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## Taxable Retail Sales Increase 5.1 Percent in Calendar Year 2012

**OLYMPIA, WA** – May 8, 2013 – Taxable retail sales increased 5.1 percent to \$109.1 billion during calendar year 2012 compared to 2011, the Washington State Department of Revenue reported today.

Retail trade, a subset of all sales that excludes non-retail sectors such as construction and services, rose 5.3 percent to \$50.5 billion.

Among major industries, construction was up 7.6 percent to \$16.7 billion, accommodations and food services increased 6.3 percent to \$12.6 billion, motor vehicles and parts rose 11.6 percent to \$11.4 billion, and general merchandise stores were up 2.5 percent to \$10.3 billion.

### Results for the most populous counties:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
King	\$43.0 billion	6.5%	\$17.6 billion	5.3%
Pierce	\$11.1 billion	5.3%	\$5.8 billion	5.6%
Snohomish	\$10.3 billion	6.2%	\$5.6 billion	7.1%
Spokane	\$7.1 billion	3.2%	\$3.6 billion	4.7%
Clark	\$4.5 billion	6.2%	\$2.1 billion	5.8%

### Results for cities with the most sales:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
Seattle	\$17.2 billion	9.0%	\$5.6 billion	3.5%
Bellevue	\$5.1 billion	5.3%	\$2.6 billion	9.4%
Tacoma	\$4.0 billion	5.8%	\$2.1 billion	4.5%
Spokane	\$3.9 billion	6.9%	\$1.9 billion	5.2%
Vancouver	\$2.5 billion	5.8%	\$1.1 billion	4.9%

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/2013/trs-CY2012.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/qbrca12/default.aspx>.

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