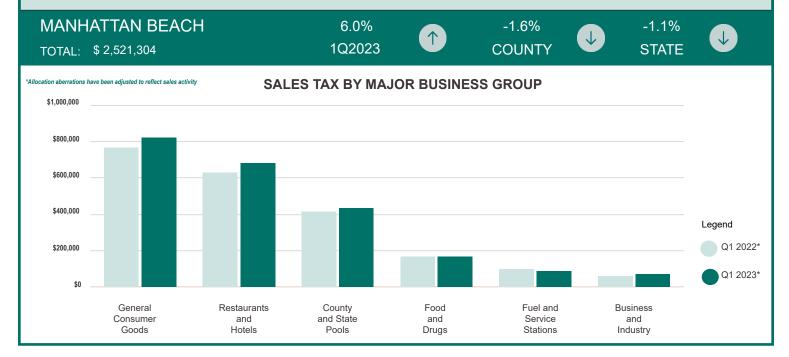
# CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

## SALES TAX UPDATE

**1Q 2023 (JANUARY - MARCH)** 







## **CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH HIGHLIGHTS**

Manhattan Beach's receipts from January through March were 7.8% above the first sales period in 2022. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 6.0%.

Over the past year, the nation and the state have experienced strong job numbers and low unemployment in the face of the Federal Reserve bumping the interest rates 500%. This quarter's sales tax performance reflects more cautious behavior by consumers and a slight overall statewide drop in sales tax, as it is still unknown if a recession will take place.

The City had a strong quarter, led by its top sector general consumer goods, which realized a boost from family apparel and specialty stores.

The restaurants and hotels sector was also strong and results from casual

dining restaurants were solid. While high menu prices and the associated sales tax continue to persist, the pace of growth has slowed in recent months. Dining out is still included in consumer spending plans; however, customers are beginning to look for deals and opt for take-out instead of sit down establishments. Receipts from business services, grocery stores, and the state and county pools were also up.

Returns from home furnishings, shoe stores, convenience stores, and service stations declined and combined to partially offset the overall gain.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Los Angeles County declined 1.6% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was down 0.8%.



## **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

Apple Sushi Roku Barnes & Noble **Target** BevMo The Arthur J Tin Roof Bistro Chevron **CVS Pharmacy** Toyota Lease Trust Joey Manhattan Beach **Trader Joes** Kettle Wrights Macy's

Manhattan Beach Toyota Scion Marriott Manhattan

Beach Hotel

Nick's Manhattan Beach

Old Navy Olive Garden

Ralphs Fresh Fare

REI

Sephora

Skechers by Mail

Strand House Standbar

HdL® Companies



#### **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

California's local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales during the months of January through March were 1.1% lower than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies. The first quarter of the calendar year experienced heavy rainfall and a slight pullback by consumers during this postholiday period.

The building and construction sector was most impacted by wet weather conditions, especially contractors and paint/glass vendors. Furthermore, when coupled with year-over-year (YOY) lumber price declines, the sector saw a 9.7% statewide drop.

YOY declines in fuel prices at the pump reduced receipts from gas stations and petroleum providers. Even with OPEC's recent production cuts, the global cost of crude oil has remained steady setting up for moderate gas prices for travelers and commuters in the coming summer months. Retailers also selling fuel experienced a similar impact and when combined with weak results from department stores, overall general consumer goods' returns slightly declined.

After multiple years of high demand for vehicles (especially high-end luxury and electronic/hybrid brands), along with inflation driving car prices higher, customers demand has softened with revenue slumping 1.3%. The return of available inventory later this calendar year may sustain downward pressure on activity, potentially giving buyers more leverage to negotiate lower prices.

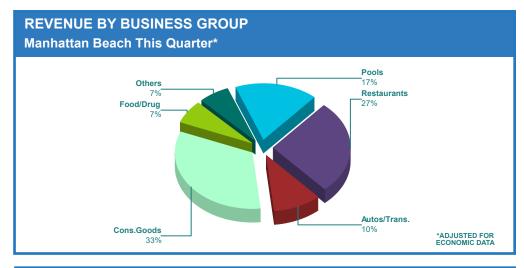
Use taxes remitted via the countywide pools decreased 1.1%, marking the second consecutive quarter of decline. Cooling consumer confidence, expansion

of more in-state fulfillment centers and retailers using existing locations to deliver goods tied to online orders continue to shift taxes away from the pools. While the offsetting effect was these revenues being allocated directly to jurisdictions where the goods were sourced, only a limited number of agencies benefited.

Spending at local restaurants and hotels continues to be robust. Patrons were unaffected by increased menu prices and wait times and maintained their willingness to dine out. In addition, investments in warehouse/farm/construction equipment was steady.

For the remainder of 2023 sales taxes may

decrease modestly, then begin a nominal recovery in early 2024. Volatile economic indicators such as the Federal Funds rate, unemployment levels, and discretionary spending will influence outcomes. While it appears the Federal Reserve's actions to fight inflation is taking effect, any lasting downward pressure on consumer pricing could also hinder short term growth.



#### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES **Manhattan Beach** County **HdL State Business Type** Change Change Q1 '23\* Change Casual Dining 430.5 15.4% 12.0% 9.7% -1.9% 🕡 120.3 0.0% 2.0% Fine Dining Family Apparel 100.2 16.4% 2.9% 2.3% **Grocery Stores** 98.0 5.6% 6.3% 5.5% 5.1% 1 Specialty Stores 77.8 15.6% 3.9% Service Stations 77.3 -12.6% 🔱 -10.0% -9.8% Quick-Service Restaurants 5.8% ( 48.7 -1.1% 5.1% -11.3% Home Furnishings 48.1 -20.8% -10.4% Fast-Casual Restaurants 42.3 0.4% 6.4% 6.4% Convenience Stores/Liquor 33.7 -15.8% -1.9% 🔱 -5.0% 🕕 \*In thousands of dollars \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity