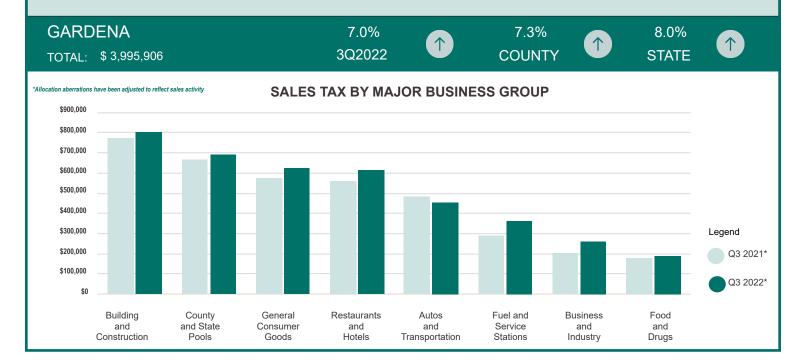
CITY OF GARDENA SALES TAX UPDATE 3Q 2022 (JULY - SEPTEMBER)





Measure G TOTAL: \$3,053,520



CITY OF GARDENA HIGHLIGHTS

Gardena's receipts from July through September were 9.1% above the third sales period in 2021. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 7.0%.

The City continued a strong march forward with an increase of 7.0% in all but one business category. Sustained growth in DIYs and contractors allowed for the largest sector, building & construction, to continue with favorable results.

The largest gains resulted in fuel & service stations and business & industry. Continued high pump prices, though down from historic peaks of last year, produced positive results. The business & industry group experienced growth

in many sub-categories allowing for an additional \$57,000.

Autos & transportation was the only segment to experience a decline with most sub-sectors following current slowdown of the industry.

Voter approved Measure G saw similar results with the largest yields in general consumer goods, restaurants & hotels, and fuel & service stations posting the largest gains.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Los Angeles County grew 7.3% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was up 8.1%.



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

A & A Chevron
Arco AM PM
Beacon Roofing Supply
Chick Fil A
Crenshaw Lumber Co.
Crenshaw Wholesale
Electric Supply
Enterprise Rent A Car
G & C Equipment
Finders Corp
Gardena Honda
In N Out Burger
IRG Plotters & Printers
Julien's Auctions
Lab Fabrication

Marukai Market
McDonald's
Nissan of Gardena
Raising Cane's
Sam's Club
Smardan Hatcher Co.
Target
Valero
Vons Fuel
Wood Oil Company
7 Gallerie



STATEWIDE RESULTS

Local one cent sales and use tax for sales occurring July through September was 8% higher than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies and back payments from previous quarters. These returns mark another strong period of growth for the California spending economy.

Even as the Federal Reserve Board continued ramping up interest rates in an effort to curb the larger concern of inflation, consumers maintained purchases on multiple fronts, especially automobiles. Surprisingly, new car dealers experienced 10% gains over the comparable period in 2021. Limited inventory and demand for higher mileage vehicles including electric and hybrid models helped support growth. In addition, the increased cost of used vehicles has pushed many into the new vehicle market; in contrast, sales of recreation vehicles and auto leasing activity remained soft.

For Californians, the summer of 2022 had the highest gas prices on record; subsequently fuel and service stations receipts jumped 21%. Commuters and summer travel remained steady, yet overall consumption still trails pre-pandemic levels by approximately 13%. Although the Russia-Ukraine conflict initially caused a dramatic shift in global crude oil markets, prices have begun to pull back closer to historical norms.

Restaurants experienced a strong uptick as increased menu prices, consistent desire to dine out and strong tourism contributed to this favorable news. Just as important, theme parks, leisure-entertainment venues and hotels pushed positive momentum back to 2019 levels. With tightening profit margins and sustained labor concerns, future improvement could be slowed compared to the last two years.

Busy contractors and plumbing-electrical

suppliers boosted the building-construction sector. Solid residential and commercial housing prices persisted despite recent interest rate hikes. Tenant improvements further support spending activity as businesses assess future office needs. With statewide new housing requirements and federal infrastructure funding on the horizon, current forecasts stay optimistic.

Steady investment in capital equipment coupled with the overall increased price of goods enhanced both business-industry and countywide use tax pool allocations.

For the second straight quarter, fuel sales linked to discount department stores propped up general consumer goods

Auto Repair Shops

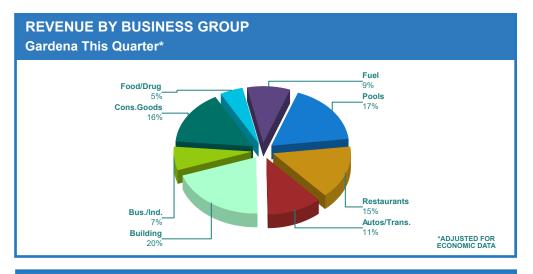
results. Otherwise, retailers experienced flat to decreased receipts as many apparel categories, home furnishings and sporting goods struggled to keep pace with the prior year. As consumers balanced summer opportunities and higher prices, in-store shopping appears to have taken a temporary back seat.

Sustained price increases and interest rate hikes certainly have consumers contemplating where to spend their dollars. However, historically low statewide unemployment rates and the recovery of the national stock markets from declines earlier this year leave modest optimism heading into 2023.

14.0%

10.7% 1

*In thousands of dollars



HdL State Gardena County Q3 '22* **Business Type** Change Change Change 26.4% Service Stations 306.6 19.1% (1 18.5% 1 Quick-Service Restaurants 271.8 4.8% 4.0% 5.3% Casual Dining 248.1 14.8% 11.8% 10.1% **Grocery Stores** 112.5 5.5% 2.7% (3.1% 21.3% Contractors 85.3 16.8% 15.5% 🕋 Fast-Casual Restaurants 73.6 0.0% 6.5% 6.1% Transportation/Rentals 73.4 -3.9% 8.3% 13.8% Plumbing/Electrical Supplies 69.8 -2.7% 27.2% 12.8% Light Industrial/Printers -9.0% 10.4% 10.2% 65.2

64.3

16.6%

TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES

*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity