



## Monterey County Sales Tax *Update*

Fourth Quarter Receipts for Third Quarter Sales (July - September 2019)

# Monterey County In Brief

The unincorporated area's receipts from July through September were 16.7% below the third sales period in 2018. However, this comparison is skewed due to the CDTFA's transition to a new reporting system in the prior year when additional payments were received by the County. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 1.7%.

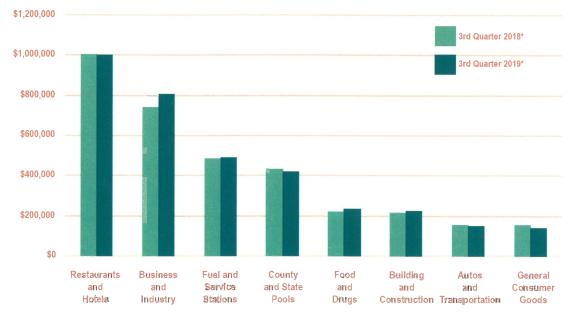
One-time purchases boosted business and industry. Contractors had a solid quarter posting 10.4% gains while building materials experienced flat results.

Slowing in leisure/entertainment were the cause of the 0.5% decline in the restaurant/hotel group. Recent declines in consumption negatively impacted service stations.

Retailers now obligated to pay out of state use taxes under the Wayfair decision added to the countywide pool allocation, but large one-time purchases in the comparable quarter masked the gains.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Monterey County declined 1.0% over the comparable time period; the Central Coast region was up 1.0%.

#### SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



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#### Top 25 Producers

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Company

Kristich Monterey Concrete Pipe

Kleen Globe

7 Eleven Nepenthe ABC Supply Co Pacifc Ag Rentals Bernardus Lodge Pebble Beach Resorts C & N Tractors Phil's Fish Market Carmel Valley Ranch Prundale Valero/ Chevron ferm's Service **CVS Pharmacy** R & S Supply Dicks Arco **RDO** Agriculture **Duke Energy** Equipment Dune Company of Roberts & Brune Salinas Safeway Helena Chemical Shell

Sturdy Oil Company

Valero

# REVENUE COMPARISON One Quarter – Fiscal Year To Date (Q3)

Gross Receipts	\$4,139,135	\$3,449,636	
State Pool	1,870	1,180	
County Pool	482,276	441,179	
Point-of-Sale	\$3,654,989	\$3,007,277	
	2018-19	2019-20	

#### **Statewide Results**

The local one-cent share of statewide sales and use tax from sales occurring July through September was 2.2% higher than the summer quarter of 2018 after adjusting for accounting anomalies.

The bulk of the increase came from the countywide use tax allocation pools and is due to the acceleration in online shopping where a large volume of the orders are shipped from out-of-state.

Online shopping also produced gains in the business-industrial group with in-state industrial zoned logistics centers filling orders previously taken by brick and mortar retailers. Purchases to support healthcare, food processing, logistics/warehouse operations and information/data technology also helped offset declines in other business-related categories.

With the exception of some discount and value-oriented retail, most categories of general consumer goods were down. New cannabis related start-ups offset declines in the food and drug group while a softening in building-construction receipts was consistent with recent declines in the volume and value of new building permit issuances.

Overall growth in restaurant receipts continued to soften with a shift toward lower cost dining establishments and takeout meal options. Reports of labor shortages and the impact of homelessness on customer traffic in metropolitan areas were reportedly factors in the decline in tax revenues from higher price, fine dining establishments.

Despite a slight uptick in used auto and auto lease receipts, the auto related group was significantly down due to a drop in new car and RV sales. Previously propped up by a 23% subprime rated customer base and six- and seven-year financing, loan delinquencies have recently surged back to levels last seen in 2009.

#### **Additional Tax Districts Approved**

Voters approved eight of the nine sales

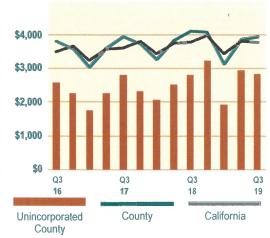
tax measures on the November 2019 ballot adding six new districts and extending two others.

This brings the total number of local transactions and use tax districts (TUT's) to 325 with 62 that are levied countywide and 263 imposed by individual cities. The number of local districts have close to tripled over the last decade as agencies deal with rising costs and service needs. TUT's have been a favorable option as visitors contribute to the tax and a collection system is already in place that minimizes administrative and monitoring costs.

California's basic rule is that the rate for all local TUT's combined, shall not exceed 2.0% or a total of 9.25% including the state levy. However, the state legislature has authorized higher caps in some jurisdictions with the highest voter-approved, combined state/local rate now at 10.5%.

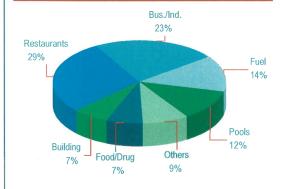
Thirty-five or more additional local TUT measures are currently being considered for the March 2020 ballot.

#### SALES PER CAPITA\*



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### REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP Monterey Co. Uninc This Quarter\*



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#### MONTEREY COUNTY TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES\*\*

*In thousands of dollars	Unincorporated County		County	HdL State
Business Type	Q3 '19*	Change	Change	Change
Building Materials	84.4	-0.4%	-5.7%	0.1%
Casual Dining	199.9	1.6%	0.1%	2.3%
Contractors	142.9	10.5%	-10.7%	2.6%
Convenience Stores/Liquor	52.0	1.4%	2.1%	1.0%
Energy/Utilities	— CONFI	— CONFIDENTIAL —		-6.3%
Garden/Agricultural Supplies	243.4	9.0%	10.5%	4.3%
Grocery Stores	114.7	2.6%	5.0%	1.7%
Heavy Industrial	59.8	-34.3%	-16.8%	0.6%
Hotels-Liquor	604.6	0.3%	0.4%	1.4%
Leisure/Entertainment	110.2	-9.2%	6.5%	7.5%
Petroleum Prod/Equipment	67.7	5.9%	0.9%	-3.5%
Repair Shop/Equip. Rentals	— CONFI	- CONFIDENTIAL -		2.0%
Service Stations	415.8	-0.5%	-0.6%	-1.5%
Transportation/Rentals	50.4	11.2%	14.4%	2.1%
Warehse/Farm/Const. Equip.	144.1	24.4%	0.4%	9.9%
Total All Accounts	3,062.8	2.6%	-1.6%	0.2%
County & State Pool Allocation	418.9	-4.1%	3.4%	14.9%
Gross Receipts	3,481.6	1.7%	-1.0%	2.3%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Accounting aberrations such as late payments, fund transfers, and audit adjustments have been adjusted to reflect the quarter in which the sales occurred.