

California Aviation User Taxes

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1. General Aviation (GA) Fuel “Excise” Taxes
2. Sales and Use Taxes
3. Property Taxes and Possessory Interests

Data Sources (FY 2007-08, latest year with complete data):

1. State Board of Equalization
2. State Aeronautics Account



1. GA Fuel “Excise” Tax: Revenue Distribution

Total Revenues:

\$7.4 million

- *Avgas “Excise” Tax (18¢/gal): \$3.8 million
- Jet Fuel “Excise” Tax (2¢/gal): \$3.6 million

Aeronautics Account Expenditures (FY 2007-08): \$5.5 million

- State Operations: \$2.8 million
- Annual Credit Grants, AIP Match Grants and Acquisition & Development Grants: \$2.7 million

Note: Tax Revenues and Division of Aeronautics expenditures do not necessarily account for the balance of funds in the Aeronautics Account due to ongoing operational costs, personnel issues, as well as project allocation.



2. Sales and Use Taxes:

Estimated Sales Tax: Jet Fuel and Aircraft

- Aircraft jet fuel sold to general aviation (GA)
- Aircraft jet fuel sold to airlines
- GA aircraft sold by dealers



Sales and Use Taxes on Jet Fuel: Estimated Distribution

Total Aircraft Jet Fuel Revenues:

\$201.4 million

- General Aviation:
\$33.6 million
- Airlines:
\$167.8 million

• **State General Fund:**
\$126.3 million

• **Local Funds (General,
Public Safety, and
Transportation):**
\$74.7 million

Distribution of the 7.95 Tax Rate:

- State General Fund: 63 percent
- Local General Funds: 37 percent



Sales and Use Taxes: Estimated Distribution

- **GA Aircraft Sold by Dealers:**
– \$17.2 million

- **State General Fund:**
\$10.8 million
- **Local Funds (General, Public Safety, and Transportation):**
\$6.4 million

Distribution of the 7.95 Tax Rate:

- State General Fund: 63 percent
- Local General Funds: 37 percent



Sales and Use Taxes: Estimated Distribution

- **Total Jet Fuel and GA Aircraft Sales Tax Revenues:**

\$218.6 million

- **State General Fund:** \$137.1 million

- **Local Funds** (General, Public Safety, and Transportation): \$81.1 million

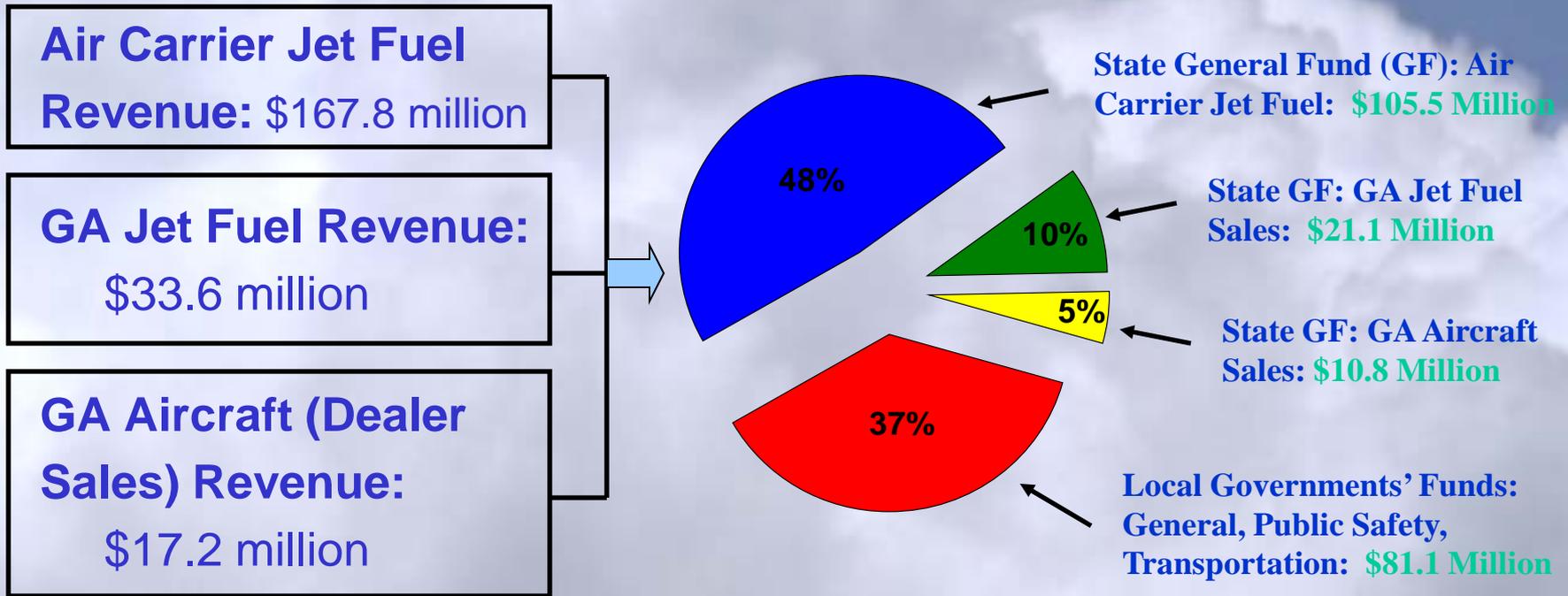
Distribution of the 7.95 Tax Rate:

- **State General Fund: 63 percent**
- **Local General Funds: 37 percent**



Estimated California Sales and Use Taxes:

Jet Fuel and General Aviation (GA) Aircraft: \$218.6 million



Note: 7.95 percent is the effective sales tax rate For FY 2007-08 (California Board of Equalization).



3. Property Taxes and Possessory Interests

Total Revenue: \$139.3 million

- **GA Aircraft:**
\$108.6 million
- **Air Carrier Aircraft:**
\$25.4 million
- **Possessory Interests**
(airport property leased to private businesses):
\$5.3 million

Distribution of Revenues:

- Education (School Districts)
- Local Governments' General Funds

California Aviation User Taxes:

Total: \$365.3 million

• Fuel "Excise" Tax Revenue:
\$7.4 million

• Sales and Use Tax Revenue:
\$218.6 million

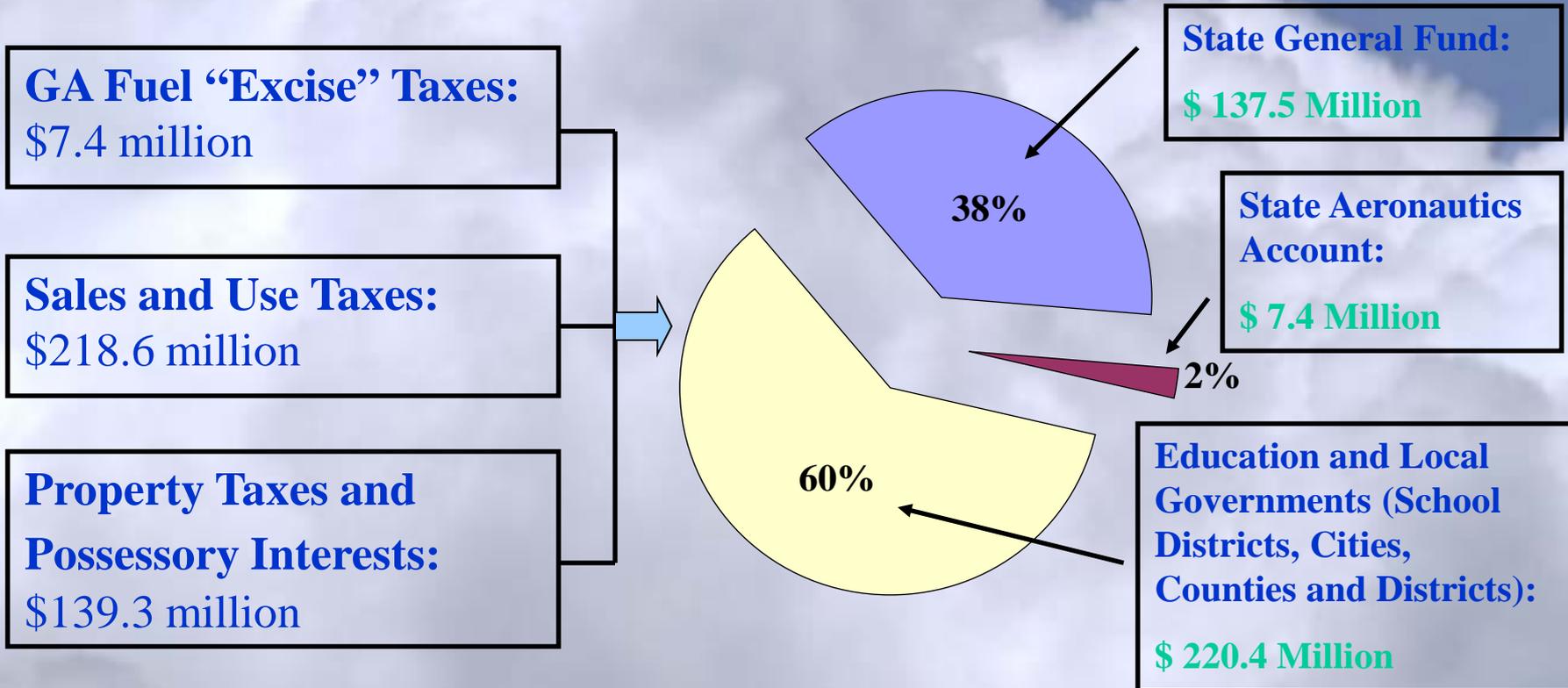
• Property Tax and Possessory
Interest Revenue:
\$139.3 million

Distribution of Revenues:

- State Aeronautics Account:
\$7.4 million
- State General Fund:
137.5\$ million
- School Districts' and Local
Governments' Funds:
\$220.4 million

California Aviation User Taxes:

Total: \$365.3 million



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