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Taxable Retail Sales Increase 9 Percent in 2006; Second-largest Gain since 1990

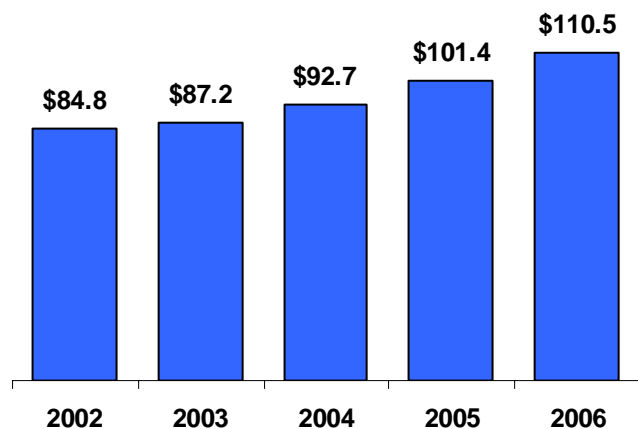
OLYMPIA, Wash., June 6, 2007 — Taxable retail sales increased 9 percent during 2006, the second largest year-over-year gain in 16 years.

Sales totaled \$110.5 billion for the year compared to \$101.4 billion in 2005, which itself was a 9.3 percent gain over 2004. This was the biggest percentage increase since sales rose 9.8 percent in 1990.

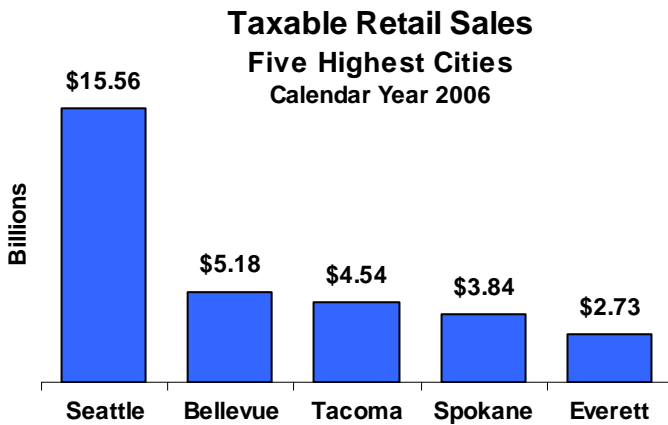
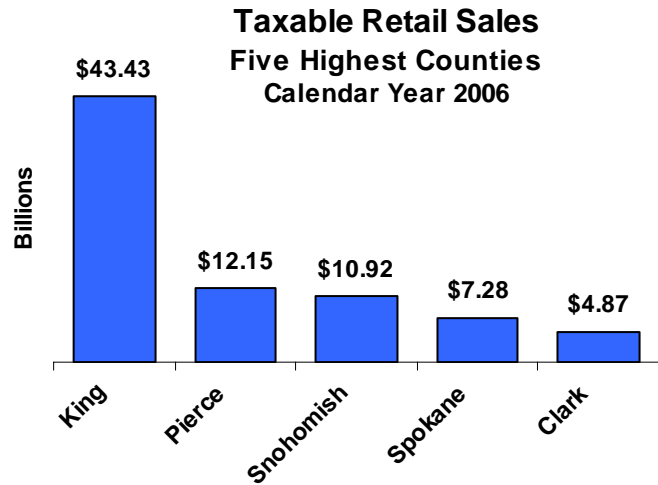
Retail trade, a subset of taxable retail sales that includes retailers but excludes construction and other non-retail sectors, rose 7.5 percent to \$49.4 billion.

Among the largest industry sectors, construction was up 17.8 percent to \$21.6 billion; new and used automobile sales were up 3 percent to \$9.7 billion; restaurants, food services and drinking places were up 7.1 percent to \$8.3 billion; miscellaneous retailers was up 19.3 percent to \$5.7 billion, and building materials, garden equipment and supplies was up 8.8 percent to \$5.4 billion.

Statewide Taxable Retail Sales
Billions of Dollars



Among counties with the most sales, King County was up 8.7 percent, to \$43.4 billion; Snohomish County increased 12.3 percent to \$10.9 billion; Pierce County rose 7.9 percent to \$12.2 billion; Spokane County was up 9.4 percent to \$7.3 billion; and Clark County increased 6.2 percent to \$4.9 billion.



Among the largest cities, Seattle rose 9.4 percent to \$15.6 billion; Bellevue was up 9.1 percent to 5.2 billion; Tacoma increased 7.5 percent to \$4.5 billion; Spokane increased 10.3 percent to \$3.8 billion; and Everett rose 16.1 percent to \$2.7 billion.

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

http://dor.wa.gov/Content/AboutUs/StatisticsAndReports/stats_qbr2006.aspx. Statistics for all

incorporated cities are available at

http://dor.wa.gov/Content/AboutUs/StatisticsAndReports/stats_taxretail.aspx.

TAXABLE RETAIL SALES BY COUNTY

	All Taxable Retail Sales*			Retail Trade Only**		
	Calendar 2005	Calendar 2006	Change	Calendar 2005	Calendar 2006	Change
Adams	162,277,391	161,394,806	-0.5%	59,543,149	59,062,722	-0.8%
Asotin	166,171,784	183,624,442	10.5%	82,618,177	89,642,872	8.5%
Benton	2,226,436,260	2,303,245,278	3.4%	1,152,180,125	1,165,733,197	1.2%
Chelan	1,223,125,472	1,385,598,578	13.3%	568,091,631	622,173,056	9.5%
Clallam	958,031,755	1,026,774,879	7.2%	467,798,319	484,056,839	3.5%
Clark	4,581,235,929	4,866,777,344	6.2%	1,954,691,573	2,076,098,001	6.2%
Columbia	28,898,440	29,770,738	3.0%	9,018,369	8,863,863	-1.7%
Cowlitz	1,278,608,768	1,337,394,181	4.6%	658,638,856	699,848,278	6.3%
Douglas	361,857,987	403,266,558	11.4%	200,307,159	218,591,188	9.1%
Ferry	32,305,138	35,593,245	10.2%	12,227,291	11,601,066	-5.1%
Franklin	862,138,345	929,717,630	7.8%	354,781,235	382,977,779	7.9%
Garfield	17,285,325	15,899,676	-8.0%	7,913,893	6,253,663	-21.0%
Grant	872,602,386	1,107,853,157	27.0%	392,829,020	429,453,946	9.3%
Grays Harbor	807,922,711	838,962,798	3.8%	377,189,136	400,722,135	6.2%
Island	767,731,151	829,841,269	8.1%	323,192,060	344,872,135	6.7%
Jefferson	368,922,892	371,859,521	0.8%	117,204,711	119,623,642	2.1%
King	39,951,928,499	43,431,246,052	8.7%	16,304,194,019	17,651,315,490	8.3%
Kitsap	3,196,322,900	3,469,257,255	8.5%	1,715,650,071	1,818,934,890	6.0%
Kittitas	601,941,258	704,542,745	17.0%	208,436,329	234,626,401	12.6%
Klickitat	126,355,738	162,750,735	28.8%	32,891,447	38,513,096	17.1%
Lewis	1,007,029,260	1,127,177,880	11.9%	454,143,118	504,399,756	11.1%
Lincoln	70,005,384	70,296,275	0.4%	24,278,168	22,814,799	-6.0%
Mason	463,562,468	528,349,913	14.0%	204,511,118	222,389,568	8.7%
Okanogan	381,007,957	436,765,394	14.6%	182,251,750	194,259,138	6.6%
Pacific	189,760,173	195,060,498	2.8%	58,363,079	62,634,863	7.3%
Pend Oreille	84,647,501	89,831,028	6.1%	23,733,479	24,094,818	1.5%
Pierce	11,266,230,629	12,154,468,767	7.9%	5,573,548,357	5,960,238,413	6.9%
San Juan	344,133,627	354,975,371	3.2%	90,153,254	91,658,806	1.7%
Skagit	2,192,208,356	2,444,571,268	11.5%	1,241,634,088	1,288,046,915	3.7%
Skamania	86,928,509	87,112,482	0.2%	13,968,394	16,971,775	21.5%
Snohomish	9,716,521,668	10,915,208,712	12.3%	4,885,942,754	5,446,299,267	11.5%
Spokane	6,650,436,602	7,278,765,098	9.4%	3,332,605,694	3,597,807,889	8.0%
Stevens	308,535,431	335,168,155	8.6%	154,816,986	174,309,083	12.6%
Thurston	3,624,052,873	3,968,838,346	9.5%	1,754,166,328	1,875,498,037	6.9%
Wahkiakum	20,255,043	24,290,624	19.9%	4,999,626	4,663,337	-6.7%
Walla Walla	648,203,181	718,942,577	10.9%	271,163,495	279,476,742	3.1%
Whatcom	2,851,875,217	3,125,879,864	9.6%	1,347,767,867	1,411,190,303	4.7%
Whitman	366,249,168	410,491,705	12.1%	133,429,213	135,183,465	1.3%
Yakima	2,503,736,875	2,653,521,999	6.0%	1,214,882,516	1,257,971,743	3.5%
TOTALS	\$101,367,480,051	\$110,515,086,843	9.0%	\$ 45,965,755,854	\$ 49,432,872,976	7.5%

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TAXABLE RETAIL SALES BY SELECTED CITIES

	All Taxable Retail Sales*			Retail Trade Only**		
	Calendar 2005	Calendar 2006	Change	Calendar 2005	Calendar 2006	Change
Aberdeen	394,559,858	426,465,464	8.1%	252,686,974	267,029,824	5.7%
Auburn	1,683,714,230	1,798,150,267	6.8%	859,106,828	902,566,028	5.1%
Bellevue	4,744,045,120	5,176,950,919	9.1%	2,409,000,675	2,604,080,101	8.1%
Bellingham	1,925,035,240	2,055,204,218	6.8%	1,074,419,914	1,129,453,949	5.1%
Bremerton	702,144,969	759,999,603	8.2%	403,472,459	399,642,377	-0.9%
Camas	156,024,780	164,489,687	5.4%	40,822,422	41,474,604	1.6%
Centralia	248,660,675	279,466,269	12.4%	119,549,662	123,295,810	3.1%
Chehalis	379,418,073	433,027,353	14.1%	233,895,174	274,837,680	17.5%
Colville	161,944,997	175,120,198	8.1%	108,670,818	119,974,527	10.4%
Des Moines	196,847,032	214,786,724	9.1%	60,596,191	63,951,477	5.5%
Edmonds	543,637,954	587,606,502	8.1%	269,405,910	300,157,630	11.4%
Ellensburg	364,612,095	363,307,001	-0.4%	156,658,060	179,091,204	14.3%
Everett	2,350,959,737	2,729,008,343	16.1%	1,140,989,506	1,305,447,490	14.4%
Federal Way	1,290,164,509	1,401,412,482	8.6%	674,426,555	718,565,936	6.5%
Fife	850,721,277	944,658,865	11.0%	558,685,843	594,188,255	6.4%
Issaquah	1,150,626,662	1,267,722,150	10.2%	602,184,716	679,633,483	12.9%
Kelso	216,136,037	228,798,374	5.9%	128,475,165	134,140,133	4.4%
Kennewick	1,277,295,318	1,303,809,625	2.1%	794,762,754	805,008,268	1.3%
Kent	2,321,254,525	2,589,371,238	11.6%	986,381,277	1,133,722,230	14.9%
Kirkland	1,676,563,157	1,845,104,744	10.1%	800,193,447	837,034,937	4.6%
Lacey	763,330,219	908,419,182	19.0%	361,999,663	459,204,604	26.9%
Longview	703,472,918	765,049,698	8.8%	408,101,954	452,761,911	10.9%
Lynnwood	2,005,221,564	2,156,528,364	7.5%	1,379,873,106	1,480,006,456	7.3%
Marysville	502,340,255	667,043,055	32.8%	225,802,772	304,674,194	34.9%
Mercer Island	285,608,824	283,471,367	-0.7%	46,631,388	51,362,338	10.1%
Moses Lake	439,470,148	497,853,261	13.3%	239,914,454	268,353,003	11.9%
Mount Vernon	552,686,116	684,236,712	23.8%	308,868,974	364,495,308	18.0%
Mountlake Terrace	154,315,799	153,111,178	-0.8%	54,591,748	55,415,177	1.5%
Oak Harbor	328,250,193	336,995,780	2.7%	186,659,280	198,018,885	6.1%
Olympia	1,744,047,109	1,849,850,261	6.1%	992,019,539	1,001,379,859	0.9%
Omak	123,079,507	137,666,974	11.9%	84,272,914	89,518,284	6.2%
Pasco	781,596,534	811,292,511	3.8%	335,942,982	364,940,191	8.6%
Port Angeles	324,240,481	360,273,625	11.1%	140,630,465	149,578,186	6.4%
Port Townsend	180,221,075	176,738,833	-1.9%	61,054,196	64,118,136	5.0%
Pullman	264,751,271	297,556,027	12.4%	99,273,393	104,408,504	5.2%
Puyallup	1,697,307,044	1,811,242,912	6.7%	1,147,328,174	1,184,223,688	3.2%
Redmond	1,856,552,387	2,067,296,071	11.4%	684,328,946	739,416,935	8.0%
Renton	1,951,188,125	2,093,200,107	7.3%	1,082,186,256	1,157,015,042	6.9%
Richland	686,413,519	748,888,043	9.1%	292,003,459	292,230,604	0.1%
SeaTac	938,960,134	996,297,232	6.1%	84,196,244	101,588,436	20.7%
Seattle	14,231,317,268	15,564,363,159	9.4%	4,767,220,436	5,165,367,419	8.4%
Shelton	196,029,267	203,326,133	3.7%	109,909,646	115,252,331	4.9%
Spokane	3,478,986,736	3,836,992,907	10.3%	1,690,217,395	1,837,974,533	8.7%
Sunnyside	219,763,583	250,629,069	14.0%	124,221,907	126,893,287	2.2%
Tacoma	4,218,012,058	4,536,401,297	7.5%	2,057,722,561	2,165,745,153	5.2%
Tukwila	1,917,878,233	2,045,733,563	6.7%	1,147,733,993	1,218,649,070	6.2%
Vancouver	2,481,175,554	2,646,162,994	6.6%	1,121,472,059	1,162,843,312	3.7%
Walla Walla	475,452,652	515,796,097	8.5%	197,888,140	193,711,939	-2.1%
Wenatchee	715,119,428	793,808,921	11.0%	395,419,903	433,133,058	9.5%
Yakima	1,350,618,320	1,427,555,564	5.7%	687,667,121	712,742,547	3.6%

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