## CITY OF REDLANDS SALES TAX UPDATE 3Q 2021 (JULY - SEPTEMBER)



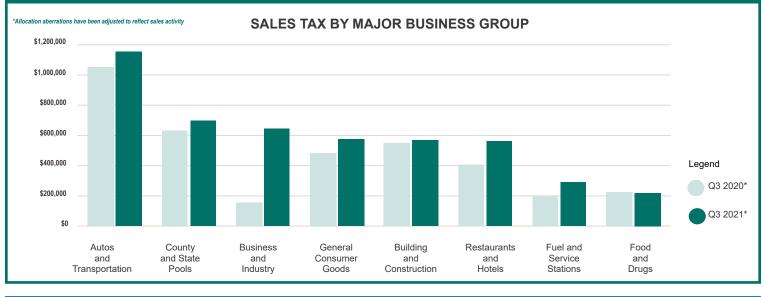
18.3%

STATE

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REDLANDS

TOTAL: \$4,705,187



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27.3%

3Q2021

Measure T TOTAL: \$4,960,352



### **CITY OF REDLANDS HIGHLIGHTS**

Redlands' receipts from July through September were 31.2% above the third sales period in 2020. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 27.3%.

New revenue streams resulted in a significant increase in receipts from the business-industry group. 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. Crude oil prices have increased dramatically in the last year, pushing up revenue from fuel-service stations. General consumer goods posted positive growth as consumers returned to inperson shopping without lockdowns or restrictions. The rising price of construction materials combined with higher shipping costs has pushed up revenue from building-construction.

The City's share of the countywide use tax pool increased 10.4% when compared to the same period in the prior year.

Measure T, the City's voter-approved 1% transactions and use tax, brought in additional revenue, let by autos-transportation and general consumer goods.

# TOP 25 PRODUCERS

20.6%

COUNTY

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Amazon Com Services Amazon MFA Burlington Circle K Citrus Arco Enterprise Rent A Car Goodman Distribution Hatfield Buick & GMC Truck Home Depot **HYR** Powersports Ken Grody Ford Redlands L & W Supply Lowes Marshalls

McDonalds Metro Nissan of Redlands Progress Rail Services Corp Redlands Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram Select Comfort Shell Stater Bros Tom Bell Chevrolet Tom Bell Toyota Valero Walmart

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### 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.

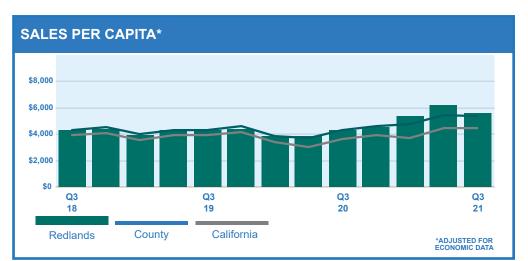
The prior year comparison quarter was the start of the pandemic recovery, and the strong growth enjoyed since continued with the recent results.

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.



#### **TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES**

Redlands Business Type	Q3 '21*	Change	County Change	HdL State Change
New Motor Vehicle Dealers	895.7	9.5%	20.7%	18.9% 🕥
Building Materials	485.7	5.2%	2.9%	5.4%
Service Stations	289.1	50.3%	56.8%	53.6%
Quick-Service Restaurants	247.1	10.4%	7.9%	13.5%
Casual Dining	224.1	87.0%	73.1%	68.3%
Grocery Stores	156.9	-4.2% 🚺	3.9%	-0.2% 🚺
Home Furnishings	93.1	151.7%	9.7%	11.0%
Family Apparel	85.8	32.0%	39.4%	39.0%
Specialty Stores	75.8	8.4%	18.4%	21.4%
Contractors	73.8	-5.5% 🚺	21.4%	12.2%
*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity *In thousands of dollars				