## **CITY OF SAN RAFAEL** SALES TAX UPDATE 4Q 2022 (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)



4.7%

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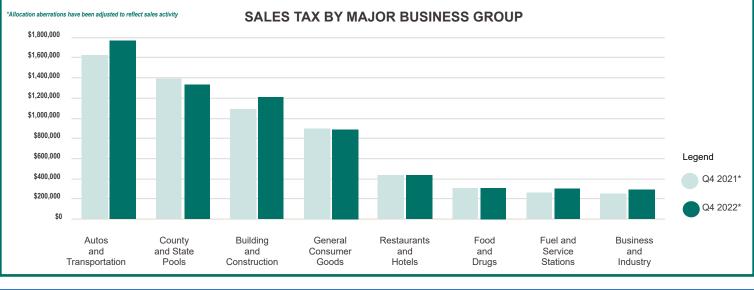
1.4%

COUNTY

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SAN RAFAEL

TOTAL: \$6,540,611



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4.2%

4Q2022

Measure R TOTAL: \$1,295,452



## **CITY OF SAN RAFAEL HIGHLIGHTS**

San Rafael's receipts from October through December were 2.3% below the fourth sales period in 2021. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 4.2%.

The autos-transportation group saw strong returns as new vehicle dealers and auto repair shops performed well. As people slowly return back to their workplace and travel, service stations continue to see robust revenues while gas prices remain moderately high.

Building-construction sector saw outstanding gross receipts as building materials and plumbing-electrical supplies saw increased demand. In addition, the business-industry group

saw excellent growth from business services.

The state-county pools, the City's second largest revenue category, saw bleak collections posting -4.2% returns, which were impacted by pool corrections and general consumer goods.

Measures E & R, the City's voterapproved transaction taxes, experienced similar positive collections as the City's Bradley-Burns sales and use tax revenues.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Marin County grew 1.4% over the comparable time period; the Bay Area was up 5.6%.



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## **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

California's local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales during the months of October through December were 4.7% higher than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies. A holiday shopping quarter, the most consequential sales period of the year, experienced solid results which lifted revenue to local agencies across the State.

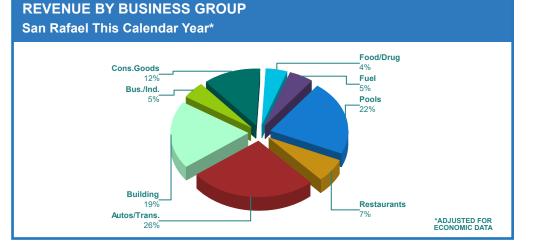
Overall, general consumer goods growth was up a meager 1.8%, in large part from merchants also selling gas as prices remained elevated over last year. Otherwise, many brick and mortar retailers experienced mixed results as the phenomenal prior year activity made for an extremely difficult comparison. This was especially true for jewelry stores receipts which had soared tremendously after the pandemic as consumers diversified readily available cash into other assets.

Commuters and seasonal travelers were again burdened with gas prices above \$5 per gallon in most of the State, leaving fuelservice stations 10% higher than a year ago. However, this trend did not distract from spending at local restaurants and hotels. Increased menu prices and return-to-office workplaces enhanced gains, with the Bay Area experiencing it's greatest amount of post-pandemic rebound.

Although inventory shortages negatively impacted unit sales and leasing activity throughout 2022, year-end returns by new car dealers, especially high-end luxury and electric/hybrid brands, sustained autotransportation sector gains. In contrast, rising interest rates and higher gas prices pulled trailer-RV revenues lower. Steady housing demand and pend up construction projects delayed by supply chain interruptions have contractors contributing the majority of growth within the buildingconstruction sector. With rising interest rates tempering selling activity, property owners are still likely to maintain home improvement spending.

Use taxes remitted via the countywide pools rose a scant 0.3%. While national ecommerce spending behaviors climbed upward again, expansion of more in-state fulfilment centers plus retailers using existing locations to deliver goods tied to online orders shifted taxes away from pools. The offsetting effect was these dollars being directed to local agency's coffers where the goods resided. This evolving trend is anticipated to persistently weaken taxes coming from the pools in the near term. Looking back, calendar year 2022 exhibited a 9.5% surge in tax receipts compared to 2021. Each of the eight major tax categories all reported greater returns. Most influential was inflation that drove up prices on everything from normal daily purchases to vehicles. Secondarily, all-time peak global crude oil costs had fuel seller's payments skyrocketing.

Heading into 2023, additional interest rate hikes along with consumer sentiment waning about the economy foretells minimal change coming from California's taxable sales in the months ahead.



## **TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES**

San Rafael Business Type	Q4 '22*	Change	County Change	HdL State Change
New Motor Vehicle Dealers	1,317.5	12.8% 🕥	4.0% 🕥	12.4% 🕥
Building Materials	893.0	9.5% 🕥	7.3% 🕥	2.1%
Service Stations	304.4	16.8% 🕥	10.1% 🕥	7.6%
Casual Dining	243.3	8.8% 🕥	8.5% 🕥	8.1%
Electronics/Appliance Stores	180.4	-0.5% 🕔	18.8% 🕥	10.8% 🕜
Plumbing/Electrical Supplies	171.7	10.7%	9.0% 🕥	7.2%
Home Furnishings	164.7	3.4% 🕥	-17.8% 🕕	-7.0% 🕔
Grocery Stores	154.6	9.4%	5.2% 🕥	6.2%
Auto Lease	149.3	-16.3% 🕔	-9.5% 🕕	-11.0% 🕔
Auto Repair Shops	137.8	24.8%	11.9% 🚹	6.4%
*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity			*In thousands of dollars	