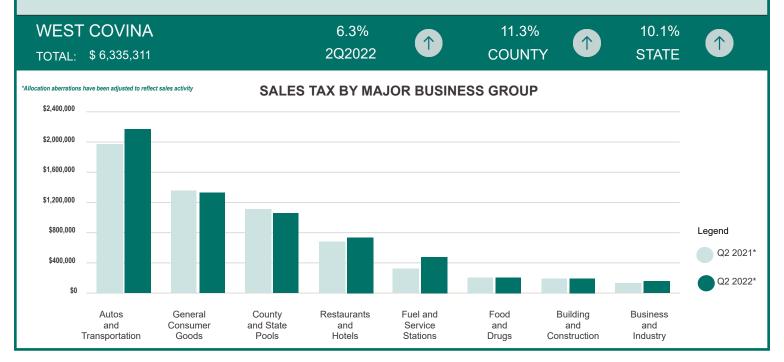
# **CITY OF WEST COVINA**

## SALES TAX UPDATE

**2Q 2022 (APRIL - JUNE)** 







### CITY OF WEST COVINA HIGHLIGHTS

West Covina's receipts from April through June were 4.8% below the second sales period in 2021. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 6.3%.

The local economy remained strong in most industry groups this quarter. The resiliency of consumer spending was on full display in the second sales period of 2022 despite inflationary pressures and federal policy makers actively trying to cool demand. Prices are driving positive sales tax proceeds, while volumes have started to diminish.

The City realized its largest boost from its top sector, autos-transportation led by new motor vehicle dealers. Receipts business-industry, buildingconstruction, and specialty stores were also up.

The travel and tourism industry is optimistic that this sector will continue to see stronger tax filings in the coming months, and the post pandemic return of new businesses and higher menu prices are boosting sales. This has resulted in positive returns from casual dining, quick-service restaurants, and leisure/ entertainment.

While the fuel and services station sector is anticipated to start experiencing downward pressure on sales tax, pump and oil barrel prices and consumer demand in this quarter were strong, which generated additional revenue.

Returns from the state and county pools, home furnishings, family apparel, and fast casual restaurants decreased and combined to partially offset the overall gain.



#### **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

76 Arco

Ashley Furniture Homestore

Audi West Covina

Azusa Arco

**Best Buy** 

Crestview Cadillac

**Daimler Trust** 

**Envision Chrysler** Dodge Jeep Ram Of West Covina

**Envision Toyota Of** West Covina

Floor & Decor

Home Depot

JC Penney

Macy's

Mercedes Benz Of West

Covina

Norm Reeves Honda

Performance Ford Plug In Auto Reynolds Buick Ross **Target** Tow Industries **Triples Chevron** Walmart Supercenter

West Covina Nissan



#### **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

Local one cent sales and use tax for sales occurring April through June was 10% higher than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies and back payments from previous quarters. These returns mark the sixth consecutive quarter of double-digit growth since the pandemic periods in 2020, with the July-June 2022 fiscal year up 15%.

Commuters returning offices to combined with the Russia-Ukraine conflict continuing to put upward pressure on oil prices and left Californians facing the highest average price per gallon on record resulting in fuel and service station receipts 42% higher than last year. While statewide fuel consumption still trails 2019 levels, local gas prices are expected to remain high until after the summer blend period.

Led by consumer's desire to dine out, a steady rise in tourism and business travel, higher menu prices and great weather, the restaurant sector continues to flourish. Theme parks, entertainment venues and hotels showed the strongest growth with casual dining establishments remaining solid, a trend likely to remain through 2022.

The automobile sector experienced modest gains for new car dealers and rental car vendors, however sales of used autos and leasing activity has begun to cool. Brands prioritizing full electric and hybrid models still appear to be the most attractive with consumers, however increased financing rates may cause even their activity to dampen. Tight inventories that contributed to dramatic price increases over the last 18 months are also showing signs of loosening as newer models are released

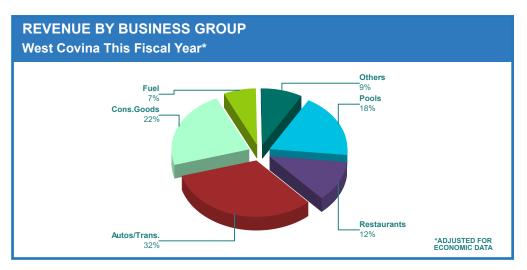
in greater numbers.

General consumer goods categories saw steady returns largely propped up by retailers also selling fuel. In comparison with the prior year when consumers were buying merchandise at a record pace, the current returns from apparel and jewelry stores grew moderately with home furnishings showing a slight decrease.

With new housing starts accelerating and residential and commercial property values rising, construction contractors remain busy. Lumber prices have softened from prior year highs leaving material suppliers with modest gains, however electrical, plumbing and energy

suppliers boosted building sector results. Increased investment in capital equipment remains an important area of growth for county pool allocations, especially as online spending for general consumer goods begins to flatten as consumers return to in-store shopping.

Overall, higher priced goods through periods of consistent demand have led to economic inflation. The Federal Reserve Board's recent actions to curb inflation are anticipated to put downward pressure on auto sales, building materials and financed general consumer goods, resulting in slower growth by year end and into 2023.



#### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES **West Covina** County **HdL State** Change Q2 '22\* **Business Type** Change Change **New Motor Vehicle Dealers** 1,769.2 9.1% ( 12.0% 6.6% 36.4% Service Stations 47.3% 474.7 38.7% Casual Dining 329.9 9.5% 17.2% 20.6% Quick-Service Restaurants 328.9 7.0% 6.2% 5.2% -0.1% 🕡 -6.8% 🕡 0.6% Family Apparel 182.4 Auto Lease 174.6 -12.2% -8.9% -8.9% 🕕 171.9 Specialty Stores 12.9% 3.4% 4.2% -4.4% Electronics/Appliance Stores 155.4 -4.8% -1.0% **Grocery Stores** 120.0 1.1% 5.9% 5.3% 1 -7.7% 🕡 Home Furnishings 116.6 -19.3% **-**4.5% ↓ \*In thousands of dollars \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity