953	420,709
Total Taxable Gallons	3,422,332	55,117,501	4,440,052	62,979,885
Remitted	\$181,959	\$19,048,163	\$1,392,820	\$20,622,943

LPG, LNG, & CNG GALLONS SUMMARY

	LPG	LNG	CNG
Total Taxable Gallons	76,540	0	242,849
Remitted	\$13,067	\$0	\$75,282

REFUND SUMMARY**DOLLARS**

Number of Claims	Permit Type	Motor Fuel	Special Fuel	LPG & CNG	Interest Paid	Total
16	Agricultural	5,837	11,689	0	0	17,526
5	Federal Government	165,182	36,097	17	0	201,295
10	State Government	25,938	687	0	0	26,625
203	Other Political	202,620	132,615	8,902	0	344,137
0	Urban Transit	0	0	0	0	0
0	Regional Transit	0	0	0	0	0
0	Native American	0	0	0	0	0
0	Contract Carrier	0	0	0	0	0
0	Commercial Fisherman	0	0	0	0	0
0	Home Heating	0	0	0	0	0
0	Extract of Nat'l Deposits	0	0	0	0	0
44	Denaturing Alcohol	2,132,934	0	0	0	2,132,934
119	Commercial	42,000	406,579	15,294	0	463,873
0	Refund Agent	0	0	0	0	0
5	Transport Diversions	30,401	23,243	0	0	53,644
0	Casualty Losses	0	0	0	0	0
5	Special Fuel Blending	0	2,880	0	0	2,880
19	Excess Tax on Blended Fuel	408,615	325,544	0	0	734,159
426	TOTALS	\$3,013,527	\$939,335	\$24,212	\$0	\$3,977,073

GALLONS USED IN A MANNER EXEMPT FROM FUEL TAX

Sales Tax \$216,966