

## **OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY**

**3rd Quarter, 2007**  
**(July, August, September 2007)**

State gross business income increased \$12.3 billion, or 8.8 percent, in the third quarter of 2007 compared to the third quarter of 2006.

One of the largest percent gains was in the Meat Products Manufacturing industry (102.7 percent). This was due in part to a NAICS change of a large firm. Dairy also showed a large percent (80.4 percent) gain.

Household Appliances Manufacturing had the largest (92.7 percent) percent drop. This was due to a NAICS code change. Other Magnetic & Optical Media Manufacturing saw a drop of 39.7 percent. Motor Vehicles and Parts Manufacturing saw a drop of 23.9%.

There are a few locations with interesting increases in taxable retail sales. Quincy had a very significant increase (66.8 percent) due in part to the construction of new facilities for server farms there. Connell also had a large increase (78.3 percent) due to prison expansion activities. Unincorporated Gray's Harbor County had an 80.0 percent increase due in part to activities related to the construction of a new combined-cycle natural gas turbine power plant.

Overall, Wholesale Trade was up \$3.3 billion (12.4 percent) and the Business, Personal, and Other Services sector realized gains of \$2.9 billion (12.1 percent). Construction was up \$1.6 Billion (13.5 percent). Manufacturing grew by \$3.3 billion (10.8 percent) and Retailers increased by \$1.2 billion (4.3 percent).