

GAS TAX FACTS

How do your fuel tax dollars fund Georgia Transportation?

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- The motor fuel tax, also known as the gas tax, is the most important source of transportation funding in Georgia.
- The Georgia gas tax has two parts:
 - The first is the motor fuel excise tax which is fixed at **7.5 cents per gallon**.
 - The second part is a **4% gas sales tax**, though only 3% goes directly to the state's highway trust fund. The other 1% goes into the general fund.
- Other transportation fees like ad valorem tax go into the general fund and may or may not be used for transportation purposes.
- Gas tax receipts are collected by the Georgia Department of Revenue, put in the general fund, then reimbursed to GDOT for project expenses.
- The money raised by the gas tax can finance only road and bridge projects and maintenance of road infrastructure. Projects can include building new highways, widening existing highways repaving roads, and fixing traffic signals.
- Money raised by the gas tax cannot go to transit.

2011 GDOT BUDGET

Georgia's motor fuel tax directly provided almost 35% of GDOT's 2011 budget and allowed the state to match federal funds. Those two sources made up nearly 94% of the entire GDOT budget. Federal funds are primarily from the federal gas tax.

2011 GDOT BUDGET	
Gas Tax Funds	\$675,250,768
Federal Funds	\$1,170,129,823
State General Funds	\$6,861,813
Other Sources	\$6,490,891
TOTAL	\$1,858,733,205

YOUR GAS TAX

The amount you pay in gas taxes depends on the mileage of your vehicle, but if your car gets 24 MPG, on average you pay \$16.32 per month in state gas tax.

2008 HONDA ACCORD - \$16.32

24 Miles Per Gallon
55.5 Gallons Per Month
\$16.32 Paid in Gas Tax Per Month

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2008 FORD F-150 - \$27.99

14 Miles Per Gallon
95.2 Gallons Per Month
\$27.99 Paid in Gas Tax Per Month

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2008 HONDA CRV- \$17.04

23 Miles Per Gallon
57.96 Gallons Per Month
\$17.04 Paid in Gas Tax Per Month

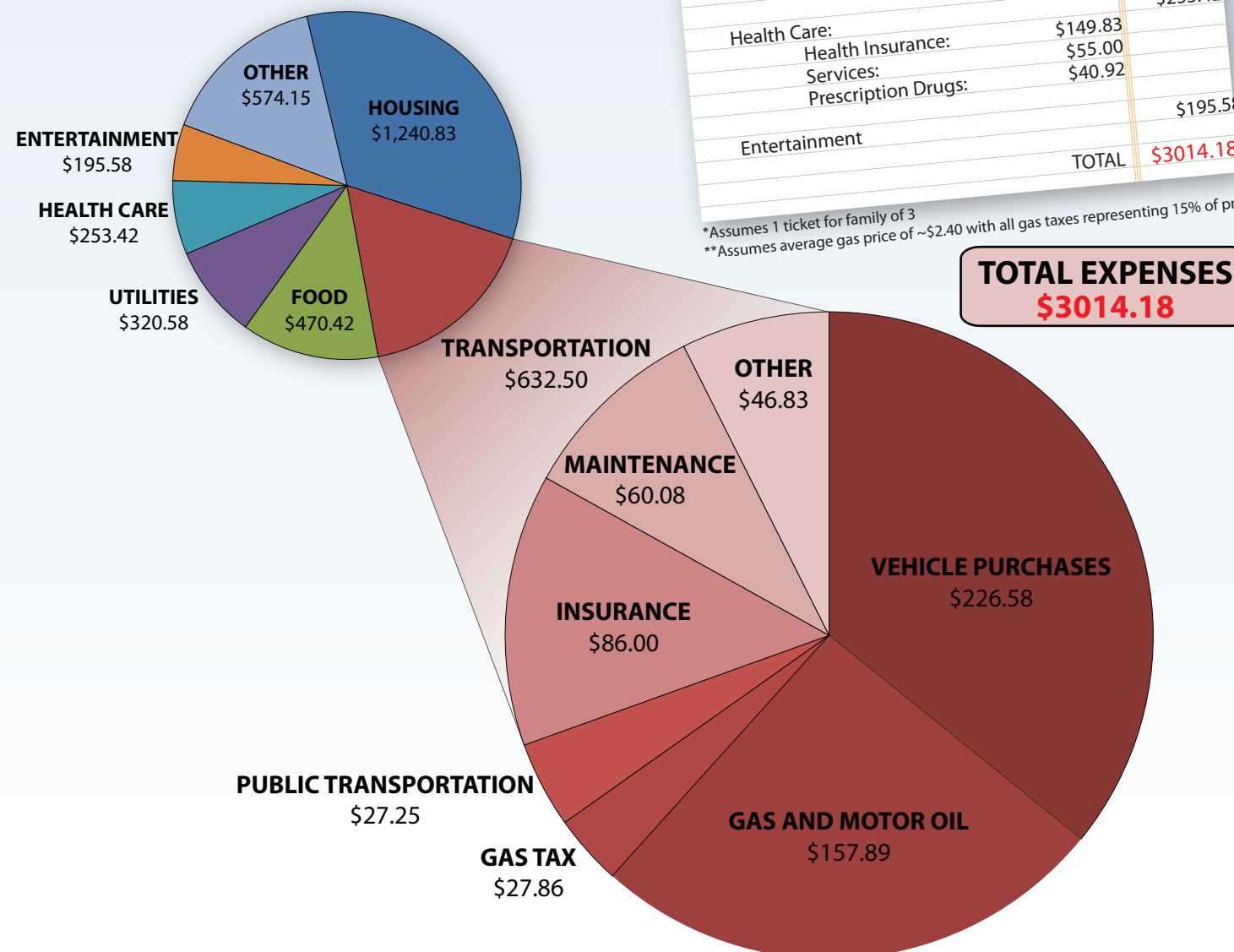
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* Fuel usage based on average travel for Georgia drivers of 15,000 miles per year or 1,250 miles per month

MONTHLY BUDGET

The list shows monthly household expenditures for an average Georgia family. Transportation expenses make up **21%** of the monthly budget.

GAS TAX
\$27.86**



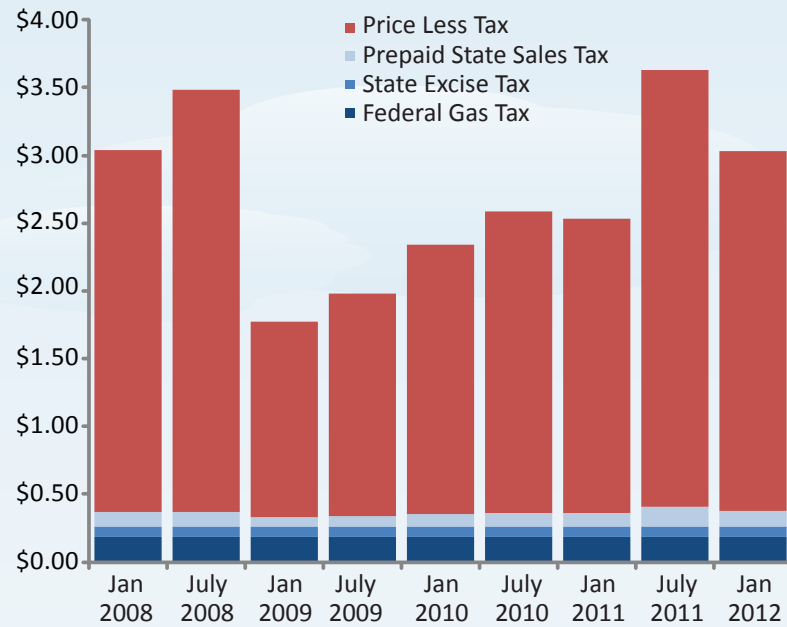
Average Household Monthly Expenses	
Housing	\$1,240.83
Transportation	\$632.50
Gasoline and Oil:	\$157.89
Insurance:	\$86.00
Maintenance and Repairs:	\$60.08
Gas Tax:	\$27.86
Other:	\$300.67
Food	\$470.42
At Home:	\$277.92
Away from Home:	\$192.50
Utilities	\$320.58
Electricity:	\$148.75
Telephone:	\$101.83
Water and Public Services:	\$42.50
Other:	\$27.50
Health Care:	\$253.42
Health Insurance:	\$149.83
Services:	\$55.00
Prescription Drugs:	\$40.92
Entertainment	\$195.58
TOTAL	\$3,014.18

*Assumes 1 ticket for family of 3
**Assumes average gas price of ~\$2.40 with all gas taxes representing 15% of price

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$3,014.18

Source: Monthly household expenditures are based on the Bureau of Labor and Statistics' 2010 data for the Southeast.

PROPORTION OF GAS PRICE DUE TO GAS TAXES

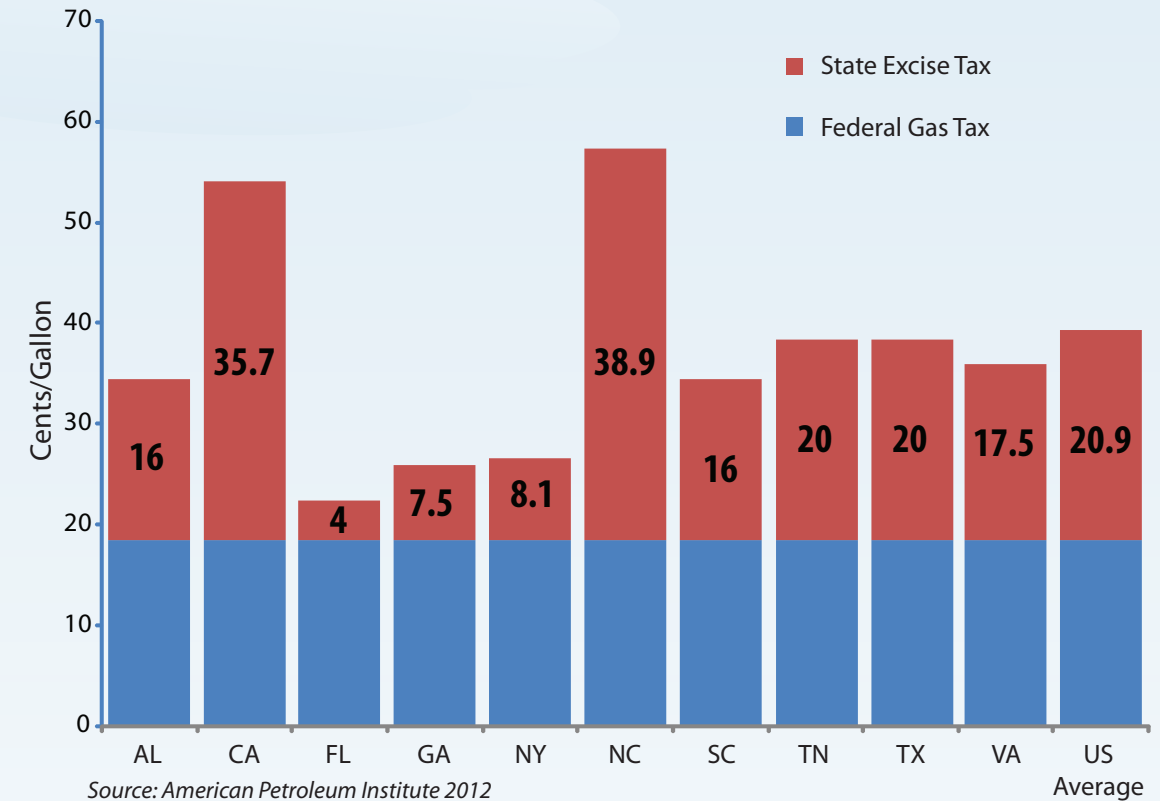


Over the past four years, state excise gas tax (7.5 cents/gallon) and federal gas tax (18.4 cents/gallon) did not change. Georgia's gas sales tax ranged from 7.1 cents/gallon to 12.1 cents/gallon. Over the same period, the average price of gas ranged from \$1.98 to \$3.63. Gas taxes only accounted for 11-19% of the price of gas.

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue; Note: January 2008 price is US average, all others are Georgia average

STATE MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX

Georgia has the **second lowest** state excise tax in the nation and has not increased it since 1971. Only Florida has a lower excise tax. Because the excise gas tax does not change, its "buying power" decreases over time due to inflation.

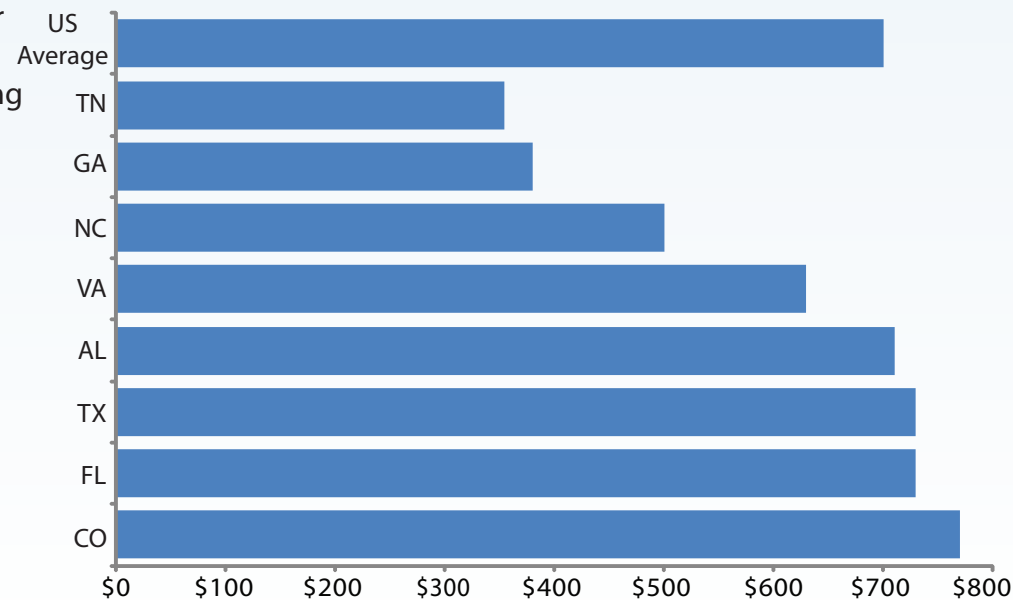


Source: American Petroleum Institute 2012

PER CAPITA TRANSPORTATION SPENDING (2006)

Georgia is **next to last** in transportation spending per capita. Only Tennessee spends less per capita. On the other hand, Georgia DOT is responsible for maintaining and operating the **11th highest** amount of state lane miles with 47,192 miles.

Source: USDOT Highway Statistics 2010



GAS TAX PER GALLON

Federal gas tax is 18.4 cents on top of listed state taxes

