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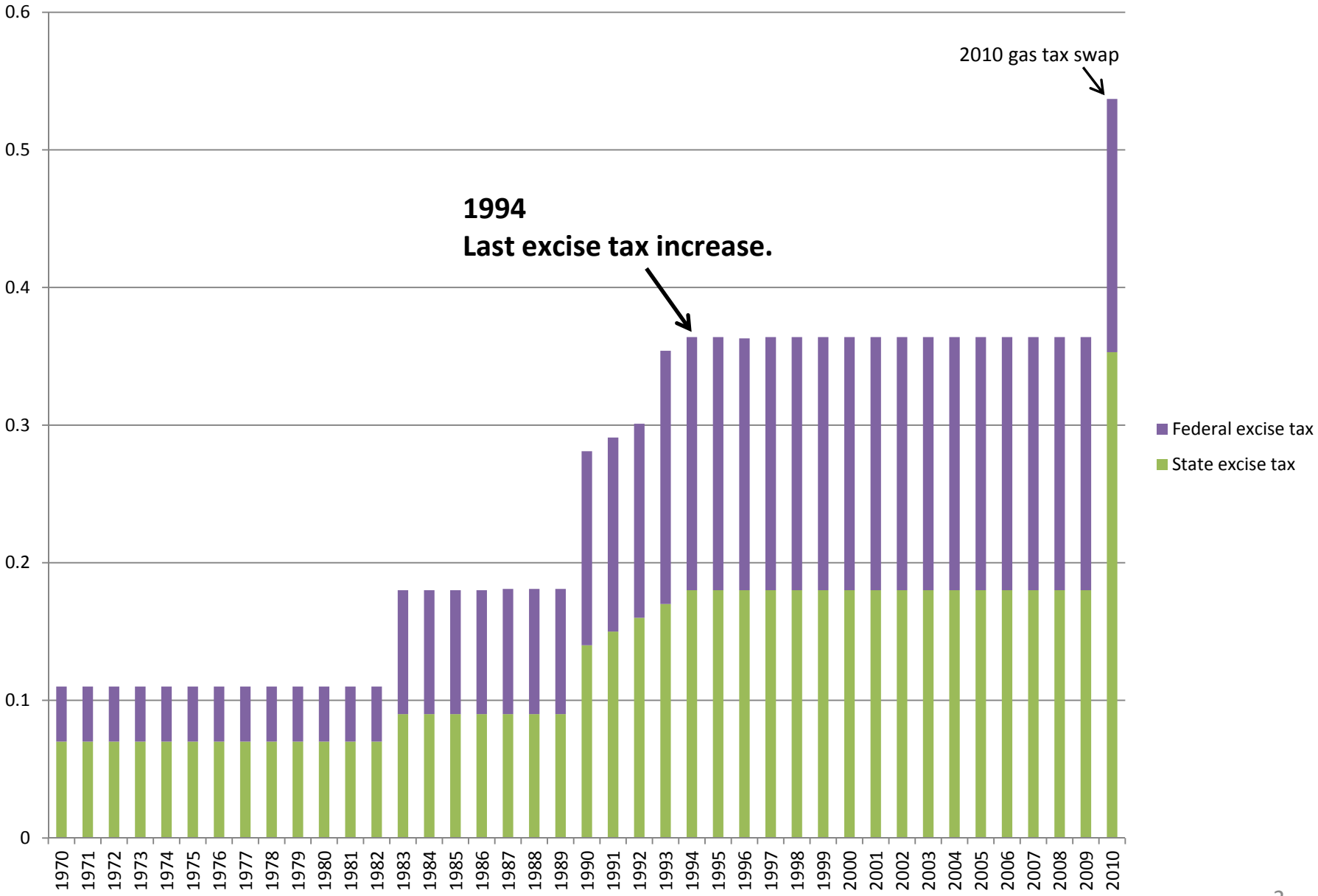

1994
Gas cost $1.21

1994
Northridge Earthquake

1994
O.J. Simpson slow speed chase

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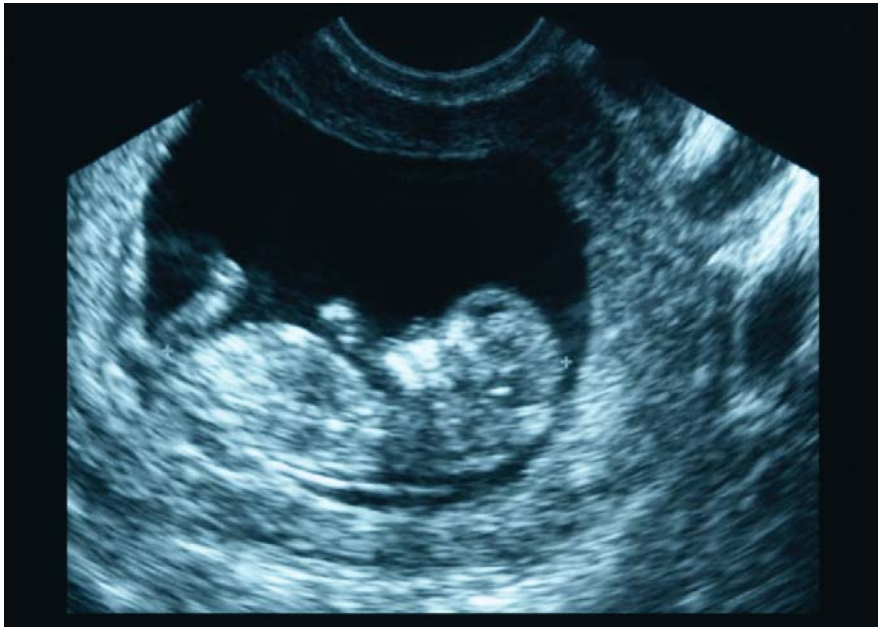
Tanya Harding arranges attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan

A Lot Has Changed Since 1994



Consumer prices
1994 v. 2011

1994		2011	
Movie ticket	$4.09	Movie ticket	$8.20
New car	$12,350	New car	$29,602
Bread, white, lb	$0.76	Bread, white, lb	$1.42
Milk, whole, gal	$2.48	Milk, whole, gal	$3.48
Coffee, ground, lb	$3.40	Coffee, ground, lb	$5.61
Gas	**$1.21**	**Gas**	**$3.09** (2010)
Excise tax on gas	**$0.36**	**Excise tax on gas**	**$0.36***

*Excluding gas tax swap.

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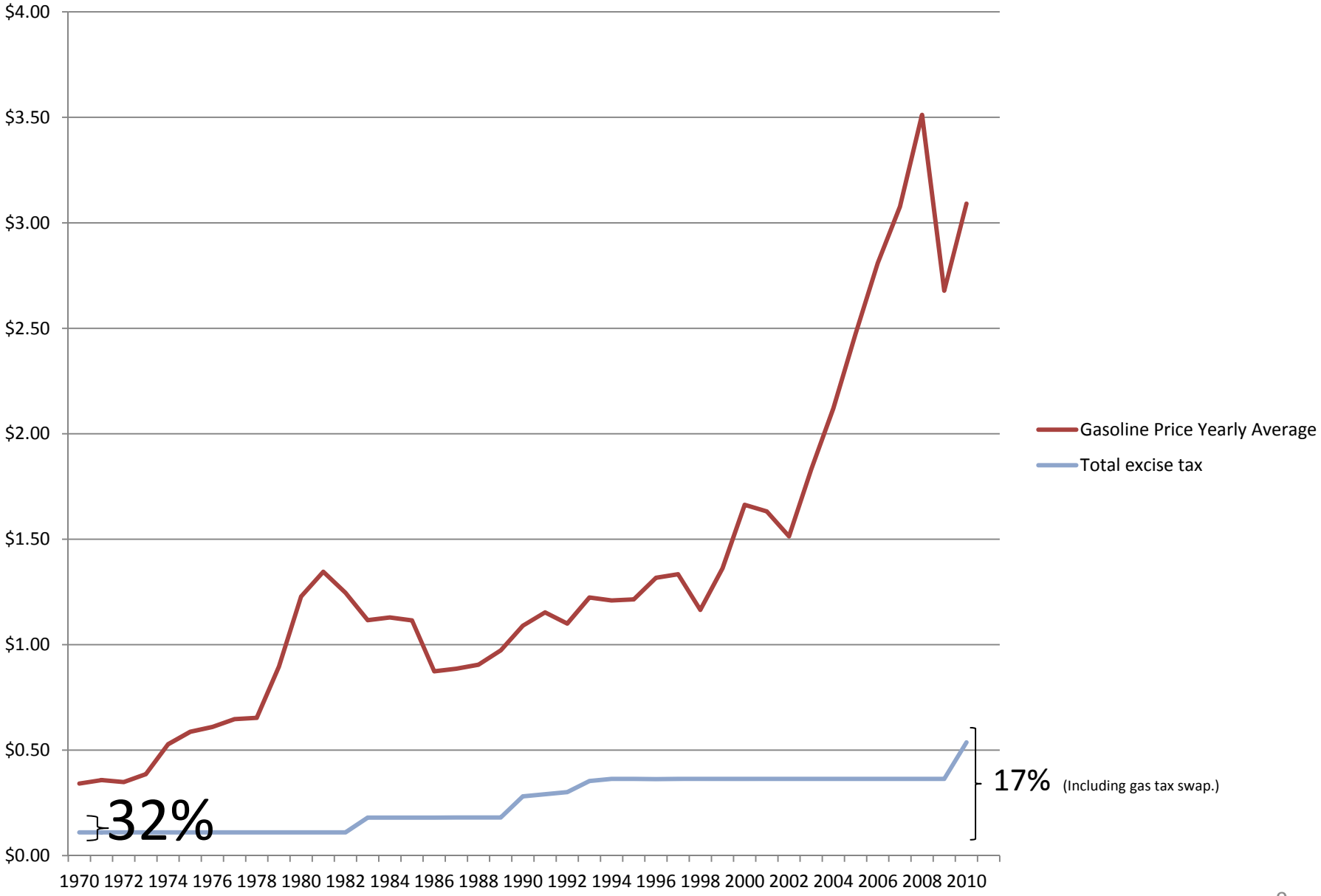

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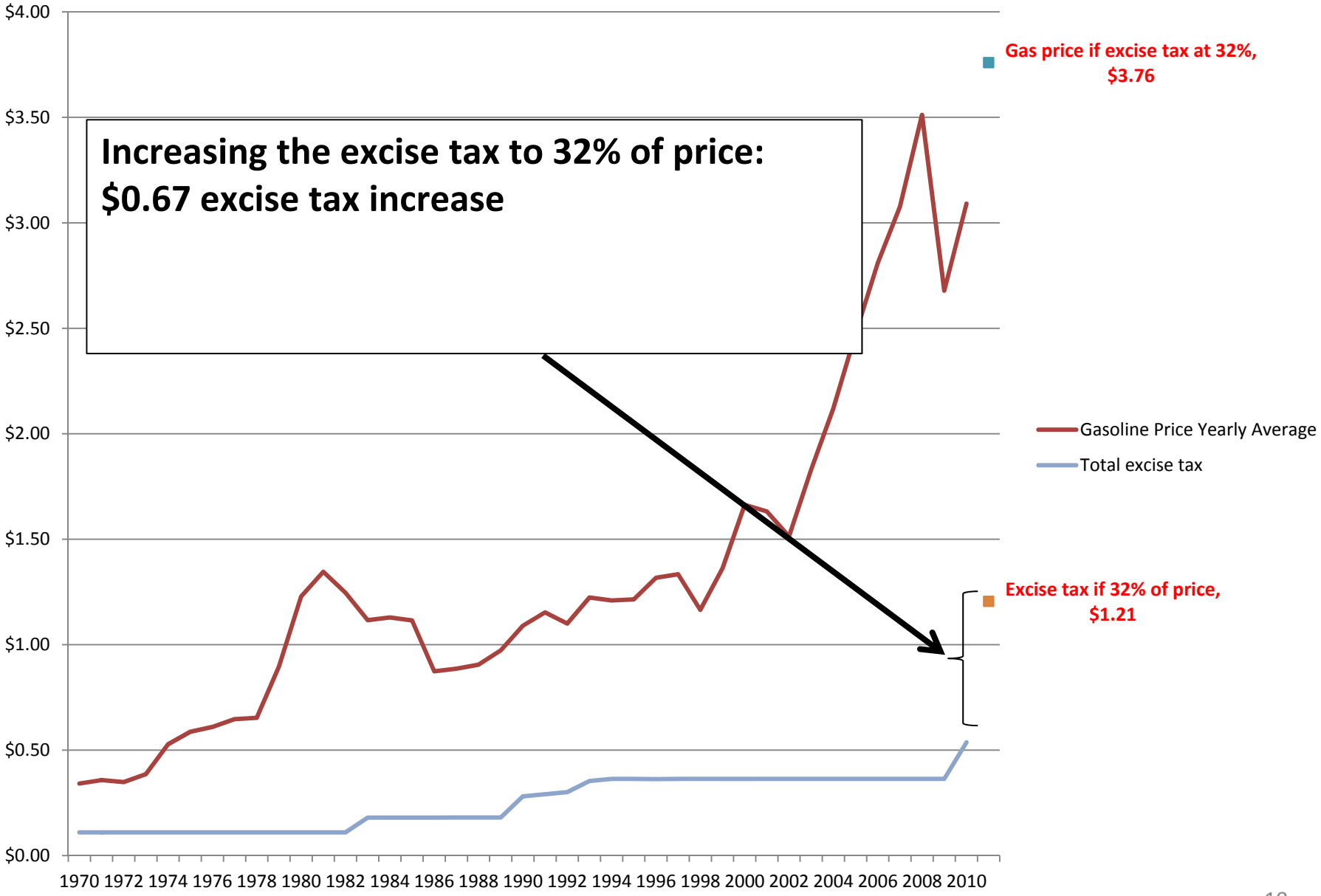

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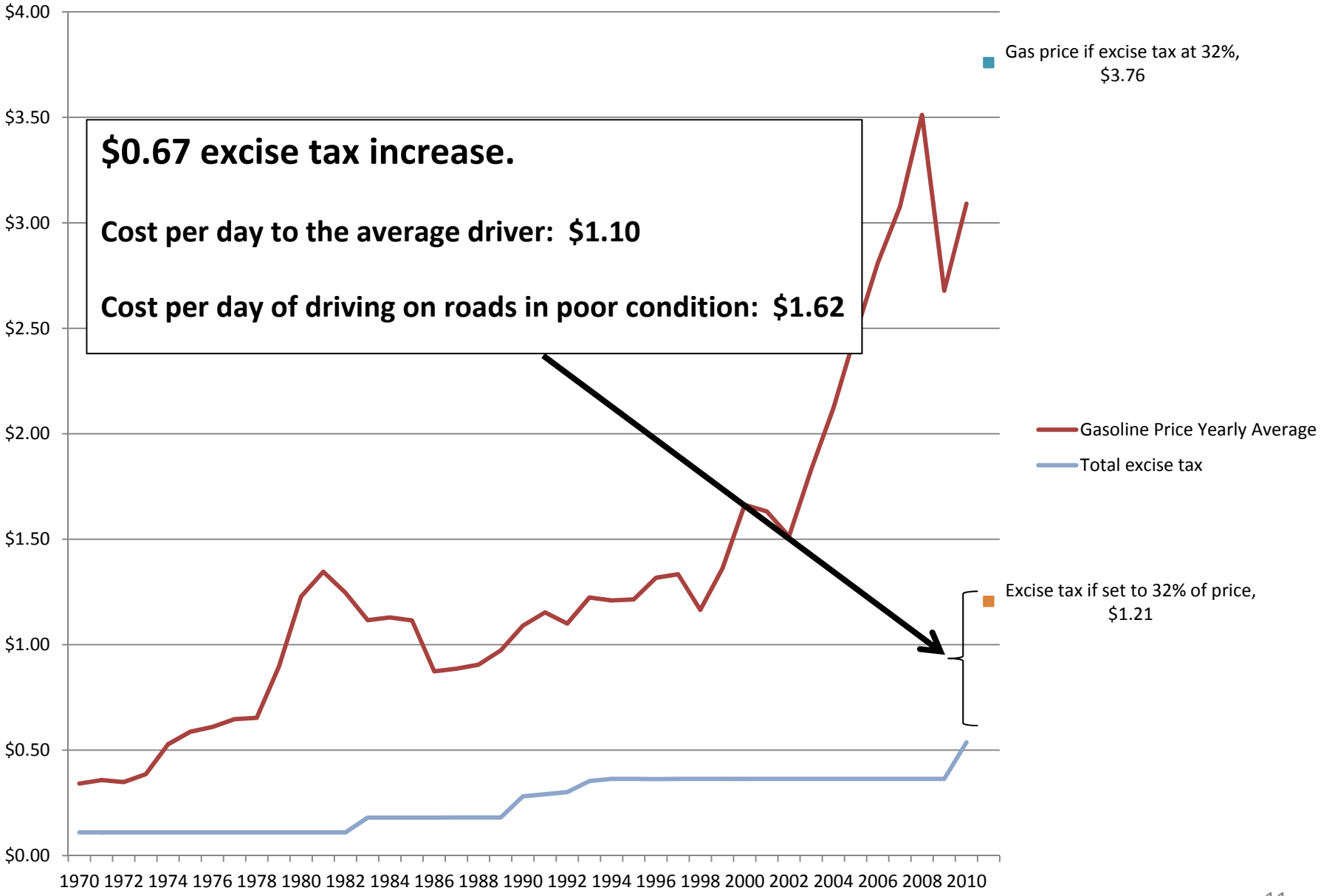

Estimated Annual Revenue Generated

Estimated Gallons (millions)	14,583
Excise tax increase	$0.67
Total revenue (millions)	**$9,752**
Local share 36% (millions)	$3,500
State share 64% (millions)	$6,252