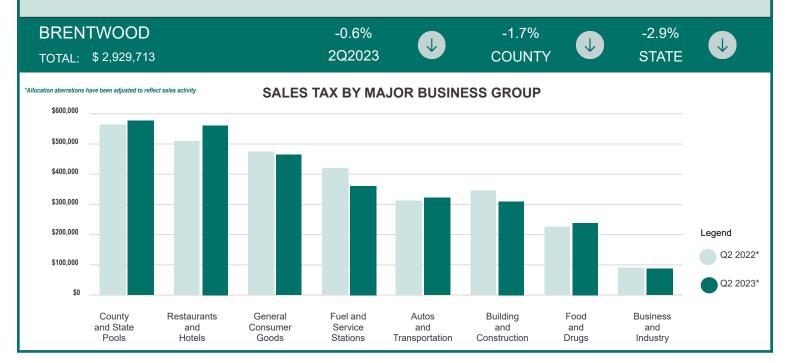
# **CITY OF BRENTWOOD**

## SALES TAX UPDATE

**2Q 2023 (APRIL - JUNE)** 







### **CITY OF BRENTWOOD HIGHLIGHTS**

Brentwood's receipts from April through June were flat compared to the second sales period in 2022. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were down 0.6%.

Contributing to the negative results were drops in service stations due to lower prices at the pumps. Similarly, drops in lumber prices caused a decline in building materials. A drop in receipts for garden/agricultural supply stores caused the decline for business-industry.

The restaurants group lessened the overall declines; casual dining was boosted by the opening of new outlets while fast-casual restaurant gains were due to the increase in preference for this type of restaurant.

Households sensitive to economic uncertainty while paying inflated prices

caused general consumer goods to decline, although there were some bright spots; family apparel and shoe stores were both also boosted by new outlets while specialty stores, home furnishings and sporting good stores followed statewide trends posting declines.

Autos-transportation outpaced the statewide average by posting positive results.

The countywide pool posted gains due to anomalies; there were declines due to shifting reporting for fulfillment centers and a dip in sales of used vehicles.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Contra Costa County declined 1.7% over the comparable time period; the Bay Area was down 2.7%.



#### **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

7 Eleven

Ace Hardware Arco AM PM

Big B Lumber

Bill Brandt Ford

DII D

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

Brentwood Ready Mix

Chevron

Dallas Shanks Services

Home Depot

Home Goods

In N Out Burger

Kohls

Marshalls

Power Market

Ross

Safeway

Sportsman's Warehouse

Sunset Arco AM PM

TJ Maxx

Trident Environmental &

Engineering

Ulta Beauty

Walgreens

Watersavers Irrigation

Winco Foods



#### **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

California's local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales during the months of April through June were 2.8% lower than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies. The second quarter of the calendar year was impacted by continued wet weather and a difficult comparison with the prior year, which experienced dramatic growth.

The fuel-service stations sector contributed the most to this decline as year-over-year (YOY) falling fuel prices at the pump reduced receipts from gas stations and petroleum providers. Russia's invasion of Ukraine and other world events during this period last year, pushed the global cost of crude oil to record highs. This dynamic also carried into general consumer goods as retailers selling fuel experienced a similar drop. Recently, OPEC and Russia have maintained production cuts having upward pressure on pricing again leading to future comparative growth.

Sustained wet conditions further delayed projects, especially those from the prior quarter, hindering building-construction returns. YOY lumber price declines added to the pull back from building materials providers. Higher interest rates represent a significant headwind for the industry with potential impacts of limited commercial development activity, slowing public infrastructure projects and homeowners left unable to access equity for renovations.

Despite a significant increase in new car registrations, revenue from autostransportation fell by 1.4%. The improved activity can largely be attributed to rental car agencies restocking their fleets. However, these are wholesale transactions with sales tax charged upon rental of these vehicles. Weak demand for recreational vehicles, boats and motorcycles coupled

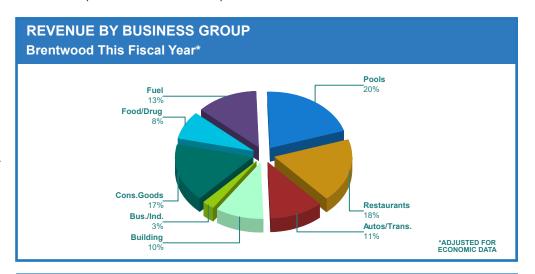
with elevated overall financing costs remain challenges going forward.

Use taxes remitted via the countywide pools decreased 0.75%, marking the third consecutive quarter of decline. While overall online sales continue to rise, pool collections dropped with the offsetting effect of more in-state fulfillment generated at large warehouses and through existing retail outlets allocated directly to local agencies.

Restaurant sales were a bright spot as the summer season began. Although menu prices have flattened after a year of sharp gains, patrons are making more restaurant trips and are favoring spending their disposable income on experiences. Better sales by office

material suppliers and enhanced investments of warehouse-farm-construction equipment contributed to improved returns for the business-industry category.

Sales tax for the remainder of 2023 appears likely to follow the recent trend of moderate declines before leveling off in early 2024. Cooling consumer confidence and greater pressure on household budgets may lead to a lackluster upcoming holiday shopping period. Furthermore, the possibility of a longer and more pronounced slowdown in economic activity exists as the Federal Reserve considers additional interest rate increases to combat high prices that are already stretching consumer wallets.



#### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES **HdL State Brentwood** County **Business Type** Change Change Q2 '23\* Change Service Stations 360.0 -14.0% -20.0% -19.9% 🕕 4.6% 7.4% Casual Dining 292.6 15.3% **Building Materials** 250.1 -10.6% -6.6% -8.0% **Grocery Stores** 168.6 7.8% 5.4% 2.9% Quick-Service Restaurants 166.3 4.1% 2.9% 3.2% Family Apparel 122.4 14.0% 5.7% ( -1.0% 🕕 76.6 -2.3% -0.8% Specialty Stores -1.3% 6.1% 3.3% Automotive Supply Stores 66.3 14.9% Fast-Casual Restaurants 58.7 12.2% 3.0% 3.7% Home Furnishings 58.0 -9.7% -8.1% 🕕 -11.1% 🕕 \*In thousands of dollars \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity