31 States Broke Through the “Blend Wall” in 2016

State-level energy consumption data prepared by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) shows that gasoline consumed in 30 states and the District of Columbia contained more than 10.0% fuel ethanol on average in 2016. Nationally, gasoline contained an average of 10.02% fuel ethanol in 2016, the highest blend rate on record.¹ States with ethanol blend rates above 10.0% are shown below.

Ethanol share of state gasoline consumption, 2016

The number of states² that have broken through the so-called 10% ethanol “blend wall” continues to expand.

Expanded sales of E15 and flex fuels like E85 have pushed average ethanol blend rates well beyond 10% in states like Minnesota and Iowa.

¹National ethanol and gasoline consumption data for calendar year 2017 will be released at the end of February 2018.
²State-level consumption data for calendar year 2017 will likely be released in late 2018 or early 2019.
³Includes District of Columbia.

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