## City of Glendale Sales Tax Update

Fourth Quarter Receipts for Third Quarter Sales (Jul-Sep 2010)

## Glendale In Brief

Receipts from July through September sales were $3 \%$ higher than the same period one year ago.
Most of the year-over-year gain came from the Business \& Industry group where business services, government/social organizations, and office supplies/furniture categories showed exceptional increases. Onetime reporting aberrations inflated the office supplies/furniture comparison whereas use tax on capital purchases boosted government/ social organization totals. Strong sales and a new business addition benefited the electronics/appliance category. Higher prices at the pump lifted service station results.
New motor vehicle dealers, auto lease and specialty store classifications dropped much as they did throughout the county though accounting adjustments exaggerated the specialty store decline. Department stores and restaurants with liquor also showed decreases. Apparent late payments and temporary accounting adjustments skewed the restaurants with liquor comparison.
Excluding payment anomalies all of Los Angeles County was up 3.7\%; statewide sales grew 4.7\%.

## Sales Tax by Major Business Group



Top 25 Producers
In Alphabetical Order

| Allen Gwynn | Kwik/Al Sal Oil |
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| $\quad$ Chevrolet | Lexus of Glendale |
| Apple Computer | Macys |
| Bob Smith Toyota | Nordstrom |
| Calstar Mercedes | Pacific BMW |
| City of Glendale | Sears |
| Diamond Honda of | Star Ford Lincoln |
| $\quad$ Glendale | Target |
| Financial Services | Toyota Motor Credit |
| Vehicle Trust | Toyota of Glendale |
| Glendale Dodge | Video Equipment |
| $\quad$ Chrysler Jeep | Rental |
| Glendale Mitsubishi | Vons |
| Glendale Nissan | Walt Disney |
| Infiniti | Imagineering |
| Home Depot |  |
| JC Penney |  |

## Statewide Overview

California's allocation of local BradleyBurns revenues for sales occurring July through September were $4.7 \%$ higher than the third quarter of 2009 after accounting anomalies were factored out. Higher fuel prices and usage, business investment in new equipment and technology, and solid gains in some categories of consumer goods and restaurants all contributed to the increase. Receipts from food, drugs, and construction materials were slightly lower than last year's comparison quarter as was the allocation from autos which spiked during the "cash for clunkers" program of a year ago.
The Silicon Valley continues to lead the recovery with gains $2^{11 / 2}$ times higher than for California as a whole. Coastal region sales are generally outperforming the inland areas.

## The Sales Tax Picture at Mid-Year

The first two quarters of 2010-11 produced statewide receipts that are $4.2 \%$ higher than the first two quarters of 2009-10 after accounting aberrations are excluded. However, the year-todate total is still $17.2 \%$ lower than the totals for the first two quarters of prerecession 2006-07.
Generally, prognostications for the remaining fiscal year are more upbeat than those of a few months ago and the fears of a double-dip recession have diminished. Stocks are at a two year high, preliminary data on fourth quarter business and consumer spending is better than anticipated and the recent tax-cuts and extension of unemployment benefits is hoped to boost the nation's economy by $\$ 850$ billion. In California, the growth in sales tax will be geographically uneven and tempered by high unemployment, mortgage foreclosures and fallout from the state's budget deficit.
Various segments of the sales tax base are projected as follows:
Autos/Transportation- Industry sales reports were inflated by non-taxable
fleet purchases earlier in the year but pent-up demand and easing credit are now producing solid consumer demand and new optimism. Positive gains are expected over the next few quarters but not at pre-recession growth rates.
Building/Construction- Unsold inventories, new tax exemptions for energy projects and modest public spending translate into flat or minimal tax growth for another year or more.
Business/Industry- Leaner and flush with cash, businesses are investing heavily in new technology, software and equipment. Sales tax gains will be agency and industry specific and primarily from suppliers of technology and companies serving the health, mining, petroleum and food industries.
Food/Drugs- some price increases but competition will keep tax revenues from this segment generally flat.
Fuel/Service Stations - Speculation on crude oil futures is resulting in price increases that are expected to continue to soar through spring.
Consumer Goods- Stock market gains
are reviving luxury buyers while "frugality fatigue" is setting in for the rest of us. Holiday spending was stronger than expected for apparel, sporting goods, small electronics, and home furnishings. Analysts are skeptical about sustainability but generally project statewide growth of $3.0 \%$ to $31 / 2 \%$.
Restaurants/Hotels- Tourism and business travel is on the increase but price competition is expected to keep gains in sales tax revenue relatively modest.

## Sales Per Capita



## Glendale Top 15 Business Types

|  | Glendale |  | County | HdL State |
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| Business Type | Q3 '10* | Change | Change | Change |
| New Motor Vehicle Dealers | $\$ 1,059.3$ | $-6.0 \%$ | $-5.0 \%$ | $-1.7 \%$ |
| Department Stores | 450.2 | $-3.9 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ |
| Service Stations | 449.2 | $12.8 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ |
| Family Apparel | 362.9 | $5.8 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ |
| Restaurants No Alcohol | 338.5 | $-1.1 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ |
| Electronics/Appliance Stores | 244.9 | $27.7 \%$ | $11.3 \%$ | $18.3 \%$ |
| Auto Lease | 244.7 | $-24.5 \%$ | $-17.7 \%$ | $-20.0 \%$ |
| Restaurants Liquor | 238.3 | $-12.5 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ |
| Grocery Stores Liquor | 196.5 | $7.8 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ |
| Specialty Stores | 190.0 | $-9.6 \%$ | $-3.3 \%$ | $-2.2 \%$ |
| Women's Apparel | 180.6 | $3.7 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ |
| Lumber/Building Materials | 163.8 | $1.4 \%$ | $-1.9 \%$ | $-4.8 \%$ |
| Business Services | 157.8 | $129.7 \%$ | $34.4 \%$ | $22.8 \%$ |
| Discount Dept Stores | - CONFIDENTIAL | $3.9 \%$ | $5.6 \%$ |  |
| Light Industrial/Printers | 102.8 | $4.7 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ |
| Total All Accounts | $\$ 6,034.0$ | $2.1 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ |
| County \& State Pool Allocation | 709.6 | $11.4 \%$ |  |  |
| Gross Receipts | $\$ 6,743.6$ | $3.0 \%$ |  | */n thousands |

