# CITY OF HUGHSON SALES TAX UPDATE <br> 1Q 2021 (JANUARY - MARCH) 



## 8: C CITY OF HUGHSON HIGHLIGHTS

Hughson's receipts from January through March were $15.7 \%$ above the first sales period in 2020. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 9.5\%.

Businesses in the autos and transportation category reported modest gains quarter over quarter.

The business and industry category reported a $21.7 \%$ cash decline compared to the same time last year, but the adjusted declines were only $13.0 \%$ after aberrations were accounted for.

General consumer goods saw a modest 5.8\% increase in reported revenues quarter over quarter.

Stanislaus County moved into the state's less restrictive tier in March 2021, allowing restaurants to open for inperson dining that will pull the category
out of its pandemic slump. The category reported an 87.9\% increase in cash receipts while also reporting an adjusted decrease of $15.8 \%$ quarter over quarter to Hughson.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Stanislaus County grew 19.8\% over the comparable time period; the San Joaquin Valley was up 26.1\%.

Bobs Coffee Shop Boulet Consulting California Trusframe Coco's Taqueria
Dollar General
Dollar Tree
Golden Bowl
Grossi Fabrication
Hughson Asian Kitchen
Hughson Chevron
Hughson Farm Supply
Industrial Softener
Service
La Perla Tapatia
Lacy's Furniture \&
Home Decor
Mid Valley Agricultural
Services
Napa Auto Parts
Pizza Factory

Pure Water Pool Service
Quick N Save
Santa Fe Market \&
Liquor
Save Mor Market
Slick Fork BBQ
Subway
Valley Tool \&
Manufacturing
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## STATEWIDE RESULTS

The local one cent sales and use tax from sales occurring January through March, was 9.5\% higher than the same quarter one year ago after factoring for accounting anomalies and back payments from previous quarters.

The Shelter-In-Place directive began one year ago which had the impact of immediate store and restaurant closures combined with remote/work from home options for employees which significantly reduced commuting traffic and fuel sales. When comparing to current period data, percentage gains are more dramatic. Furthermore, this pandemic dynamic combined with the Governor's first Executive Order of last spring allowing for deferral of sales tax remittances explained why non-adjusted cash results were actually up $33 \%$.

These initial recovery gains were not the same everywhere. Inland regions like Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, Sierras, Far North and the Inland Empire area of Southern California performed much stronger than the Bay Area, Central Coast and metro areas of Southern California.

Within the results, solid performance by the auto-transportation and buildingconstruction industries really helped push receipts higher. Weak inventories and scarcity for products increased the taxable price of vehicles (new \& used), RV's, boats and lumber which appeared to be a major driving force for these improved returns. Even though e-commerce sales activity continued to rise, brick and mortar general consumer retailers also showed solid improvement of $11 \%$ statewide.

An expected change occurred this quarter as a portion of use tax dollars previously distributed through the countywide pools was redirected to specific local jurisdictions. Changes in business structure required a
taxpayer to determine where merchandise was inventoried at the time orders were made. Therefore, rather than apportion sales to the county pool representing where the merchandise was shipped, goods held in California facilities required allocations be made to the agency where the warehouse resides. With this modification, the business and industry category jumped $18 \%$ inclusive of steady gains by fulfillment centers, medicalbiotech and garden-agricultural suppliers. Even after the change noted, county pools surged $18 \%$ which demonstrated consumers continued desire to make purchases online.

Although indoor dining was available in many counties, the recovery for restaurants
and hotels still lagged other major categories. Similarly, while commuters and travelers slowly began returning to the road, the rebound for gas stations and jet fuel is trailing as well. Both sectors are expected to see revenues climb in the coming quarters as commuters and summer tourism heats up.

Looking ahead, sustained growth is anticipated through the end of the 2021 calendar year. As a mild head wind, pent up demand for travel and experiences may begin shifting consumer dollars away from taxable goods; this behavior modification could have a positive outcome for tourist areas within the state.

REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP
Hughson This Quarter*

*ADJUSTED FOR ECONOMIC DATA

SALES PER CAPITA*


