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## Taxable Retail Sales Increase 5.4% for Third Quarter 2012

**OLYMPIA** – Jan. 8, 2013 – Taxable retail sales increased 5.4 percent to \$28.8 billion during the third quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 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 7.3 percent to \$13.1 billion.

Among major industries, construction was up 6.1 percent to \$4.6 billion, accommodations and food services increased 5.6 percent to \$3.5 billion, motor vehicles and parts rose 15.7 percent to \$3.0 billion, and general merchandise stores were up 4.7 percent to \$2.6 billion.

### Third Quarter Taxable Retail Sales Billions of Dollars



### Results for the most populous counties:

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
King	\$11.3 billion	7.2%	\$4.6 billion	7.2%
Pierce	\$2.9 billion	6.2%	\$1.5 billion	7.7%

Snohomish	\$2.7 billion	7.6%	\$1.5 billion	9.2%
Spokane	\$1.9 billion	3.5%	\$934 million	7.5%
Clark	\$1.2 billion	6.9%	\$540 million	8.1%

**Results for cities with the most sales:**

	Taxable retail sales	% change	Retail trade	% change
Seattle	\$4.5 billion	9.4%	\$1.4 billion	4.9%
Bellevue	\$1.3 billion	8.0%	\$647 million	11.0%
Tacoma	\$1.0 billion	7.3%	\$526 million	6.0%
Spokane	\$1.0 billion	8.4%	\$480 million	9.1%
Vancouver	\$665 million	7.4%	\$294 million	8.2%

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-q32012.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/qbr312/default.aspx>.

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