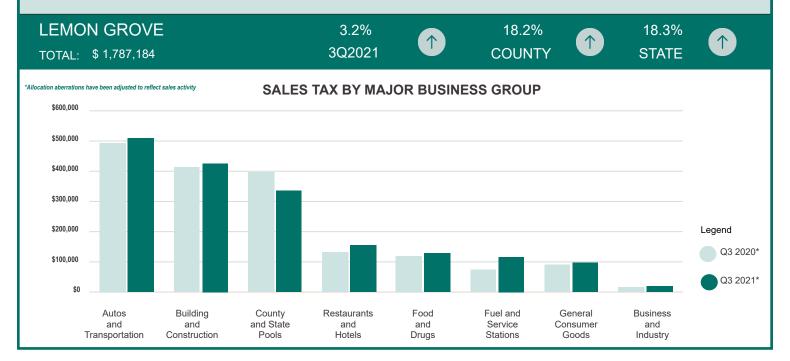
CITY OF LEMON GROVE

SALES TAX UPDATE

3Q 2021 (JULY - SEPTEMBER)







CITY OF LEMON GROVE HIGHLIGHTS

Lemon Grove's receipts from July through September were 2.3% above the third sales period in 2020. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 3.2%.

This solid percentage gain signifies the continued rebound from the pandemic impacts but also compares to extremely strong returns a year ago.

With minimal mask requirements and continued pent up demand to eat out, receipts casual and quick-service restaurants were only surpassed in the City's history by amounts reported last quarter. An increased number of summer travelers and commuters brought about a lack of supply having upward pressure on gas prices resulted in stellar gains from service stations.

Strong demand and limited vehicle

inventory causing elevated pricing for buyers contributed to steady returns from auto-transportation dealers, while receipts from building-construction suppliers rose during this summer period with a solid housing market, still rather low interest rate environment and increased cost of lumber having an impact.

However, the gains were partially offset by the county's allocation from the countywide use tax pool decreasing by 15% due to a softening of online purchases from out-of-state vendors compared to the shutdown periods a year ago, and a return of spending in other communities providing them a greater portion of the pool overall.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of San Diego County grew 18.2% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was up 19.9%.



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

Albertsons Arco AM PM

Chevron

EW Truck & Equipment Company

Company

Food 4 Less

Golden State Gasoline GTM Discount General

Store

Harbor Freight Tools

Home Depot

Honda Lease Trust

In N Out Burger

Jackson Energy

Larry H Miller Toyota

Lemon Grove

Marios Family Clothing

McDonalds

Mobil

Mossy Honda Lemon Grove MotorMax

Petco

RCP Block & Brick

Shell

Texaco

The Boulevard

Thompson Building

Materials

Toyota Lease Trust

HdL® Companies



STATEWIDE RESULTS

Local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales occurring July through September were 18% higher than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies and back payments from previous quarters. These aberrations had been much greater than normal in the last two years as the Governor's Executive Orders allowed businesses to defer some sales tax payments as a supportive measure during the pandemic. This program has now expired, and merchant remittances are more consistent, making cash receipts more reflective of underlying economic activity.

The prior year comparison quarter was the start of the pandemic recovery, and the strong growth enjoyed since continued with the recent results.

Surprisingly, one of the stronger sectors has been restaurants and hotels. Originally forecasted to take an extended amount of time to recover, statewide sales tax generated during the summer months exceeded amounts from pre-pandemic 2019. Even with the availability of indoor and outdoor dining, pent up demand resulted in long wait times to enjoy local culinary experiences. When combined with increasing restaurant tabs as the cost of food and staff wages surge, sales tax remittances are expected to continue growing. Additionally, while the industry awaits the return of foreign tourism in metropolitan areas, strong domestic travel has helped varied regions around the state especially Southern California and the Central Coast.

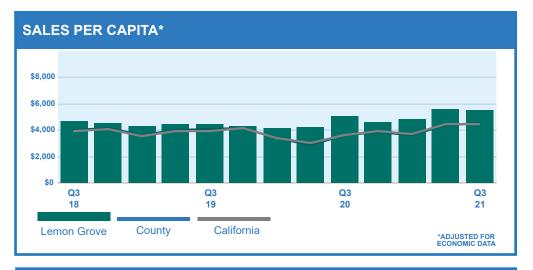
Receipts from general consumer goods marked a steady recovery, led by apparel retailers, jewelry, electronic/appliance and specialty outlets. Discount department stores, especially those selling gas, helped exemplify the strength of brick-and-mortar

merchants. Gains from the countywide use tax pools however, slowed to 2% compared to the high-water mark last year, which had been boosted by new tax collecting requirements imposed under AB 147 for online retailers. All things considered, when combined with positive economic trends, these are a welcome sign leading up to the holiday shopping period.

Although car dealers had expressed concerns about inventory shortages due to supply chain disruptions and computer chip shortages earlier in the year, the sale of new and used vehicles posted solid gains regardless. Higher property values and good weather contributed to strong building

materials and contractor returns. As commuting workers and travelers returned to the road with increased gas prices, fuel and service stations also experienced a dramatic recovery.

Overall growth is expected to continue through the end of the 2021 calendar year. Possible headwinds into 2022 include: pent up demand for travel and experiences shifting spending away from taxable goods; higher prices for fuel, merchandise and services displacing more of consumer's disposable income; and expected interest rate hikes resulting in more costly financing for automobiles, homes, and consumer loans.



TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES **HdL State Lemon Grove** County **Business Type** Change Q3 '21* Change Change 5.4% **Building Materials** 376.8 2.3% 4.0% Service Stations 116.8 58.4% 54.8% 53.6% Quick-Service Restaurants 11.6% 16.4% 13.5% 115.3 **Grocery Stores** 68.7 11.0% -0.3% -0.2% Automotive Supply Stores 31.8 11.6% 6.2% 4.5% Casual Dining 30.3 74.0% 66.9% 68.3% 27.5 13.3% -4.7% -1.9% Auto Lease -0.3% Convenience Stores/Liquor 26.6 -0.4% -1.7% Specialty Stores 25.7 5.5% 17.9% 21.4% **Used Automotive Dealers** 20.9 43.2% 13.4% 16.5% *In thousands of dollars *Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity