How much do I pay?

Our state gas tax is 20¢ per gallon.

Of this, a nickel goes to public education.

The average driver pays $9.52 a month in state fuel taxes.

After the nickel for public education, the monthly net to the highway fund is $7.14.

Monthly state fuel tax examples

- **2012 Ford F-150 Truck**
  - 18.5 miles per gallon
  - 1,000 miles driven per month
  - $10.81

- **2012 Nissan Altima Sedan**
  - 23.5 miles per gallon
  - 1,000 miles driven per month
  - $8.51

Did you know?

While fuel costs have tripled, the gas tax — the primary way we pay for our roads — has stayed the same since 1991.

Because of inflation, we have less and less money available to pay for roads and bridges.

What is the problem?

The demand for roadway space has grown much faster than the supply of that space. It's that simple.

In the past 40 years

- **population**
  - 125%
- **vehicles**
  - 172%
- **highway use**
  - 238%
- **highway space**
  - 19%

The average Texan loses nearly $1,000 and 44 hours every year due to traffic jams.
**State Fuel Tax Rates**

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Source: American Petroleum Institute, State Motor Fuel Taxes, October 2013

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- Other Revenue: $96,707,000
- Federal Sources: $4,310,198,000

**Total:** $8,925,182,000


**Sources of State Highway Fund Revenue**

- Estimate for 2014
- Motor Fuel Lubricants Tax: $43,275,000
- Motor Vehicle Certificates of Title Fees: $29,385,000
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees: $1,390,378,000
- Special Vehicle Permit Fees: $105,927,000
- Sale of Publications/Advertising: $6,570,000
- Supplies/Equipment/Services–Federal/Other: $160,000,000
- Interest on State Deposits/Investments, General Non Program: $10,000,000
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**Where does the state get funding for roads?**

**How does the gas tax compare to other monthly expenses?**

**What does it cost to build?**

- Freeway Interchange: $325 million
- Overpass: $6.8 million per lane mile
- Freeway Widening: $7.2 million per lane mile

Information compiled by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute