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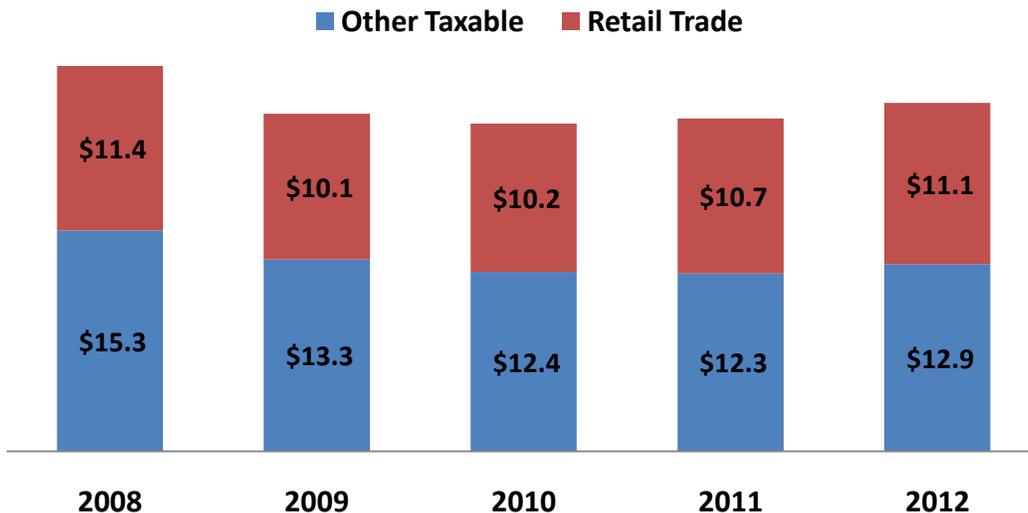
Taxable Retail Sales Increase 4.7 percent in First Quarter of 2012

OLYMPIA – July 19, 2012 – Taxable retail sales increased 4.7 percent to \$24.1 billion during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, the Washington State Department of Revenue reported today.

Retail Trade increased 4.2 percent to \$11.1 billion over the first quarter of 2011. Retail trade is a subset of all taxable retail sales that includes retailers but excludes other industries such as services and construction.

Among major industries, construction was up 8 percent to \$3.4 billion, accommodations and food services increased 6.6 percent to \$2.8 billion, motor vehicles and parts rose 9.7 percent to \$2.6 billion, and general merchandise stores are up 1.9 percent to \$2.2 billion.

Taxable Retail Sales First Quarter 2008-12 Billions



Results for the most populous counties:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
King	\$9.5 billion	5.7%	\$3.9 billion	4.6%
Pierce	\$2.5 billion	2.4%	\$1.3 billion	4.1%
Snohomish	\$2.3 billion	5.0%	\$1.2 billion	5.6%
Spokane	\$1.6 billion	4.4%	\$788 million	3.1%
Clark	\$994 million	7.1%	\$458 million	6.0%

Results for cities with the most sales:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
Seattle	\$3.8 billion	9.72%	\$1.2 billion	5.9%
Bellevue	\$1.1 billion	(-0.1%)	\$545 million	6.1%
Tacoma	\$932 million	2.4%	\$482 million	4.5%
Spokane	\$854 million	4.9%	\$410 million	2.4%
Vancouver	\$581 million	6.2%	\$258 million	5.6%

Taxable retail sales and retail trade by county and city, and a breakdown of sales statewide by industries are available at <http://dor.wa.gov/Content/AboutUs/newsroom/2012/trs-q12012.aspx>.

Results for all counties and selected cities, including breakdowns of sales by industry sector, are available at <http://dor.wa.gov/Content/AboutUs/StatisticsAndReports/2012/qbr112/default.aspx>.

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