

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

SALES TAX UPDATE

3Q 2021 (JULY - SEPTEMBER)



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TOTAL: \$ 2,009,050

11.1%
3Q2021



19.1%
COUNTY

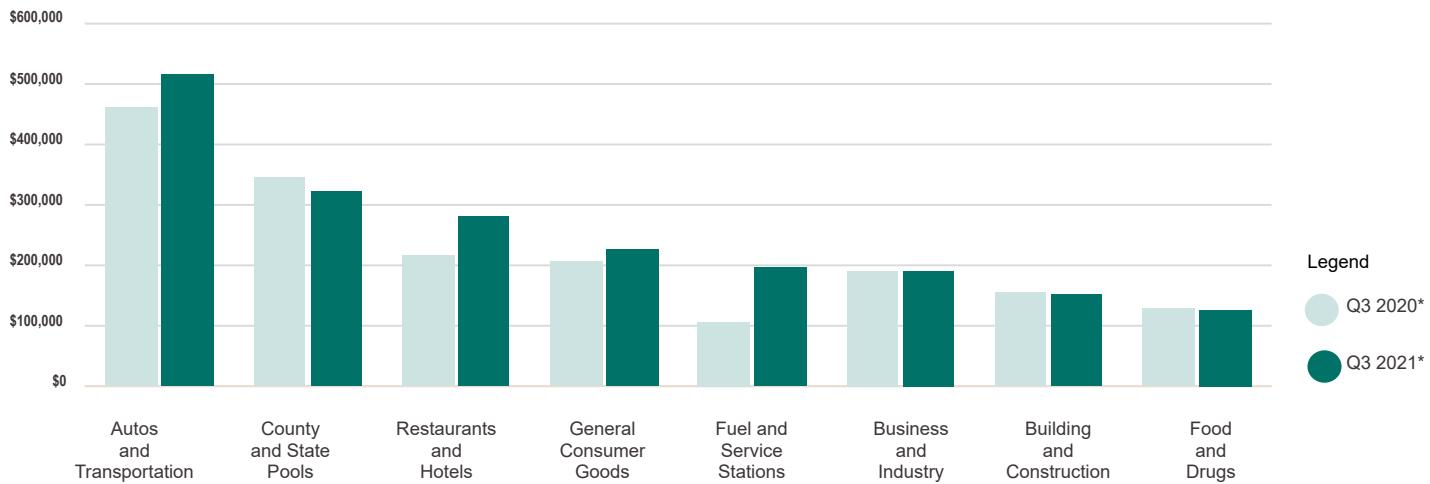


18.3%
STATE



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SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA HIGHLIGHTS

Rancho Santa Margarita's receipts from July through September were 6.0% above the third sales period in 2020. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 11.1%.

Crude oil prices have increased dramatically in the last year, pushing up revenue from fuel-service stations. Consumers have flocked back to restaurants, despite increasing menu prices caused by the higher costs of wholesale groceries and labor.

Low supply and high demand continue to impact prices in the autos-transportation industry. General consumer goods posted positive growth as consumers returned to in-person shopping without lockdowns or restrictions.

Revenue food-drugs remained decreased slightly as consumers

returned to dining out. Revenue from the building-construction sector dipped as prices continued to soar as a result of higher shipping costs. Revenue from the business-industry group remained flat.

The City's share of the countywide use tax pool decreased 7.2% when compared to the same period in the prior year.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Orange County grew 19.1% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was up 19.9%.



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

Applied Medical Distribution	Santa Margarita Ford
Arco AM PM	Santa Margarita Toyota
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse	Shell
Carmelitas	Smart & Final
Chevron	Target
Circle K	Trader Joes
Denault Commercial Supply	Tutto Fresco
Hannas Restaurants & Bar	Walmart Neighborhood Market
In N Out Burger	Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill
Kohls	
Lowes	
McDonalds	
Pavilions	
Ralphs Fresh Fare	
Rancho Santa Margarita Honda	
Ross	



STATEWIDE RESULTS

Local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales occurring July through September were 18% higher than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies and back payments from previous quarters. These aberrations had been much greater than normal in the last two years as the Governor's Executive Orders allowed businesses to defer some sales tax payments as a supportive measure during the pandemic. This program has now expired, and merchant remittances are more consistent, making cash receipts more reflective of underlying economic activity.

The prior year comparison quarter was the start of the pandemic recovery, and the strong growth enjoyed since continued with the recent results.

Surprisingly, one of the stronger sectors has been restaurants and hotels. Originally forecasted to take an extended amount of time to recover, statewide sales tax generated during the summer months exceeded amounts from pre-pandemic 2019. Even with the availability of indoor and outdoor dining, pent up demand resulted in long wait times to enjoy local culinary experiences. When combined with increasing restaurant tabs as the cost of food and staff wages surge, sales tax remittances are expected to continue growing. Additionally, while the industry awaits the return of foreign tourism in metropolitan areas, strong domestic travel has helped varied regions around the state especially Southern California and the Central Coast.

Receipts from general consumer goods marked a steady recovery, led by apparel retailers, jewelry, electronic/appliance and specialty outlets. Discount department stores, especially those selling gas, helped exemplify the strength of brick-and-mortar

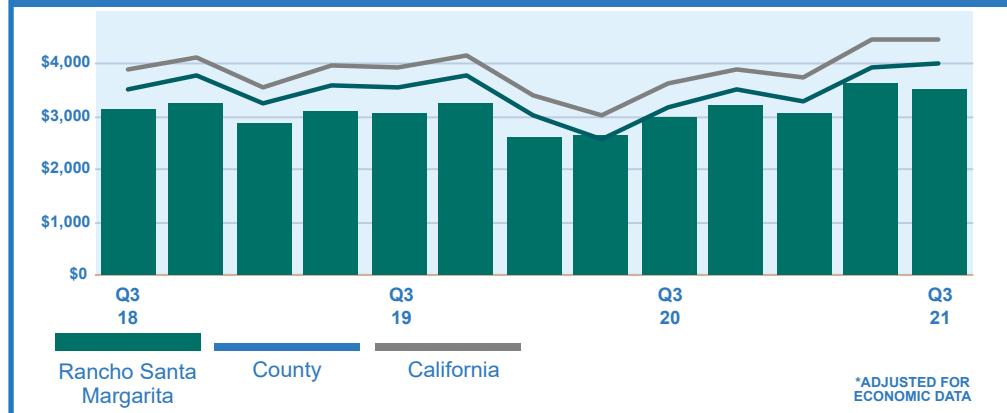
merchants. Gains from the countywide use tax pools however, slowed to 2% compared to the high-water mark last year, which had been boosted by new tax collecting requirements imposed under AB 147 for online retailers. All things considered, when combined with positive economic trends, these are a welcome sign leading up to the holiday shopping period.

Although car dealers had expressed concerns about inventory shortages due to supply chain disruptions and computer chip shortages earlier in the year, the sale of new and used vehicles posted solid gains regardless. Higher property values and good weather contributed to strong building

materials and contractor returns. As commuting workers and travelers returned to the road with increased gas prices, fuel and service stations also experienced a dramatic recovery.

Overall growth is expected to continue through the end of the 2021 calendar year. Possible headwinds into 2022 include: pent up demand for travel and experiences shifting spending away from taxable goods; higher prices for fuel, merchandise and services displacing more of consumer's disposable income; and expected interest rate hikes resulting in more costly financing for automobiles, homes, and consumer loans.

SALES PER CAPITA*



TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES

Rancho Santa Margarita Business Type	Q3 '21*	Change	County Change	HdL State Change
Service Stations	196.3	84.7%	62.8%	53.6%
Casual Dining	120.5	48.8%	64.7%	68.3%
Grocery Stores	86.5	-5.2%	-0.5%	-0.2%
Quick-Service Restaurants	69.5	5.9%	15.5%	13.5%
Fast-Casual Restaurants	52.2	11.0%	16.2%	18.9%
Specialty Stores	39.8	13.3%	22.0%	21.4%
Auto Lease	35.5	6.1%	-4.1%	-1.9%
Family Apparel	22.9	20.0%	44.9%	39.0%
Light Industrial/Printers	22.5	10.1%	10.4%	12.0%
Drug Stores	21.6	2.7%	6.5%	5.1%

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*In thousands of dollars