Gas Tax Facts

State Transportation and Your Fuel Tax Dollars

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

$10.81

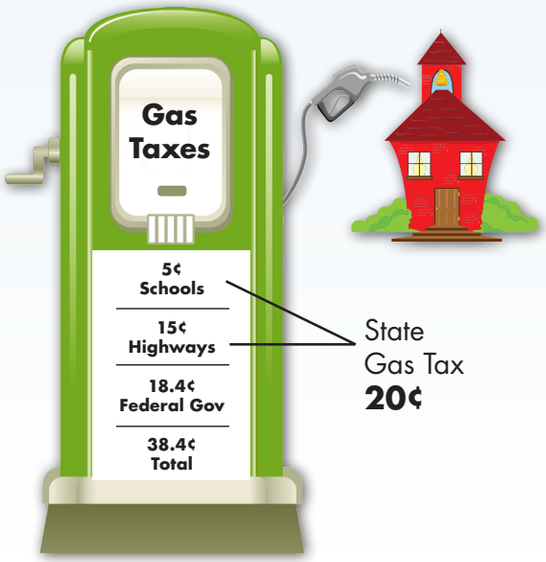
2012 Ford F-150 Truck

18.5 miles per gallon
1,000 miles driven per month

$8.51

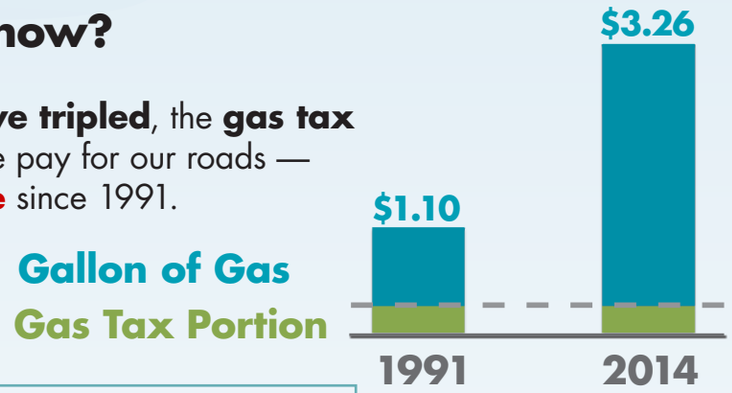
2012 Nissan Altima Sedan

23.5 miles per gallon
1,000 miles driven per month



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.



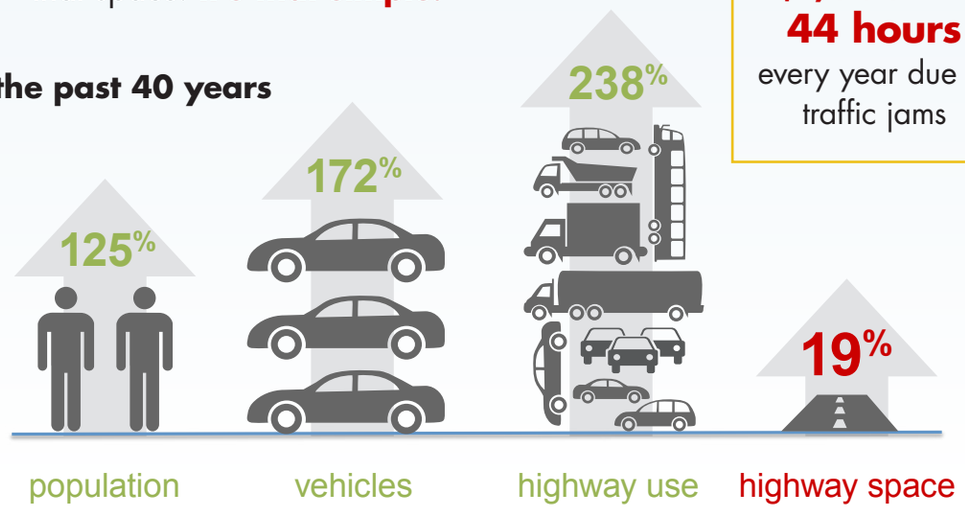
Because of **inflation**, we have less and less money available to pay for roads and bridges.

What is the problem?

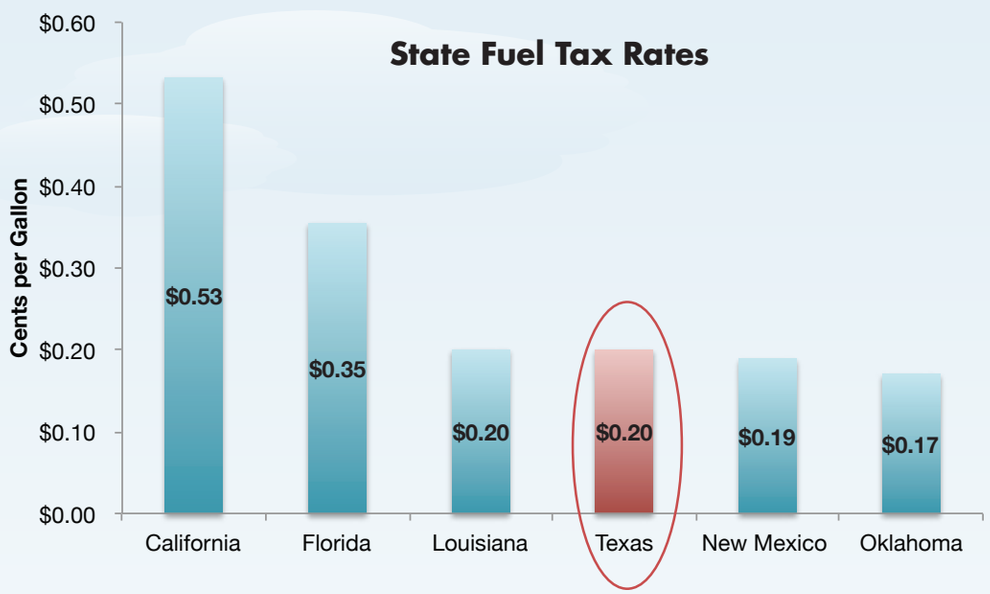
The **demand for roadway space** has grown much faster than the **supply** of that space. **It's that simple.**

The average **Texan** loses nearly **$1,000** and **44 hours** every year due to traffic jams

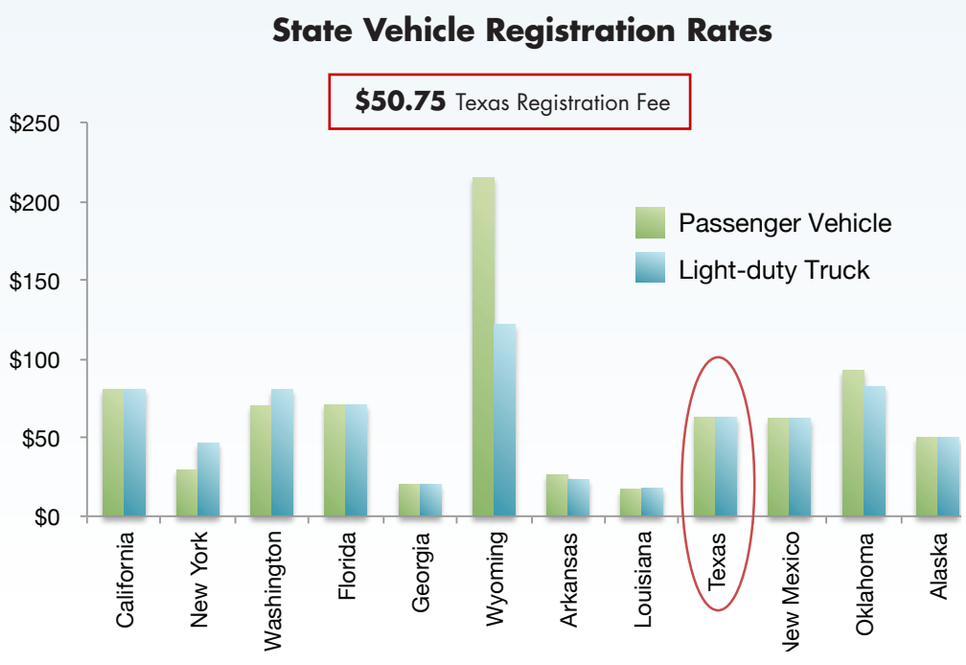
In the past 40 years



How does Texas compare to other states?



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



Where does the state get funding for roads?

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
Motor Fuel Taxes	$2,372,742,000*
Other Revenue	$96,707,000
Federal Sources	$4,310,198,000
TOTAL	**$8,525,182,000***

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Biennial Revenue Estimate, 2014 - 2015
**Amount adjusted due to action by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session*

How does the gas tax compare to other monthly expenses?

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2013

Eating Out	$209
Utilites	$309
Vehicle Insurance	$93
Cell Phone Service	$71
Routine Dog Care	$86
Gym Membership	$55
Cable Bundle (internet, television and telephone)	$128

State Fuel Taxes $10
Federal Fuel Taxes $9

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

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