



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

San Luis Obispo In Brief

San Luis Obispo's receipts from July through September were 8.2% 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 1.4%.

A spike in economically sensitive business-industrial returns was the largest factor in the improvement.

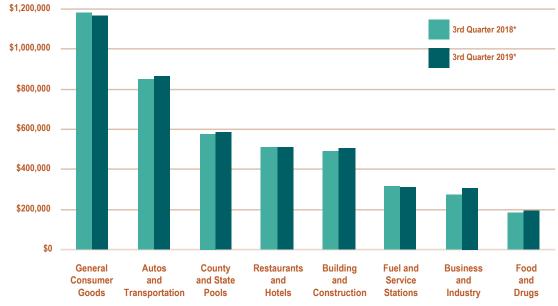
New car sales also grew +4%, outperforming the -7% statewide trend.

Home furnishing sales were lower, however. Close-outs also reduced returns from local auto repair shops.

Measure G, San Luis Obispo's voter-approved half-cent transaction tax, generated an additional \$2,119,000. After adjusting for anomalies in payment timing, results were 3.8% lower compared to last year, though a payment anomaly appears to have artificially depressed these returns.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of San Luis Obispo County grew 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

Alfano Motorcars Mercedes Benz Chevrolet

Apple

Best Buy

Chevron Coast BMW Nissan

Cole Chrysler Dodge

Jeep Cole Mazda

Conserv Fuel

Consolidated Electrical Distributors

Costco

Ferguson Enterprises

Hayward Lumber

Home Depot

JB Dewar Exxon Distributor

Madonna Inn

Perry Ford Lincoln Volkswagen

Rancho Grande Motors Buick Gmc Hyundai Subaru

Ross

Shell

Smith Volvo

Sunset Honda

Tackle Warehouse

Target

Tennis Warehouse

Toyota of San Luis Obispo

United Rentals

REVENUE COMPARISON

One Quarter - Fiscal Year To Date (Q3)

		2019-20	
	2018-19		
Point-of-Sale	\$4,375,959	\$3,948,089	
County Pool	602,408	623,946	
State Pool	2,250	1,565	
Gross Receipts	\$4,980,616	\$4,573,600	
Measure G	\$2,364,347	\$2,119,167	



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.

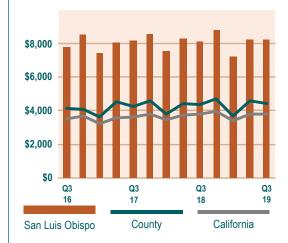
This brings the total number of local transactions and use tax districts (TUT's) to 325 with 62 that are levied countywide and 263 imposed by individual cities. The number of local districts have close to tripled over the last decade as agencies deal with rising costs and service needs. TUT's have been 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.

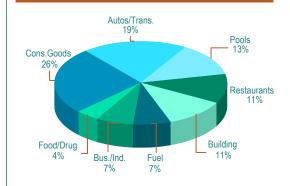
*In thousands of dollars

SALES PER CAPITA*



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REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP San Luis Obispo This Quarter*



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SAN LUIS OBISPO TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES**

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^In thousands of dollars	San Luis Obispo		County	HdL State	
Business Type	Q3 '19*	Change	Change	Change	
Building Materials	243.4	0.5%	-3.8%	0.2%	
Casual Dining	280.1	-2.3%	-2.4%	2.3%	
Contractors	116.1	3.5%	6.5%	2.6%	
Discount Dept Stores	— CONFIDENTIAL —		0.2%	2.8%	
Electronics/Appliance Stores	143.6	0.3%	-0.3%	-3.2%	
Family Apparel	112.7	10.4%	4.3%	1.5%	
Fast-Casual Restaurants	81.2	5.0%	11.8%	5.1%	
Grocery Stores	116.3	4.7%	4.6%	1.7%	
Home Furnishings	100.0	-6.8%	-9.5%	-1.0%	
New Motor Vehicle Dealers	662.0	3.6%	4.2%	-7.2%	
Plumbing/Electrical Supplies	119.3	4.1%	6.8%	4.3%	
Quick-Service Restaurants	82.6	1.5%	3.4%	2.6%	
Service Stations	248.7	-1.4%	-1.2%	-1.5%	
Specialty Stores	74.6	-6.2%	-9.3%	0.3%	
Sporting Goods/Bike Stores	153.2	-3.4%	-1.5%	-1.3%	
Total All Accounts	3,861.0	1.4%	1.6%	0.2%	
County & State Pool Allocation	585.0	1.5%	-2.3%	14.9%	
Gross Receipts	4.446.1	1.4%	1.0%	2.3%	

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