



# Iowa Department of **REVENUE**

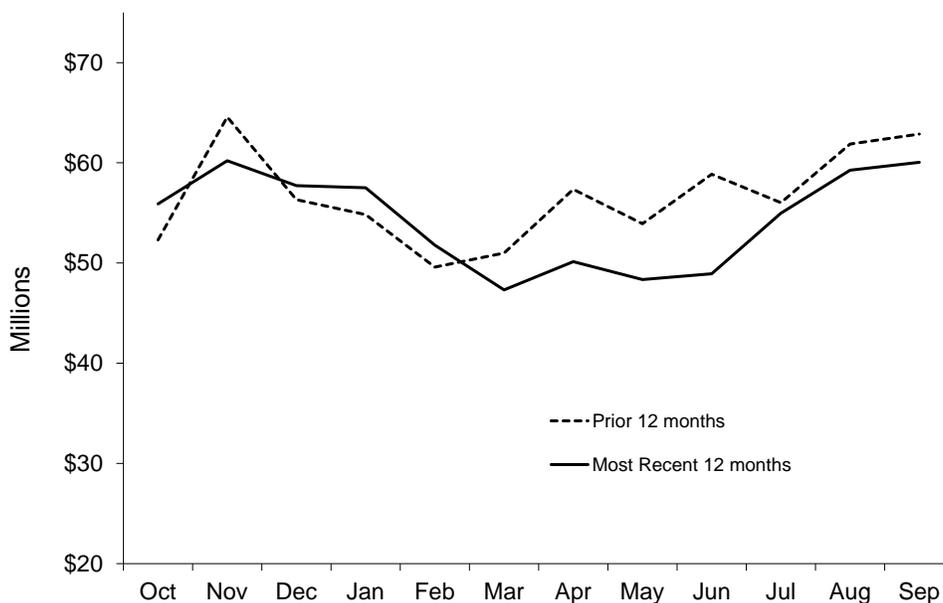
## Fuel Tax Monthly Report for September 2020

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 September 2020 collections were \$60.1 million, 4.5 percent lower than September of last year. Year-over-year motor fuel net collections declined by 5.6 percent and collections on diesel increased by 2.0 percent. Monthly collections were higher than prior year numbers in four 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 September 2020, taxable gallons of motor fuel were 7.8 percent lower than in the previous September; taxable gallons of diesel were higher by 1.4 percent than in the prior September. The large downturn earlier this year reflected impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, economic lockdown, and reduction in travel. That impact has relaxed since June, and appears to be headed in an upward trend.

**Figure 1. Iowa Monthly Fuel Tax Collections Less Refunds and Credits:  
Most Recent 12 Months Compared to Prior 12 Months for September 2020**



Source: Iowa Department of Revenue

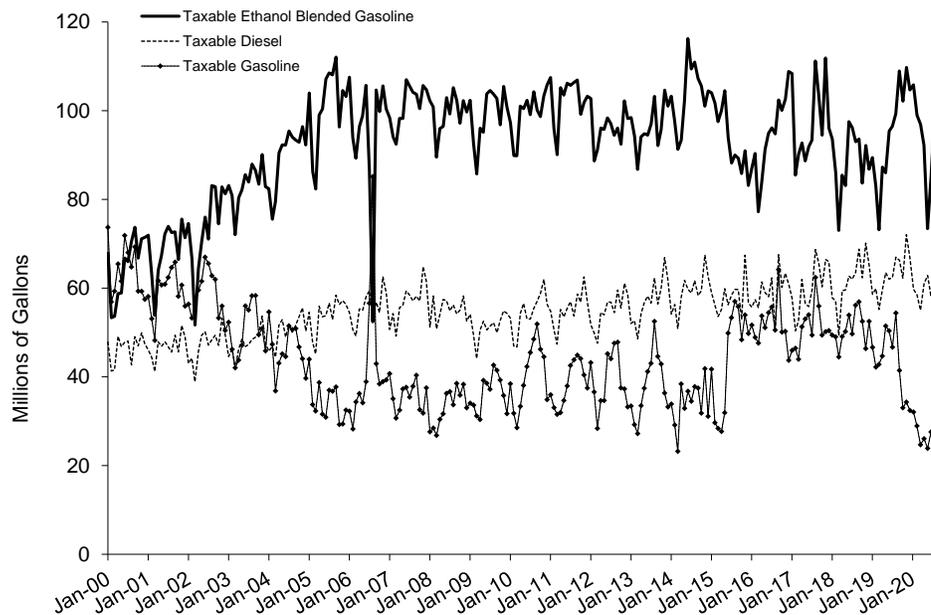
Collections and gallon amounts contained in this report are from the Supplier/Terminal or "Rack" level, not the retail level. Further blending of products may occur along the fuel distribution chain. This is the

case for most E15 or Higher (gasoline blended with 15 percent of ethanol or higher percentages) 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 September 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 66.8 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 September 2020, gallons of ethanol blended gasoline represented 73.5 percent of motor fuel taxable gallons.

**Figure 2. Iowa Monthly Taxable Ethanol Blended Gasoline, Gasoline, and Diesel Gallons: January 2000 – September 2020**



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 30.0 cents per gallon and collects tax on the resulting ethanol blended gasoline at 24.0 cents per gallon. Therefore, the additional 6.0 cents paid on the gasoline is eligible for refund; similarly for the 2.4 cent gap between taxes on diesel and B11 or higher blends. The denaturing alcohol refund applies when the denaturant (gasoline) taxed at 30.0 cents per gallon is blended with food grade alcohol to produce ethanol blended gasoline E15 or Higher. 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	E10 to E14	E15 or Higher	Aviation Gasoline	
	\$11,053,008	\$30,452,327	\$1,041,092	\$9,485	
<b>Collections</b>	Total Remitted	\$42,555,912			
<b>Permit Refunds</b>	Total Refunded	\$3,148,816			
<b>Collections Less Permit Refunds</b>		<b>Current Month</b> \$39,407,095	<b>Fiscal YTD</b> \$112,767,605	<b>Prior FYTD</b> \$120,367,902	<b>Change</b> -6.31%

**SPECIAL FUEL**

Detailed Collections		Aviation Jet	Diesel	B11 or Higher	
		\$142,737	\$18,469,148	\$3,128,953	
<b>Collections</b>	Total Remitted	\$21,740,838			
<b>Permit Refunds</b>	Total Refunded	\$1,011,538			
<b>Collections Less Permit Refunds</b>		<b>Current Month</b> \$20,729,300	<b>Fiscal YTD</b> \$60,102,199	<b>Prior FYTD</b> \$58,318,827	<b>Change</b> 3.06%

**LPG, LNG, & CNG**

Detailed Collections		LPG	LNG	CNG	
		\$13,936	\$0	\$25,975	
<b>Collections</b>	Total Remitted	\$39,911			
<b>Permit Refunds</b>	Total Refunded	\$16,153			
<b>Collections Less Permit Refunds</b>		<b>Current Month</b> \$23,758	<b>Fiscal YTD</b> \$138,517	<b>Prior FYTD</b> \$215,642	<b>Change</b> -35.77%

**MISC. & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Detailed Collections		Miscellaneous	Accounts Receivable		
		\$0	\$100		
<b>Collections</b>	Total Remitted	\$100			
<b>Misc. &amp; Account Receivable</b>		<b>Current Month</b> \$100	<b>Fiscal YTD</b> \$1,827,229	<b>Prior FYTD</b> \$2,386,238	<b>Change</b> -23.43%

**TOTAL**

<b>Collections</b>		<b>Current Month</b> \$64,336,760	<b>Fiscal YTD</b> \$187,209,206	<b>Prior FYTD</b> \$194,980,335	<b>Change</b> -3.99%
<b>Refunds</b>					
<b>Permit Refunds Including Interest</b>		\$4,176,523			
<b>Motor Fuel Individual/Corporate Credits</b>		\$102,199			
<b>Total Refunds and Credits</b>		\$4,278,722	\$12,928,440	\$14,231,828	-9.16%
<b>Collections Less Permit Refunds and Credits</b>		\$60,058,038	\$174,280,766	\$180,748,507	-3.58%

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**MOTOR FUEL GALLONS SUMMARY**

	Gasoline	E10 to E14	E15 or Higher	Aviation Gas	Motor Fuel Total
Gross Gallons Received	43,659,734	281,651,234	4,654,103	127,417	330,092,488
Exported Gallons	6,245,630	178,128,508	250,036	7,500	184,631,674
Distribution Allowance	597,518	1,653,577	69,317	1,434	2,321,846
Total Taxable Gallons	36,816,586	101,869,149	4,334,750	118,483	143,138,968
Remitted	\$11,053,008	\$30,452,327	\$1,041,092	\$9,485	\$42,555,912

**SPECIAL FUEL GALLONS SUMMARY**

	Aviation Jet	Diesel	B11 or Higher	Special Fuel Total
Gross Gallons Received	3,883,101	71,807,447	23,271,273	98,961,821
Exported Gallons	1,011,087	14,628,708	12,849,280	28,489,075
Distribution Allowance	19,333	391,936	34,321	445,590
Total Taxable Gallons	2,852,681	56,786,803	10,387,672	70,027,156
Remitted	\$142,737	\$18,469,148	\$3,128,953	\$21,740,838

**LPG, LNG, & CNG GALLONS SUMMARY**

	LPG	LNG	CNG
Total Taxable Gallons	47,050	0	83,790
Remitted	\$13,936	\$0	\$25,975

**REFUND SUMMARY****DOLLARS**

Number of Claims	Permit Type	Motor Fuel	Special Fuel	LPG & CNG	Interest Paid	Total
11	Agricultural	1,088	7,732	0	0	8,820
8	Federal Government	12,737	1,531	0	4	14,273
10	State Government	103,304	50,672	0	0	153,976
97	Other Political	128,971	63,098	0	0	192,069
0	Urban Transit	0	0	0	0	0
0	Regional Transit	0	0	0	0	0
0	Native American	0	0	0	0	0
3	Contract Carrier	287	8,030	0	0	8,317
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
45	Denaturing Alcohol	2,434,557	0	0	0	2,434,557
91	Commercial	75,250	236,958	16,153	0	328,361
0	Refund Agent	0	0	0	0	0
12	Transport Diversions	342,174	69,420	0	0	411,594
2	Casualty Losses	0	0	0	0	0
2	Special Fuel Blending	0	1,073	0	0	1,073
26	Excess Tax on Blended Fuel	50,449	573,025	0	11	623,484
307	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$3,148,816	\$1,011,538	\$16,153	\$15	\$4,176,523

**GALLONS USED IN A MANNER EXEMPT FROM FUEL TAX**

Sales Tax \$89,983