

# Iowa Department of **REVENUE**

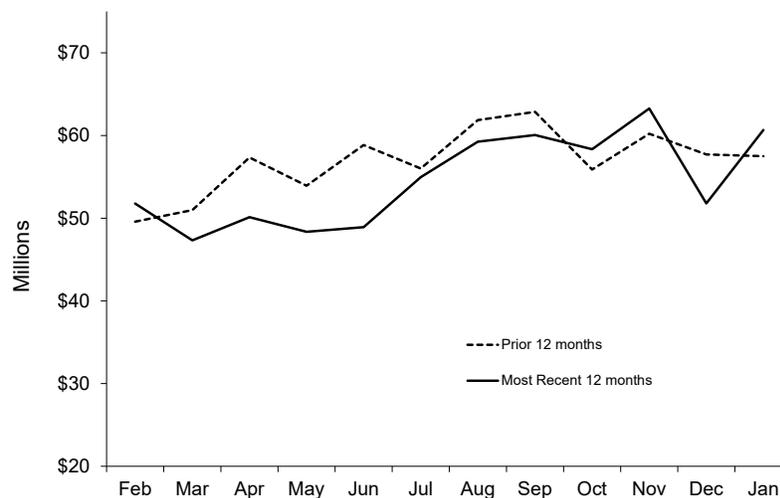
## Fuel Tax Monthly Report for January 2021

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 January 2021 collections were \$60.7 million, 5.5 percent higher than January of last year. Year-over-year motor fuel net collections increased by 0.38 percent and collections on diesel increased by 16.1 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 January 2021, taxable gallons of motor fuel were 9.7 percent lower than in the previous January; taxable gallons of diesel were 5.5 percent higher than in the prior January. The downturn earlier this year reflected impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, economic lockdown, and reduction in travel.

**Figure 1. Iowa Monthly Fuel Tax Collections Less Refunds and Credits:  
Most Recent 12 Months Compared to Prior 12 Months for January 2021**



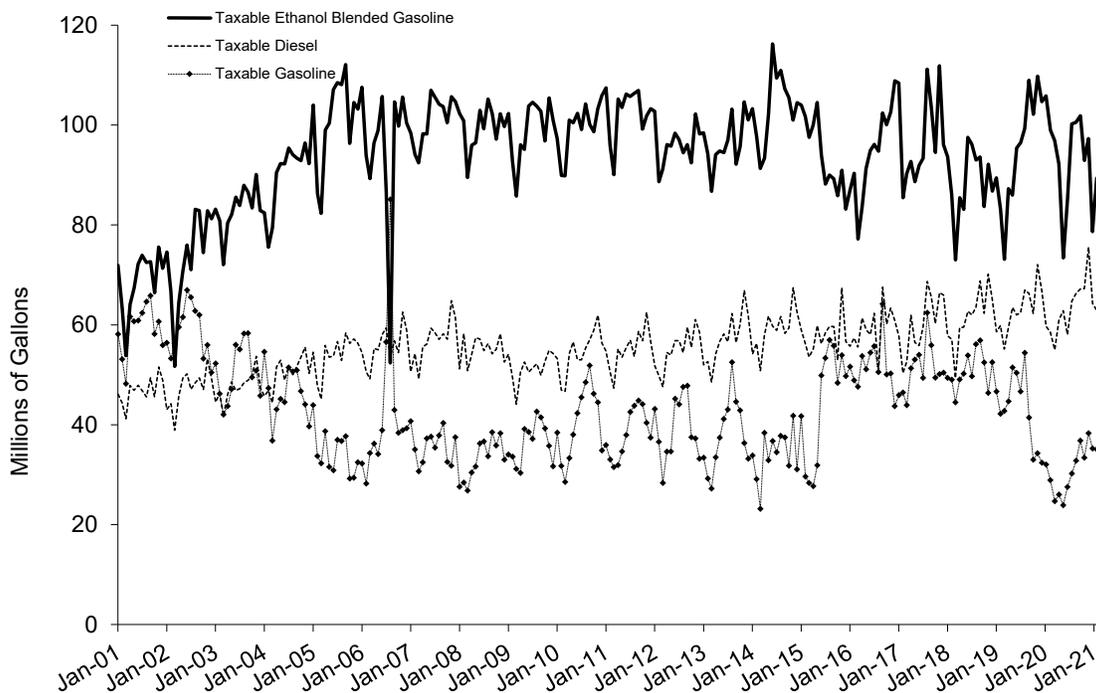
Source: Iowa Department of Revenue

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 2001, taxable sales of ethanol blended gasoline and gasoline were roughly equal. As Figure 2 shows, demand shifted over the next five 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 67.0 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 January 2021, gallons of ethanol blended gasoline represented 71.8 percent of motor fuel taxable gallons.

**Figure 2. Iowa Monthly Taxable Ethanol Blended Gasoline, Gasoline, and Diesel Gallons: January 2001 – January 2021**



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	
	\$11,697,262	\$29,496,508	\$798,587	\$10,472	
<b>Collections</b>	Total Remitted	\$42,002,828			
<b>Permit Refunds</b>	Total Refunded	<u>\$2,833,445</u>			
		<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>Prior FYTD</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Collections Less Permit Refunds</b>		\$39,169,383	\$261,602,082	\$272,903,425	-4.14%

**SPECIAL FUEL**

Detailed Collections	Aviation Jet	Diesel	B11 or Higher		
	\$148,097	\$20,949,115	\$1,645,061		
<b>Collections</b>	Total Remitted	\$22,742,272			
<b>Permit Refunds</b>	Total Refunded	<u>\$1,280,440</u>			
		<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>Prior FYTD</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Collections Less Permit Refunds</b>		\$21,461,832	\$145,496,949	\$137,275,789	5.99%

**LPG, LNG, & CNG**

Detailed Collections	LPG	LNG	CNG		
	\$21,610	\$0	\$66,334		
<b>Collections</b>	Total Remitted	\$87,944			
<b>Permit Refunds</b>	Total Refunded	<u>\$0</u>			
		<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>Prior FYTD</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Collections Less Permit Refunds</b>		\$87,944	\$500,886	\$517,074	-3.13%

**MISC. & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Detailed Collections	Miscellaneous	Accounts Receivable			
	\$0	\$254			
<b>Collections</b>	Total Remitted	<u>\$254</u>			
		<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>Prior FYTD</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Misc. &amp; Account Receivable</b>		\$254	\$1,859,532	\$2,386,638	-22.09%

**TOTAL**

Collections	Current Month	Fiscal YTD	Prior FYTD	Change
	\$64,833,298	\$437,565,919	\$445,830,213	-1.85%
<b>Refunds</b>				
<b>Permit Refunds Including Interest</b>	\$4,113,966			
<b>Motor Fuel Individual/Corporate Credits</b>	<u>\$41,581</u>			
<b>Total Refunds and Credits</b>	\$4,155,547	\$29,193,048	\$33,740,697	-13.48%
<b>Collections Less Permit Refunds and Credits</b>	\$60,677,751	\$408,372,871	\$412,089,516	-0.90%

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***MOTOR FUEL GALLONS SUMMARY***

	<b>Gasoline</b>	<b>E10 to E14</b>	<b>E15 or Higher</b>	<b>Aviation Gas</b>	<b>Motor Fuel Total</b>
Gross Gallons Received	41,021,893	252,530,778	3,289,501	134,308	296,976,480
Exported Gallons	5,373,677	161,697,548	238,968	14,800	167,324,993
Distribution Allowance	569,913	1,449,282	47,673	1,371	2,068,239
Total Taxable Gallons	35,078,303	89,383,948	3,002,860	118,137	127,583,248
Remitted	\$11,697,262	\$29,496,508	\$798,587	\$10,472	\$42,002,828

***SPECIAL FUEL GALLONS SUMMARY***

	<b>Aviation Jet</b>	<b>Diesel</b>	<b>B11 or Higher</b>	<b>Special Fuel Total</b>
Gross Gallons Received	3,889,666	73,862,164	15,821,255	93,573,085
Exported Gallons	1,200,291	15,424,366	10,871,452	27,496,109
Distribution Allowance	16,378	405,602	17,611	439,591
Total Taxable Gallons	2,672,997	58,032,196	4,932,192	65,637,385
Remitted	\$148,097	\$20,949,115	\$1,645,061	\$22,742,272

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

	<b>LPG</b>	<b>LNG</b>	<b>CNG</b>
Total Taxable Gallons	50,792	0	213,982
Remitted	\$21,610	\$0	\$66,334

***REFUND SUMMARY***

		<b>DOLLARS</b>				
<b>Number of Claims</b>	<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>Motor Fuel</b>	<b>Special Fuel</b>	<b>LPG &amp; CNG</b>	<b>Interest Paid</b>	<b>Total</b>
27	Agricultural	3,951	44,823	0	0	48,774
3	Federal Government	46,057	46,434	0	0	92,491
12	State Government	129,616	8,257	0	0	137,872
257	Other Political	299,077	76,283	0	0	375,361
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
2	Extract of Nat'l Deposits	0	35,183	0	0	35,183
43	Denaturing Alcohol	2,251,669	0	0	81	2,251,750
108	Commercial	58,000	453,432	0	0	511,432
0	Refund Agent	0	0	0	0	0
14	Transport Diversions	35,375	94,472	0	0	129,847
0	Casualty Losses	0	0	0	0	0
1	Special Fuel Blending	0	6,287	0	0	6,287
19	Excess Tax on Blended Fuel	9,700	515,269	0	0	524,969
486	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$2,833,445	\$1,280,440	\$0	\$81	\$4,113,966

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

**Sales Tax**      \$147,126