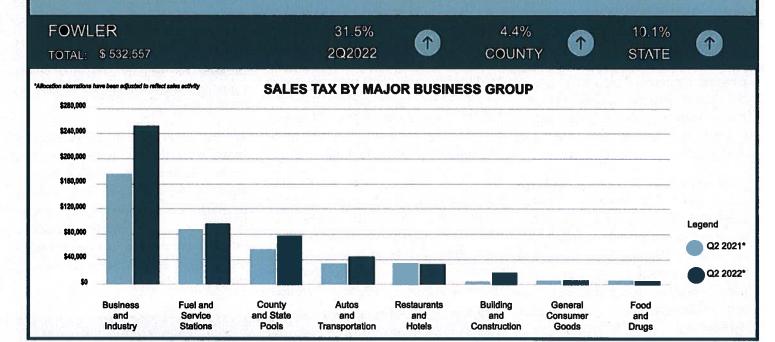
CITY OF FOWLER SALES TAX UPDATE 2Q 2022 (APRIL - JUNE)





Measure N TOTAL: \$546,472



CITY OF FOWLER HIGHLIGHTS

Fowler's receipts from April through June were 25.9% above the second sales period in 2021. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 31.5%.

The City's largest sector, business and industry, had another strong sales quarter with several outlets reporting higher than usual receipts. Record prices for fuel at the pumps along with increased consumption boosted service station receipts, albeit not at the level experienced at the county, regional or statewide level this quarter.

Solid e-commerce sales increased the City's share in the countywide pool propelled by gains in the business-

industry group, even with the decline in general consumer goods sales. A recently added outlet contributed to the gains in the auto sector. Recent reports indicate some slowdown in restaurant visits with consumer concerns about inflation impacting their spending choices. Both quick service restaurants and casual eateries experienced declines as patrons may be "trading down" for more reasonably priced menu items.

Voter approved Measure N benefited with solid results from higher level contractor activity, some one-time gains in business/industry, particularly within heavy industrial and fuel sales



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

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Amerigas Propane
Arco AM PM
Big Tex Trailers
Bobst Group North
America
Borga Steel Buildings &
Components
Carls Jr

Denny's
Dollar General
Family Motors
Freedom Forever
Procurement

Jocys Mexican Restaurant

Johnny Quik

Kabab City McDonald's

Mid Valley Packaging &

Supply

Packline Technologies

Pape Machinery PBM Supply &

Manufacturing

R & R Truck & Trailer Repair

Shell

Shop N Go

Sierra Auto Center

Taco Bell

Textrail Trailer Parts

HdL® Companies



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 to offices 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

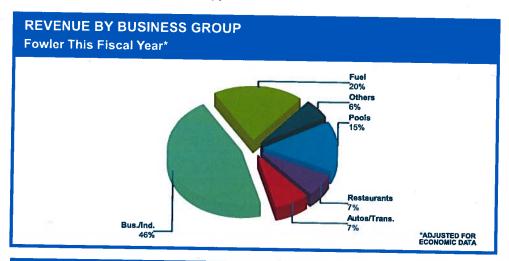
in greater numbers.

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 sales of autos, building materials and financed general consumer goods, resulting in slower growth by year end and into 2023.



TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES County **HdL State Business Type** Change Q2 '22 Change Change Light Industrial/Printers 179.3% (145,367 21.7% 11.8% Service Stations 86,320 9.1% 34.5% 36.4% **Quick-Service Restaurants** 19,614 -9.8% -0.6% 5.2% Casual Dining 11,906 -3.4% 7.4% 17.3% **Auto Repair Shops** 10,840 8.3% 13.3% 14.1% Fuel/Ice Dealers 10,547 29.1% 26.8% 29.3%

*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity