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## City of Alameda Sales Tax Update

## Alameda

## In Brief

Alameda's receipts from October through December were 2.4\% above the fourth sales period in 2018. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up $0.2 \%$.
Once double payments were removed, the business and industry group gained $1.0 \%$. The rise in several sectors including business services was partially offset by lower returns in other business to business categories.
Recent openings in casual dining produced the actual increase of $1.3 \%$ in restaurants.
The full implementation of the Wayfair decision including Marketplace Facilitators elevated the City's allocation from the countywide pool. The overall growth in gross receipts was in large part due to this factor.
Store closures contributed to the loss in holiday quarter retail while service station returns dipped $10.3 \%$ on an adjusted basis.
Measure F, the City's half cent transaction tax which became effective April 1, 2019, generated an additional \$1,936,440.
Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Alameda County grew $1.5 \%$ over the comparable time period; the Bay Area was up 3.9\%.

## Sales Tax by Major Business Group


*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity

Top 25 Producers
In Alphabetical Order

| ABB Optical Group | Pottery Barn Outlet |
| :--- | :--- |
| Abbott Diabetes | Ross |
| $\quad$ Care | Safeway |
| Aisle 1 | Safeway Fuel |
| Alameda Electrical | Standard Process |
| $\quad$ Distributors | Sushi House |
| Arco | Target |
| Bed Bath \& Beyond | TJ Maxx |
| Chevron | Trabocco |
| CVS Pharmacy | Trader Joes |
| In N Out Burger | Walgreens |
| Kohls | Webster 76 |
| Nob Hill Food |  |
| Old Navy |  |
| Penumbra |  |

REVENUE COMPARISON

|  | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Point-of-Sale | \$5,363,081 | \$5,015,039 |
| County Pool | 922,684 | 1,082,988 |
| State Pool | 2,758 | 2,320 |
| Gross Receipts | \$6,288,523 | \$6,100,348 |
| Cty/Cnty Share | $(314,426)$ | $(305,017)$ |
| Net Receipts | \$5,974,097 | \$5,795,331 |
| Measure F | \$0 | \$3,805,522 |

## California Overall

Statewide sales and use tax receipts from 2019's fourth quarter were $4.2 \%$ higher than last year's holiday quarter after factoring for accounting anomalies.

The increase came from the acceleration in online shopping which generated huge gains in the countywide use tax pools for merchandise shipped from out-of-state and from California based fulfillment warehouses in those cases where the warehouse is also point-ofsale. This segment was further boosted by the first full quarter of California's implementation of the Wayfair vs South Dakota ruling that requires out-of-state retailers to collect and remit sales tax on merchandise sold to California customers. The ruling has led to an increase in sales tax receipts of roughly $\$ 2.95$ per capita while also producing double digit gains for in-state online fulfillment centers.

In contrast, soft sales and closeouts resulted in a decline in almost every category of brick-and-mortar spending during the holiday season while new cannabis retailers helped boost what would have been a soft quarter for the food-drug group. Most other sales categories including new cars and business-industrial purchases were also down. Restaurant group gains were modest compared to previous quarters.
Overall, the rise in county pool receipts offset what would have been otherwise, a flat or depressed quarter for most jurisdictions.

## Covid-19

The coronavirus impact will first be seen in next quarter's data reflecting January through March sales. Based on recovery rates being reported in some Asian countries, the virus's disruption of supply chains will be deepest in the first and second quarter and largely resolved by mid-summer. However, recovery from social distancing and home confinements could take longer
with the deepest tax declines expected in the restaurant/hospitality, travel/transportation and brick-and-mortar retail segments. Layoffs and furloughs are also expected to reduce purchases of new cars and other high cost durable goods. The losses from the state's high-tech innovation industries may be more modest while the food-drug and online retail groups could exhibit increases.

Assuming that the virus is largest contained by the end of September, HdL's economic scenario projects that tax declines will bottom out in the first quarter of 2021 but with only moderate gains for several quarters after. Data from previous downturns suggests that the return to previous spending is not immediate and often evolves. Businesses emerge with ways to operate with fewer employees and more moderate capital investment. Consumers take time to fully get back to previous levels of leisure travel, dining and spending and may permanently transfer to newly discovered services, activities and/or online retail options.

SALES PER CAPITA*

*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity
Revenue By Business Group Alameda This Quarter*


Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity

## ALAMEDA TOP 15 Business Types**

| *In thousands of dollars | Alameda |  | County | HdL State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Business Type | Q4 '19* | Change | Change | Change |
| Boats/Motorcycles | 38.2 | -21.2\% | -15.9\% | 0.1\% |
| Business Services | 47.4 | 14.3\% | 22.7\% | -5.8\% |
| Casual Dining | 310.3 | 2.2\% | 4.2\% | 3.8\% |
| Convenience Stores/Liquor | 36.2 | -7.8\% | -1.7\% | -0.3\% |
| Discount Dept Stores | - CONF | ENTIAL - | 3.1\% | 3.6\% |
| Drug Stores | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -1.2\% | -0.7\% |
| Family Apparel | 95.8 | -16.6\% | 2.1\% | 1.3\% |
| Fast-Casual Restaurants | 56.7 | 5.8\% | -0.9\% | 4.4\% |
| Grocery Stores | 123.6 | 2.0\% | 0.8\% | 1.3\% |
| Home Furnishings | 43.8 | -10.3\% | -6.0\% | -2.1\% |
| Medical/Biotech | - CONF | ENTIAL - | 1.8\% | -0.9\% |
| Plumbing/Electrical Supplies | - CONF | ENTIAL - | 12.6\% | -0.7\% |
| Quick-Service Restaurants | 136.0 | -0.3\% | -0.4\% | 1.9\% |
| Service Stations | 248.8 | -9.7\% | -4.0\% | 0.2\% |
| Specialty Stores | 75.0 | -3.9\% | -3.0\% | -3.8\% |
| Total All Accounts | 2,481.7 | -4.9\% | -3.6\% | 0.2\% |
| County \& State Pool Allocation | 619.3 | 27.5\% | 28.7\% | 26.7\% |
| Gross Receipts | 3,101.0 | 0.2\% | 1.5\% | 4.2\% |


| Major Industry Group | Count | 4Q19 | 4Q18 | S Change | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Business and Industry | 676 | 762,296 | 754,376 | 7,920 | 1.0\% |
| State and County Pools | - | 619,304 | 485,573 | 133,731 | 27.5\% |
| Restaurants and Hotels | 371 | 529,122 | 522,299 | 6,822 | 1.3\% |
| General Consumer Goods | 1,565 | 508,537 | 557,337 | $(48,800)$ | -8.8\% |
| Fuel and Service Stations | 19 | 249,141 | 277,849 | $(28,708)$ | -10.3\% |
| Food and Drugs | 103 | 212,699 | 220,190 | $(7,490)$ | -3.4\% |
| Autos and Transportation | 122 | 117,039 | 119,435 | $(2,396)$ | -2.0\% |
| Building and Construction | 69 | 98,465 | 147,651 | $(49,186)$ | -33.3\% |
| Transfers \& Unidentified | 53 | 4,427 | 10,598 | $(6,171)$ | -58.2\% |
| Total | 2,978 | 3,101,030 | 3,095,308 | 5,722 | 0.2\% |

4Q18 Compared To 4Q19


4Q19 Percent of Total


CITY OF ALAMEDA
MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS - 13 QUARTER HISTORY


## Agency Trend



[^0]Geo Area Names



The above graph compares per capita sales tax generated from targeted retail categories against countywide averages. A retail surplus suggests the community is capturing its local market for that category of goods plus attracting shoppers from outside the jurisdiction. A retail gap suggests the possibility that residents may have a greater demand for products in the specific category than is being satisfied by local businesses. The information is provided only as a general starting point in identifying new opportunities and is solely based on your jurisdiction's population. It is not market specific and does not factor in traffic patterns, demographic characteristics or potential competition within the market area but outside your jurisdiction's boundaries. For a comprehensive and detailed analysis of potential opportunities that your market can support, contact ECONSolutions@hdlcompanies.com

ALAMEDA COUNTY ALL AGENCIES
SALES TAX TRENDS FOR ALL AGENCIES - 4Q 2019 SALES
Agency allocations reflect "point of sale" receipts

| Agency Name | Count | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Current Year } \\ \text { 4Q } 2019 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Prior Year } \\ & \text { 4Q } 2018 \end{aligned}$ | Share of Countr Pool | Actual Receipts \%Change | Adjusted \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Newark | 1,448 | 3,163,793 | 2,999,085 | 4.0\% | + 5.5\% | + 13.6\% |
| Pleasanton | 3,807 | 5,162,634 | 5,169,168 | 6.5\% | - 0.1\% | + 4.8\% |
| San Leandro | 2,726 | 7,822,219 | 6,990,931 | 9.9\% | + 11.9\% | + 3.2\% |
| Piedmont | 210 | 63,766 | 54,557 | 0.1\% | + 16.9\% | + 1.1\% |
| Alameda Co. Uninc | 2,654 | 2,646,458 | 2,621,963 | 3.3\% | + 0.9\% | + 0.6\% |
| Livermore | 3,008 | 8,340,635 | 7,935,268 | 10.6\% | + 5.1\% | - 0.1\% |
| Emeryville | 862 | 2,207,382 | 1,970,370 | 2.8\% | + 12.0\% | - 0.6\% |
| Hayward | 4,515 | 9,077,530 | 8,418,833 | 11.5\% | + 7.8\% | - 0.8\% |
| Union City | 1,351 | 2,373,538 | 2,410,906 | 3.0\% | - 1.5\% | - 1.8\% |
| Berkeley | 4,901 | 4,452,922 | 4,504,995 | 5.6\% | - $1.2 \%$ | - 3.4\% |
| Oakland | 14,791 | 12,444,838 | 13,435,402 | 15.8\% | - 7.4\% | - $4.9 \%$ |
| Alameda | 2,978 | 2,533,893 | 2,576,681 | 3.2\% | - 1.7\% | - $4.9 \%$ |
| Albany | 573 | 674,932 | 672,199 | 0.9\% | + 0.4\% | - 6.1\% |
| Dublin | 1,427 | 5,198,356 | 5,602,791 | 6.6\% | - 7.2\% | - 10.7\% |
| Fremont | 5,610 | 12,838,300 | 14,274,771 | 16.3\% | - 10.1\% | - 14.2\% |
| Totals | 50,860 | 79,001,196 | 79,637,920 | 100.0\% | - 0.8\% | - 3.6\% |
| Alameda Pool | 18,525 | 18,104,693 | 14,366,011 |  | + $26.0 \%$ | + 28.8\% |


| Alameda |
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| Count: 2,978 |
| Oakland |
| Count: 14,791 |
| El Cerrito |
| Count: 677 |
| Count Leandro |
| Count: 1,351 |

Per Capita Sales
Alameda County

Periods shown reflect the period in which the sales occurred - Point of Sale

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## City of Alameda



HdL Client Database Statewide Totals



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