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## Taxable Retail Sales Increase 4.7 percent in Second Quarter of 2012

**OLYMPIA** – Oct. 5, 2012 – Taxable retail sales increased 4.7 percent to \$26.8 billion during the second quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, the Washington State Department of Revenue reported today.

Retail trade increased 5.3 percent to \$12.3 billion over the second 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 7 percent to \$3.9 billion, accommodations and food services increased 5.4 percent to \$3.2 billion, motor vehicles and parts rose 12.9 percent to \$2.9 billion, and general merchandise stores were up 2.1 percent to \$2.4 billion.

### Results for the most populous counties:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
King	\$10.6 billion	6.4%	\$4.2 billion	6.1%
Pierce	\$2.7 billion	4.4%	\$1.4 billion	4.9%
Snohomish	\$2.5 billion	4.9%	\$1.4 billion	7.6%
Spokane	\$1.8 billion	2.0%	\$883 million	3.7%
Clark	\$1.1 billion	5.7%	\$505 million	5.5%

### Results for cities with the most sales:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
Seattle	\$4.3 billion	10.3%	\$1.3 billion	4.8%
Bellevue	\$1.3 billion	7.2%	\$636 million	13.7%
Tacoma	\$996 million	5.1%	\$506 million	4.0%

Spokane	\$963 million	6.4%	\$452 million	4.0%
Vancouver	\$623 million	5.8%	\$274 million	4.5%

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-q22012.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/qbr212/default.aspx>.

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