## City of Vallejo Sales Tax Update

First Quarter Receipts for Fourth) Quarter Sales (October - December 2013)

## Vallejo

## In Brief

Receipts for Vallejo's October through December sales were $11.6 \%$ higher than the same quarter one year ago. Excluding onetime payment anomalies actual sales were up 3.0\%.
The disparity between cash receipts and actual sales was mainly due to temporary reporting aberrations that reduced building and construction and business and industry proceeds in the comparison period. Adjusted for these aberrations, results from both industry groups were negative.
Bright spots included autos and transportation which easily bested regional and statewide trends. Food and drug sales were up but reporting aberrations inflated gains for that group.
Fuel and service station totals reflected generally lower fuel prices. The restaurants and hotels group benefited from new business additions, but missing payments and business closeouts offset those gains.
Net of accounting adjustments, receipts from voter-approved Measure "B" were $3.3 \%$ higher than in the comparison quarter.
Adjusted for aberrations, taxable sales for all of Solano County increased 2.2\% over the comparable time period, while the Bay Area as a whole was up 4.9\%.

## Sales Tax by Major Business Group



Top 25 Producers
In Alphabetical Order

Admiral Callaghan Shell
Avery Greene Honda
Best Buy
Bonfare Market
Costco
Home Depot
Kohls
Lowes
Marshalls
McDonalds
Momentum Chrysler Dodge Jeep Kia
N \& M Market
Nesco Fabricators

Ross
Safeway
Safeway Fuel
Shell
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
Target
Team Chevrolet Cadillac Hyundai Mazda
Toyota Vallejo
Toys R Us/Babys RUs
Tributary Point AM PM
Valero
Vallejo Nissan

## Revenue Comparison

Two Quarters - Fiscal Year To Date

2012-13
2013-14

| Point-of-Sale | $\$ 5,513,811$ | $\$ 5,816,365$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| County Pool | 655,203 | 568,072 |
| State Pool | 913 | 3,093 |
| Gross Receipts | $\$ 6,169,927$ | $\$ 6,387,530$ |

Measure B
$\$ 5,846,927$
\$6,271,717

## Statewide Results

Excluding accounting anomalies, the local share of sales and use tax receipts from California's 2013 holiday spending rose $3.4 \%$ over the fourth quarter of 2012.
Auto sales and leases and all categories of building and construction materials were substantially up over the previous year while tourism and convenience-driven consumer demand continued to produce healthy gains in restaurant related revenues.
Sales of luxury goods and portable electronics did particularly well while cut backs in food stamp programs and unemployment benefits reduced spending at discount department stores and many value oriented retailers. Generally, the gains in sales from online purchases were higher than for brick and mortar stores.

Rising fuel efficiency resulted in lower receipts from service stations and petroleum supply companies while a slowing pace in solar and alternate energy development reduced use tax receipts from the business/industrial segment.

Spending patterns were fairly consistent throughout most regions.

## E-Commerce Spending Up

Tax receipts from holiday spending on general consumer goods at brick and mortar stores grew by $2.3 \%$ over last year's comparable quarter while local tax revenues from online purchases increased $16 \%$ and accounted for $10.3 \%$ of total general consumer goods sales and use tax receipts.
The rise in online retail shopping accelerates trends that began 20 years ago by sellers of materials and equipment to business and industrial users. Suppliers were able to take advantage of business preferences for the ease
of online ordering by consolidating sales offices and inventories into just a few locations.

However, it was not until social networking and growth in the use of mobile devices that the general public became fully comfortable with online purchasing. Retail analysts expect the trend to expand and every major retailer is testing new concepts to reduce store size and overhead costs by driving more of their sales to centralized web-based order desks.

New technology, recent court decisions and legislative exemptions are constantly reducing what is taxable and has substantially altered the base on which the tax was created in 1933. The concentration of business supplies and now consumer goods into fewer and larger "points of sale" has accelerated competition for what is becoming a diminishing resource. Local governments are now bidding rebates up to $85 \%$ of the local tax collected in exchange for location of order desks.

Online vs. Brick \& Mortar Year-Over-Year Percent Growth


Revenue by Business Group Vallejo This Quarter


VALLEJO TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES

| "In thousands | Vallejo |  | County | HdL State |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Business Type | Q4 '13* | Change | Change | Change |
| Automotive Supply Stores | 48.3 | $0.3 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ |
| Casual Dining | 101.7 | $0.9 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ |
| Department Stores | 43.2 | $-4.1 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ |
| Discount Dept Stores | - CONFIDENTIAL | $-2.9 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |  |
| Electronics/Appliance Stores | 122.3 | $-0.4 \%$ | $-3.4 \%$ | $-0.6 \%$ |
| Family Apparel | 89.8 | $2.5 \%$ | $-0.5 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ |
| Grocery Stores Liquor | 128.2 | $13.7 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ | $38.3 \%$ |
| Home Furnishings | 53.0 | $-1.2 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ |
| Leisure/Entertainment | 55.5 | $-30.7 \%$ | $-22.9 \%$ | $8.6 \%$ |
| Lumber/Building Materials | 204.3 | $n a$ | $668.7 \%$ | $265.8 \%$ |
| New Motor Vehicle Dealers | 506.7 | $23.4 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ |
| Quick-Service Restaurants | 174.5 | $3.3 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| Service Stations | 365.2 | $-9.1 \%$ | $-6.4 \%$ | $-2.7 \%$ |
| Specialty Stores | 65.3 | $12.7 \%$ | $14.9 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ |
| Used Automotive Dealers | 49.5 | $18.4 \%$ | $289.0 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ |
| Total All Accounts | $\$ 2,955.5$ | $11.3 \%$ | $\mathbf{6 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 7 \%}$ |
| County \& State Pool Allocation | $\$ 414.6$ | $14.3 \%$ | $\mathbf{9 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 4 \%}$ |
| Gross Receipts | $\$ 3,370.1$ | $11.6 \%$ | $\mathbf{6 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 8 \%}$ |

