



Motor Vehicle Fuel Use Tax

Taxpayer

The tax is paid by fuel use tax permit holders.

Tax Base

The tax applies to fuel used on Ohio highways by tractor-trailer combinations, trucks with three axles or more, and two-axle trucks with a gross vehicle weight or a registered gross vehicle weight over 26,000 pounds. Taxpayers pay on the amount by which the fuel consumed in Ohio exceeds the fuel purchased in Ohio.

Rate

The total rate is 28 cents per gallon, which is the same as the state motor fuel tax rate.

Major Exemptions

The tax does not apply to vehicles owned and operated by the federal government, the State of Ohio, or its political subdivisions.

Revenue (In Millions)

| Fiscal Year | Total |
|-------------|--------|
| 2004 | \$72.3 |
| 2005 | 70.5 |
| 2006 | 71.2 |
| 2007 | 65.6 |
| 2008 | 65.6 |

Disposition of Revenue

Revenue is distributed to highway bond retirement funds to the extent it is needed for debt service, and then to the Highway Operating Fund.

Payment Dates

Reports and payments are filed quarterly by Jan. 31, April 30, July 31, and Oct. 31 for the liability for the previous three months.

Special Provisions/Credits

None.

Sections of Ohio Revised Code

Chapter 5728.

Responsibility for Administration

Tax Commissioner.

History of Major Changes

- 1981** Tax becomes effective July 1.
- 1991** Three cents per gallon surtax takes effect. The surtax is in addition to the base motor vehicle fuel tax rate, which rises from 20 to 21 cents per gallon on July 1.
- 1995** Ohio joins International Fuel Tax Agreement.
- 2003** Legislature enacts House Bill 87, a transportation budget bill that increases the motor vehicle fuel tax by two cents per gallon, from 22 to 24 cents, effective July 1. H.B. 87 also contains two future motor vehicle fuel tax increases and a phase-out of the surtax.
- 2004** Per H.B. 87, motor vehicle fuel tax rises from 24 cents to 26 cents per gallon and surtax falls from three cents to two cents per gallon, effective July 1.
- 2005** Per H.B. 87, motor vehicle fuel tax rate rises from 26 cents to 28 cents per gallon and surtax is eliminated, effective July 1.

Comparisons with Other States (As of 02/09)

| State | Tax Rate (cents per gallon) | | Sales Tax Applicable |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | Gasoline | Diesel | |
| California | N/A | 43.70 | Yes |
| Florida | 21.17 | 31.87 | Yes |
| Illinois | 37.30 | 43.40 | Yes |
| Indiana ¹ | 29.00 | 27.00 | Yes |
| Kentucky | 24.70 | 26.50 | No |
| Massachusetts | 21.00 | 21.00 | No |
| Michigan | N/A | 31.00 | Yes |
| New Jersey | 14.50 | 17.50 | No |
| New York | 39.10 | 37.35 | Yes |
| Ohio | 28.00 | 28.00 | No |
| Pennsylvania | 31.20 | 38.10 | No |
| Texas | 20.00 | 20.00 | No |
| West Virginia ² | 32.20 | 32.20 | Yes |

Note: Unless noted, the motor vehicle fuel tax rates shown in this table do not reflect the application of a state sales tax – where applicable – or local permissive motor vehicle fuel taxes.

Source: International Fuel Tax Administration (IFTA) and Commerce Clearing House. All data is current as of Feb. 1, 2009.

¹ The rate shown for Indiana includes a surcharge of 11 cents per gallon.

² The rate shown for West Virginia includes sales and use tax.