City of Glendale
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## Glendale In Brief

Glendale's allocation of sales and use tax revenues from its October through December sales was skewed by reporting anomalies in the grocery and lumber-building material categories. Actual sales activity was up $4.2 \%$ after these and other aberrations were factored out.
Generally solid holiday sales and recent additions to the auto, department store and restaurant categories contributed to the overall increase.
The gains were partially offset by declines in fuel usage and pricing, previous closeouts in the home furnishings category and cutbacks in purchases of business-industrial goods and equipment
Adjusted for aberrations, sales and use tax receipts for all of Los Angeles County increased 1.7\% over the comparable time period while Southern California as a whole was up 2.7\%.

## Sales Tax by Major Business Group



Top 25 Producers

In Alphabetical Order

Allen Gwynn Chevrolet
Apple
Bloomingdales
Bob Smith Toyota
Calstar Mercedes
Diamond Honda
Financial Services Vehicle Trust
Glendale Dodge Chrysler Jeep
Glendale Nissan Infiniti
Glendale Subaru/ Mitsubishi
Home Depot
JC Penney

Lexus of Glendale
Macys
Marshalls
Nordstrom
Pacific BMW
Ralphs
Sears
Star Ford Lincoln
Target
Tesoro Refining \& Marketing
Toyota of Glendale Scion
Video Equipment Rental
Vons

## Statewide Results

Excluding accounting anomalies, the local share of sales and use tax receipts from California's 2013 holiday spending rose $3.4 \%$ over the fourth quarter of 2012.

Auto sales and leases and all categories of building and construction materials were substantially up over the previous year while tourism and convenience-driven consumer demand continued to produce healthy gains in restaurant related revenues. Sales of luxury goods and portable electronics did particularly well while cut backs in food stamp programs and unemployment benefits reduced spending at discount department stores and many value oriented retailers. Generally, the gains in sales from online purchases were higher than for brick and mortar stores.

Rising fuel efficiency resulted in lower receipts from service stations and petroleum supply companies while a slowing pace in solar and alternate energy development reduced use tax receipts from the business/industrial segment.
Spending patterns were fairly consistent throughout most regions.

## E-Commerce Spending Up

Tax receipts from holiday spending on general consumer goods at brick and mortar stores grew by $2.3 \%$ over last year's comparable quarter while local tax revenues from online purchases increased $16 \%$ and accounted for $10.3 \%$ of total general consumer goods sales and use tax receipts.
The rise in online retail shopping accelerates trends that began 20 years ago by sellers of materials and equipment to business and industrial users. Suppliers were able to take advantage of business preferences for the ease
of online ordering by consolidating sales offices and inventories into just a few locations.

However, it was not until social networking and growth in the use of mobile devices that the general public became fully comfortable with online purchasing. Retail analysts expect the trend to expand and every major retailer is testing new concepts to reduce store size and overhead costs by driving more of their sales to centralized web-based order desks.

New technology, recent court decisions and legislative exemptions are constantly reducing what is taxable and has substantially altered the base on which the tax was created in 1933. The concentration of business supplies and now consumer goods into fewer and larger "points of sale" has accelerated competition for what is becoming a diminishing resource. Local governments are now bidding rebates up to $85 \%$ of the local tax collected in exchange for location of order desks.

Online vs. Brick \& Mortar
Year-Over-Year Percent Growth


Revenue by Business Group Glendale This Quarter


## Glendale Top 15 Business TyPEs

| $* / n$ thousands | Glendale |  | County | HdL State |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Business Type | Q4 '13* | Change | Change | Change |
| Auto Lease | 294.7 | $0.4 \%$ | $26.7 \%$ | $29.0 \%$ |
| Casual Dining | 406.1 | $17.3 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ |
| Department Stores | 733.2 | $22.6 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ |
| Discount Dept Stores | - CONFIDENTIAL |  | $-0.2 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Electronics/Appliance Stores | 352.8 | $6.4 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $-0.7 \%$ |
| Family Apparel | 540.1 | $6.2 \%$ | $7.2 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ |
| Grocery Stores Liquor | 270.4 | $71.2 \%$ | $99.0 \%$ | $38.3 \%$ |
| Home Furnishings | 124.1 | $-9.2 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| Light Industrial/Printers | 113.8 | $0.9 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| Lumber/Building Materials | 142.8 | $205.0 \%$ | $342.4 \%$ | $264.3 \%$ |
| New Motor Vehicle Dealers | $1,390.7$ | $5.8 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ |
| Quick-Service Restaurants | 366.1 | $6.6 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ |
| Service Stations | 526.6 | $-0.6 \%$ | $-4.9 \%$ | $-2.7 \%$ |
| Specialty Stores | 265.6 | $10.6 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ |
| Women's Apparel | 213.6 | $1.4 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ |
| Total All Accounts | $\$ 7,695.5$ | $6.7 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $8.7 \%$ |
| County \& State Pool Allocation | $\$ 984.5$ | $2.2 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ |
| Gross Receipts | $\$ 8,680.0$ | $6.2 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ |

