

## City of Hughson Sales Tax Update

Third Quarter Receipts for Second Quarter Sales (April - June 2020)

## Hughson In Brief

Hughson's receipts from April through June were 12.0\% below the second sales period in 2019. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were down 21.5\%.
Autos and transportation exceeded expectations in 2 Q 20 as increases in May and June were supported by fiscal stimulus payments.
General consumer goods reported mixed results with consumers shopping for things to enhance their work-from-home experiences, while other categories experienced significant declines brought on by store closures.
The restaurants-hotels sector struggled during the second quarter, with results improving as more restaurants and hotels begin partial reopening plans.
Allocations from the countywide pools continue to show strong growth as new retailers begin collecting sales and use tax as a result of the Wayfair decision and consumers turn to online shopping while staying safe at home.
Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Stanislaus County declined $7.3 \%$ over the comparable time period; the San Joaquin Valley was down 1.7\%.

## Sales Tax by Major Business Group


*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity

## Top 25 Producers <br> In Alphabetical Order

California Trusframe
Coco's Taqueria
Combs Pumps
Dollar General
Dollar Tree
Golden Bowl
Grossi Fabrication
Hughson Asian Kitchen
Hughson Automotive
Hughson Chevron
Hughson Farm Supply
La Perla Tapatia
Lacy's Furniture \& Home Decor

Mid Valley Agricultural Services
Napa Auto Parts
Pizza Factory
Pure Water Pool Service
Quick N Save
Samaritan Village
Santa Fe Market \& Liquor
Save Mor Market
Scott's Pool Repair \& Remodeling
Slick Fork BBQ
Valley Tool \& Manufacturing
Wilbur Ellis

Revenue Comparison
Four Quarters - Fiscal Year To Date (Q3 to Q2)

2018-19
2019-20

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| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Point-of-Sale | $\$ 904,035$ | $\$ 826,822$ |
| County Pool | 126,855 | 149,145 |
| State Pool | 447 | 426 |
| Gross Receipts | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 0 3 1 , 3 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 9 7 6 , 3 9 3}$ |

## Statewide Results

Local sales and use tax receipts from April through June sales were $16.3 \%$ lower than the same quarter of 2019 after factoring for accounting anomalies and back payments from previous quarters.
This was the largest quarter to quarter decline since 2009. The drops were deepest in the San Francisco Bay Area, Central Coast and Southern California where declines in revenues from fuel, automobiles, general consumer goods and restaurants/ hotels were the most severe.

However, despite a $14.9 \%$ unemployment rate that eclipsed the previous high of $12.3 \%$ during the great recession of 2010 and temporary business closures, the drop in sales was less than previously projected by most analysts including HdL.

The high second quarter unemployment rates primarily affected lower wage service sectors which generate a smaller share of sales tax revenues. Internet connected knowledge workers continued to work but locked at home, found that they had extra cash to spend because of reduced commute and work-related expenses and few entertainment or travel options. Additionally, though much of the quarter's government relief payments were spent largely on rents, utilities and necessities, the money was not distributed proportionally to income losses thereby adding temporary discretionary income gains for some recipients.
Low interest rates and longer term lending practices allowed the extra money to be spent on previously delayed purchases such as autos and home improvements. New car registrations dropped 48.9\% in the second quarter, but sales tax receipts dropped only $15.8 \%$ as buyers who did purchase, opted for more expensive SUV's, trucks and luxury vehicles. As cabin fever set in, sales of RV's, boats and Motorcycles also began to rise.
With restaurants and many brick and mortar stores closed or restricted to limited occupancy, buyers shifted to online shopping with tax revenues from in-state fulfillment centers rising $142.7 \%$ over the
second quarter of 2019 and county pools where tax receipts from out-of-state goods are allocated, rising $28.9 \%$. Online sales accounted for $52.0 \%$ of this quarter's tax revenues from the general consumer goods group.
Working at home eventually morphed into working on home thereby boosting related improvement purchases. Grocers, cannabis, liquor and sporting goods further helped offset losses in other segments. Strong demand for warehouse and shipping technology, equipment and supplies to accommodate the increase in online shopping as well as home offices and virtual classrooms helped offset declines in the business/industrial group. Unanticipated gains in agriculture related purchases and transit spending further added to the offset.

Pandemic uncertainties, fires, childcare issues and bankruptcies are expected to result in uneven gains through 2020-21 with each jurisdiction's experience differing according to the scope and character of their individual tax bases. Overall recovery and improvement in statewide receipts is not expected to begin until 2021-22.

## Sales Per Capita*


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## COUNTY OVERALL

$2 Q$ YOY RECEIPTS \% CHANGE

| Major Industry Groups | Cash | Adjusted* |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Autos and Transportation | $10.5 \%$ | $-0.7 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Building and Construction | $3.9 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Business and Industry | $-1.0 \%$ | $-6.0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Food and Drugs | $27.2 \%$ | $26.0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Fuel and Service Stations | $-31.9 \%$ | $-44.1 \%$ |  |  |  |
| General Consumer Goods | $-9.8 \%$ | $-22.8 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Restaurants and Hotels | $-10.2 \%$ | $-25.7 \%$ |  |  |  |
| County and State Pools | $45.7 \%$ | $29.2 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{- 7 . 3 \%}$ |
| *Accounting anomalies factored out |  |  |  |  |  |

Revenue By Business Group Hughson This Quarter*

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