

LIVERMORE

# City of Livermore Sales Tax Update

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

# Livermore In Brief

Livermore's receipts from July through September were 8.9% 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 City. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 4.1%.

A taxpayer refund also contributed to the drop in the business and industry group. Lower receipts in most sectors accounted for the actual decline of 6.1%.

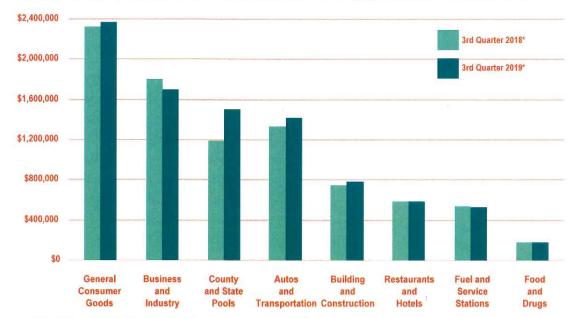
General retail was boosted by recent openings in women's apparel and specialty stores while a new eatery pushed up adjusted results in restaurants.

Auto-related sectors outpaced regional trends with a 6.2% increase. The decline in building materials due to a recent closeout was more than offset by outstanding performance in contractors and plumbing/ electrical.

The City's share of the countywide pool was a significant factor in the overall increase in gross receipts.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Alameda County declined 4.4% over the comparable time period; the Bay Area was down 0.5%.

### SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



\*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity

### Top 25 Producers

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Coach Mobile Modular Management Costco Porsche Livermore Gillig Safeway Gucci Safeway Fuel Home Depot Target JA Momaney Services Tommy Hilfiger Jifco Tory Burch Toyota Material Livermore Ford Livermore Lincoln Handling Livermore Honda **US** Foodservice Livermore Tovota & Vans Scion Veritiv Operating Lowes Company

> Walmart Waxies

# REVENUE COMPARISON

One Quarter - Fiscal Year To Date (Q3)

	2018-19	<b>2019-20</b> \$7,627,587	
Point-of-Sale	\$8,649,971		
County Pool	1,421,399	1,544,169	
State Pool	4,551	3,139	
Gross Receipts	\$10,075,921	\$9,174,895	

#### 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

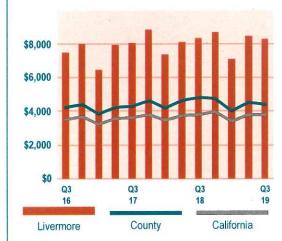
tax measures on the November 2019 ballot adding six new districts and extending two others.

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%.

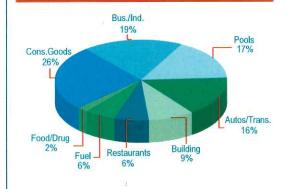
Thirty-five or more additional local TUT measures are currently being considered for the March 2020 ballot.

#### SALES PER CAPITA\*



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# REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP Livermore This Quarter\*



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### LIVERMORE TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES\*\*

*In thousands of dollars	Livermore		County	HdL State
Business Type	Q3 '19*	Change	Change	Change
Building Materials	365.3	-8.3%	-0.7%	0.2%
Casual Dining	307.3	-2.5%	3.7%	2.3%
Contractors	271.6	25.7%	-0.1%	2,5%
Discount Dept Stores	— CONFIDENTIAL —		1.5%	2.8%
Family Apparel	847.9	5.9%	0.4%	1.5%
Food Service Equip./Supplies	— CONFI	- CONFIDENTIAL -		5.7%
Heavy Industrial	278.8	10.9%	13.5%	0.6%
New Motor Vehicle Dealers	910.2	3.9%	-37.8%	-7.2%
Quick-Service Restaurants	188.3	2.7%	2.9%	2.6%
Service Stations	517.1	-1.0%	-4.3%	-1.5%
Shoe Stores	218.3	-1.7%	-2.9%	-1.7%
Specialty Stores	171.0	9.6%	-1.2%	0.3%
Trailers/Auto Parts	— CONFI	- CONFIDENTIAL -		19.8%
Trailers/RVs	— CONFI	- CONFIDENTIAL -		-3.7%
Women's Apparel	244.5	-4.2%	-5.2%	-5.6%
Total All Accounts	7,570.3	0.6%	-7.9%	0.3%
County & State Pool Allocation	1,498.4	26.2%	17.4%	14.9%
Gross Receipts	9,068.8	4.1%	-4.4%	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.