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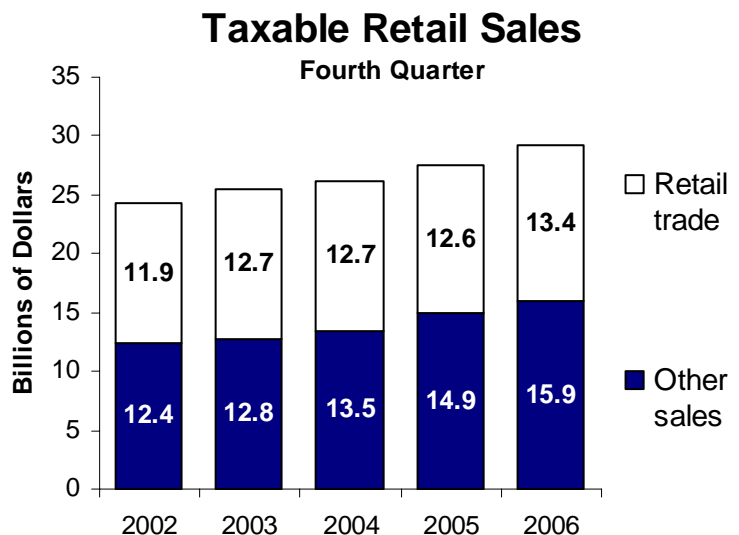
Taxable Retail Sales Increase 6.7 Percent for Fourth Quarter 2006

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 17, 2007 — Taxable retail sales increased 6.7 percent during the fourth quarter of 2006 compared to the fourth quarter of 2005, the Washington State Department of Revenue reported today.

Taxable retail sales totaled \$29.33 billion during the last three months of 2006, compared to \$27.49 billion a year earlier. Retail trade was up 6.1 percent to \$13.41 billion. Retail trade tracks sales at retail outlets and excludes such volatile sectors as contracting.

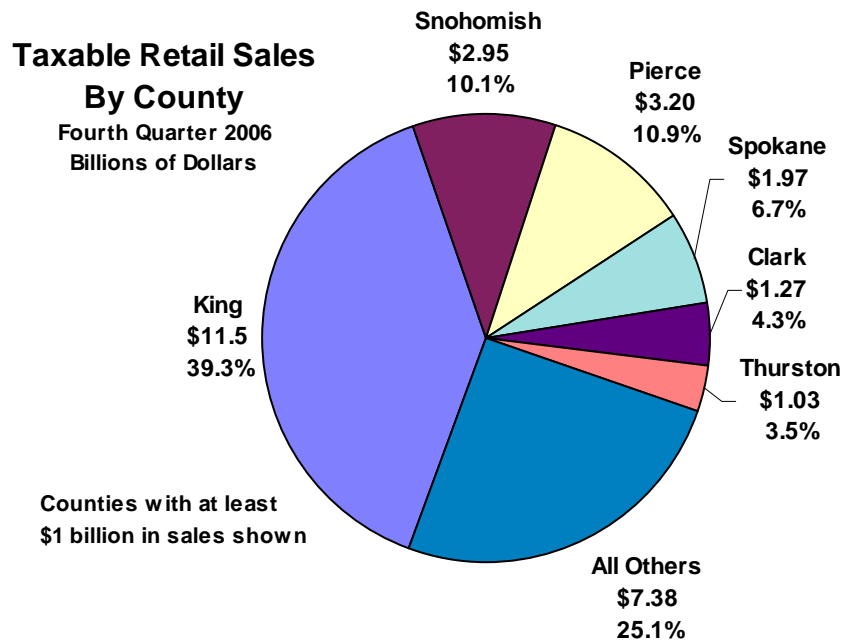
Among the largest sectors, construction activity increased 11.6 percent to \$5.6 billion. Motor vehicles and parts increased 5.1 percent to \$2.9 billion. General merchandise stores rose 6.7 percent to \$2.9 billion. Accommodations and food services increased 7.6 percent to \$2.5 billion.

Among the most populous counties, King County sales were up 6 percent to \$11.5 billion. Snohomish



County posted a 7.3 percent gain to \$2.95 billion. Pierce County was up 6.1 percent to \$3.2 billion. Spokane County rose 9.9 percent to \$1.97 billion, while Clark County increased 1 percent to \$1.27 billion.

Among cities with the most sales, Seattle climbed 6.1 percent to \$4.13 billion, Bellevue was up 9.9 percent to \$1.47 billion, Tacoma rose 6.6 percent to \$1.22 billion; Spokane increased 10 percent to \$1.05 billion, and Everett rose 6.2 percent to \$724 million.



Complete results for all counties and selected cities, including breakdowns of sales by industry sector, are available online. Go to

<http://dor.wa.gov/content/aboutus/statisticsandreports/2006/qbr406/default.aspx>.

Visitors also can obtain figures for all cities at

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TAXABLE RETAIL SALES BY COUNTY

All Taxable Retail Sales*

Retail Trade Only**

	4th Quarter 05	4th Quarter 06	Change	4th Quarter 05	4th Quarter 06	Change
Adams	\$36,806,891	\$38,162,668	3.7%	\$14,749,609	\$15,158,351	2.8%
Asotin	\$42,887,801	\$47,955,020	11.8%	\$21,215,966	\$23,724,925	11.8%
Benton	\$583,415,160	\$631,163,177	8.2%	\$320,973,452	\$329,163,452	2.6%
Chelan	\$322,656,764	\$359,287,696	11.4%	\$153,041,778	\$165,303,423	8.0%
Clallam	\$249,874,598	\$255,459,445	2.2%	\$122,708,641	\$127,246,581	3.7%
Clark	\$1,254,442,352	\$1,267,360,796	1.0%	\$541,892,355	\$562,749,354	3.8%
Columbia	\$8,326,362	\$8,822,897	6.0%	\$2,361,674	\$2,117,850	-10.3%
Cowlitz	\$326,496,512	\$363,263,774	11.3%	\$171,352,083	\$176,178,547	2.8%
Douglas	\$100,427,889	\$107,630,068	7.2%	\$57,228,338	\$61,118,380	6.8%
Ferry	\$9,121,600	\$9,407,461	3.1%	\$3,283,974	\$3,034,853	-7.6%
Franklin	\$202,238,825	\$237,827,654	17.6%	\$78,358,734	\$99,035,330	26.4%
Garfield	\$5,700,303	\$4,238,659	-25.6%	\$2,125,704	\$1,600,046	-24.7%
Grant	\$226,818,855	\$290,121,456	27.9%	\$99,987,190	\$111,337,413	11.4%
Grays Harbor	\$208,612,047	\$208,504,918	-0.1%	\$98,931,530	\$103,701,939	4.8%
Island	\$203,923,752	\$218,075,566	6.9%	\$84,214,115	\$88,027,744	4.5%
Jefferson	\$95,186,547	\$90,633,446	-4.8%	\$30,497,611	\$30,626,519	0.4%
King	\$10,882,650,496	\$11,535,478,591	6.0%	\$4,570,539,226	\$4,808,514,548	5.2%
Kitsap	\$868,731,873	\$922,565,697	6.2%	\$470,135,125	\$493,353,867	4.9%
Kittitas	\$165,141,307	\$197,163,969	19.4%	\$57,608,856	\$64,713,849	12.3%
Klickitat	\$32,619,007	\$44,535,534	36.5%	\$9,231,323	\$10,009,304	8.4%
Lewis	\$267,433,641	\$272,424,798	1.9%	\$124,536,105	\$126,383,081	1.5%
Lincoln	\$17,266,326	\$17,662,154	2.3%	\$5,931,099	\$6,105,018	2.9%
Mason	\$123,672,883	\$137,422,046	11.1%	\$56,202,906	\$56,679,726	0.8%
Okanogan	\$106,637,152	\$124,556,514	16.8%	\$50,289,772	\$52,823,107	5.0%
Pacific	\$47,737,580	\$46,641,337	-2.3%	\$14,134,143	\$15,708,587	11.1%
Pend Oreille	\$25,424,677	\$22,652,363	-10.9%	\$6,304,128	\$5,786,491	-8.2%
Pierce	\$3,014,667,711	\$3,198,727,346	6.1%	\$1,511,459,891	\$1,596,353,601	5.6%
San Juan	\$81,608,437	\$80,411,639	-1.5%	\$22,085,611	\$21,303,773	-3.5%
Skagit	\$577,640,373	\$645,680,015	11.8%	\$324,311,047	\$332,890,726	2.6%
Skamania	\$19,777,771	\$25,232,265	27.6%	\$3,404,234	\$4,603,725	35.2%
Snohomish	\$2,747,947,563	\$2,947,433,471	7.3%	\$1,375,955,486	\$1,519,654,178	10.4%
Spokane	\$1,797,084,218	\$1,974,483,794	9.9%	\$917,935,638	\$998,370,162	8.8%
Stevens	\$84,263,342	\$92,878,473	10.2%	\$44,073,263	\$47,805,160	8.5%
Thurston	\$967,515,542	\$1,033,509,331	6.8%	\$476,355,889	\$513,361,495	7.8%
Wahkiakum	\$5,551,989	\$6,126,128	10.3%	\$1,287,254	\$1,266,419	-1.6%
Walla Walla	\$172,726,976	\$184,839,634	7.0%	\$72,054,332	\$74,683,743	3.6%
Whatcom	\$780,274,890	\$814,365,952	4.4%	\$373,212,943	\$384,369,309	3.0%
Whitman	\$90,603,932	\$108,463,835	19.7%	\$32,613,483	\$34,097,937	4.6%
Yakima	\$664,343,030	\$693,321,111	4.4%	\$324,985,363	\$344,207,733	5.9%
TOTALS	\$27,485,935,919	\$29,329,817,162	6.7%	\$12,647,569,871	\$13,413,170,246	6.1%

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TAXABLE RETAIL SALES BY SELECTED CITIES

	All Taxable Retail Sales*			Retail Trade Only**		
	4th Quarter 05	4th Quarter 06	Change	4th Quarter 05	4th Quarter 06	Change
Aberdeen	111,639,949	109,882,710	-1.6%	68,380,718	70,811,684	3.6%
Auburn	445,095,635	474,142,572	6.5%	227,706,822	243,076,603	6.7%
Bellevue	1,339,905,347	1,471,978,227	9.9%	696,202,110	735,118,522	5.6%
Bellingham	526,041,081	542,414,678	3.1%	300,397,639	313,149,146	4.2%
Bremerton	171,055,475	194,576,500	13.8%	92,655,679	97,538,162	5.3%
Camas	46,665,536	41,688,074	-10.7%	11,858,010	10,768,559	-9.2%
Centralia	63,197,525	70,478,535	11.5%	29,688,137	30,304,956	2.1%
Chehalis	106,428,653	115,207,136	8.2%	70,254,045	75,022,314	6.8%
Colville	45,796,686	48,134,447	5.1%	31,592,325	32,920,640	4.2%
Des Moines	49,112,982	57,147,426	16.4%	15,002,703	16,481,042	9.9%
Edmonds	152,244,721	154,121,277	1.2%	75,170,346	80,141,752	6.6%
Ellensburg	94,629,841	93,457,728	-1.2%	43,668,356	49,512,680	13.4%
Everett	681,405,373	723,588,534	6.2%	314,110,993	353,598,707	12.6%
Federal Way	364,845,242	379,559,081	4.0%	194,546,957	204,120,844	4.9%
Fife	217,315,309	241,454,230	11.1%	137,835,880	144,902,877	5.1%
Issaquah	311,838,582	336,096,060	7.8%	165,535,328	176,192,200	6.4%
Kelso	58,642,975	65,928,256	12.4%	37,188,315	38,674,012	4.0%
Kennewick	349,971,562	357,494,447	2.1%	226,319,847	230,932,729	2.0%
Kent	627,090,910	652,813,639	4.1%	275,138,590	288,369,107	4.8%
Kirkland	464,591,872	464,946,953	0.1%	206,146,357	212,810,422	3.2%
Lacey	214,781,426	249,661,645	16.2%	108,858,613	141,320,703	29.8%
Longview	180,033,198	198,486,275	10.2%	102,626,815	110,214,729	7.4%
Lynnwood	565,792,414	602,940,745	6.6%	405,306,015	437,369,378	7.9%
Marysville	138,624,188	197,158,583	42.2%	61,500,819	115,112,037	87.2%
Mercer Island	78,566,013	75,463,037	-3.9%	14,147,708	15,097,419	6.7%
Moses Lake	113,384,164	132,317,489	16.7%	62,953,137	70,314,703	11.7%
Mount Vernon	157,083,732	175,948,644	12.0%	87,087,990	94,158,975	8.1%
Mountlake Terrace	43,877,507	39,932,187	-9.0%	16,009,387	14,497,599	-9.4%
Oak Harbor	85,836,437	85,729,707	-0.1%	48,716,365	50,883,443	4.4%
Olympia	464,412,382	484,290,922	4.3%	265,084,809	269,409,038	1.6%
Omak	34,639,069	41,060,896	18.5%	23,910,312	25,706,401	7.5%
Pasco	184,056,241	205,049,903	11.4%	74,391,129	94,917,207	27.6%
Port Angeles	87,121,701	91,064,773	4.5%	37,922,428	39,176,597	3.3%
Port Townsend	45,411,480	44,789,111	-1.4%	16,332,577	17,017,879	4.2%
Pullman	67,408,915	78,998,209	17.2%	24,504,577	26,090,839	6.5%
Puyallup	460,328,759	483,987,781	5.1%	317,789,552	326,796,807	2.8%
Redmond	523,746,405	567,993,570	8.4%	196,444,680	209,730,328	6.8%
Renton	506,181,979	535,932,955	5.9%	280,970,194	289,133,278	2.9%
Richland	179,054,686	203,139,116	13.5%	78,661,564	78,881,460	0.3%
SeaTac	199,621,611	210,890,894	5.6%	20,843,238	27,294,298	31.0%
Seattle	3,892,589,734	4,130,936,036	6.1%	1,359,801,490	1,426,791,174	4.9%
Shelton	51,419,600	55,011,306	7.0%	30,462,114	30,410,377	-0.2%
Spokane	958,935,554	1,054,351,675	10.0%	483,277,178	526,917,261	9.0%
Sunnyside	59,123,682	64,063,102	8.4%	31,732,017	32,847,033	3.5%
Tacoma	1,144,547,597	1,220,474,025	6.6%	566,421,835	596,245,297	5.3%
Tukwila	541,951,905	570,959,609	5.4%	333,059,392	352,526,012	5.8%
Vancouver	695,274,941	713,992,746	2.7%	320,896,445	328,787,784	2.5%
Walla Walla	127,007,085	132,885,394	4.6%	52,030,118	51,826,562	-0.4%
Wenatchee	192,303,403	209,264,677	8.8%	109,474,520	116,124,380	6.1%
Yakima	356,242,073	371,904,716	4.4%	182,936,976	192,535,247	5.2%

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