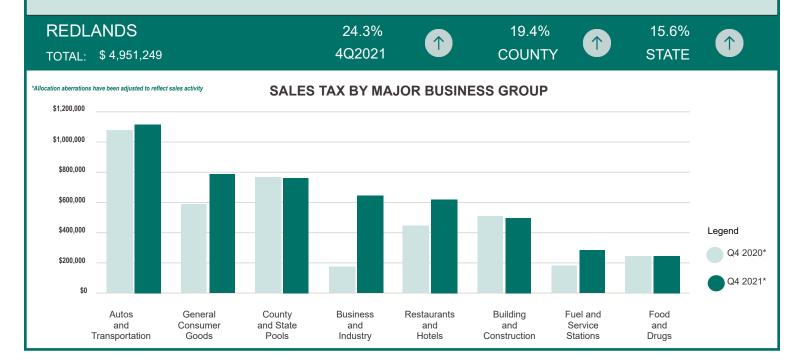
# **CITY OF REDLANDS**

## SALES TAX UPDATE

**4Q 2021 (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)** 





Measure T





### **CITY OF REDLANDS HIGHLIGHTS**

Redlands' receipts from October through December were 28.4% above the fourth sales period in 2020. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 24.3%.

The City experienced strong growth from business-industry, family apparel, home furnishings, specialty stores, new motor vehicles, auto repair shops, automotive supply stores, transportation/rentals, and food-drugs. Record prices at the pump led to a boost in sales tax received.

One of the industries that was hit the hardest in the state during the pandemic was restaurants and hotels, and most business types have now fully recovered. As a result, strong returns were realized

from casual, leisure/entertainment, quick service, and fast casual restaurants.

Returns from contractors, medical/biotech, and state and county pools decreased, which combined to partially offset the overall gain.

The City's Transaction and Use Tax Measure T generated 107.4% of the Bradley Burns amount, led by solid results from general consumer goods.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of San Bernardino County grew 19.4% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was up 17.4%.



#### **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

Albertsons

Amazon Com Services

Amazon MFA

Burlington

Circle K

Citrus Arco

Dr Martens

Hatfield Buick & GMC

Truck

Home Depot

**HYR Powersports** 

Ken Grody Ford

Redlands

L & W Supply

Lowes

Marshalls

McDonalds

Metro Nissan of

Redlands

Redlands Chrysler Jeep

Dodge Ram

San Manuel Band Of

Mission Indians

Select Comfort

Shell

Stater Bros

Tom Bell Chevrolet

Tom Bell Toyota

Valero

Walmart

HdL® Companies



#### **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

California's local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales during the months of October through December were 15% higher than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies. A holiday shopping quarter, the most consequential sales period of the year, and the strong result was a boon to local agencies across the State. Consumers spent freely as the economy continued its rebound from the pandemic and as robust labor demand reduced unemployment and drove up wages.

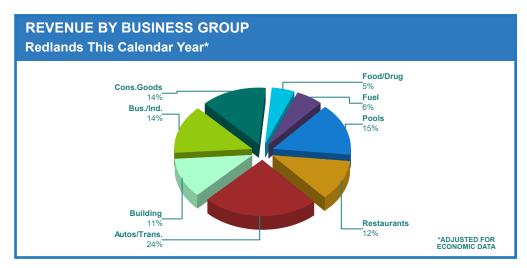
Brick and mortar retailers did exceptionally well as many shoppers returned to physical stores rather than shopping online as the COVID crisis waned. This was especially true for traditional department stores that have long been among the weakest categories in retail. Discount department stores, particularly those selling gas, family and women's apparel and jewelry merchants also experienced strong sales. Many retailers are now generating revenue that is nearly as much, or even higher, than pre-pandemic levels.

Sales by new and used car dealers were also much higher than a year ago. The inventory shortage has resulted in higher prices that have more than offset the decline in unit volume in terms of revenue generation for most dealerships. Restaurants and hotels were only moderately lower than last quarter, with both periods being the highest in the State's history. Increased menu prices coupled with robust demand to dine out are largely responsible for these gains. These are impressive results for a sector that does not yet include the positive impact that will occur later this year as international travel steadily increases at major airports. Conference business, an important revenue component for many hotels, is also still in the early stages of recovery.

Building material suppliers and contractors were steady as growing residential and commercial property values boosted demand, particularly in the Southern California, Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley regions. Although anticipated interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve could dampen the short-term outlook for this sector, industry experts believe limited selling activity will inspire increased upgrades and improvements by existing owners. With demand remaining tight and calls for more affordable housing throughout the state, the long-term outlook remains positive.

The fourth quarter, the final sales period of calendar year 2021, exhibited a 20% rebound

in tax receipts compared to calendar year 2020. General consumer goods, restaurants, fuel and auto-transportation industries were the largest contributors to this improvement. However, the future growth rate for statewide sales tax revenue is expected to slow markedly. Retail activity has now moved past the easy year-over-year comparison quarters in 2021 versus the depths of the pandemic bottom the year before. Additional headwinds going into 2022 include surging inflation, a dramatic jump in the global price of crude oil due to Russia's war in Ukraine and corresponding monetary tightening by the Federal Reserve. This is expected to result in weakening consumer sentiment and continued, but decelerating, sales tax growth into 2023.



#### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES Redlands **HdL State** County Q4 '21\* **Business Type** Change Change Change 2.0% 15.5% 1 New Motor Vehicle Dealers 866.5 16.4% **Building Materials** 430.3 -0.4% -1.2% 2.3% Service Stations 284.7 55.3% 56.2% ( 53.8% Quick-Service Restaurants 257.2 9.2% 7.7% 12.2% 69.8% 66.4% Casual Dining 234.8 62.4% Family Apparel 226.4 126.9% 24.6% ( 27.2% **Grocery Stores** 178.6 -1.0% 2.1% 0.6% Specialty Stores 92.2 19.7% 25.1% 18.7% 1 79.1 7.6% Home Furnishings 153.1% 6.5% 72.3 8.2% **Automotive Supply Stores** 10.4% 10.5% \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity \*In thousands of dollars