



Second Quarter Receipts for First Quarter Sales (January - March 2017)

# Avalon In Brief

Avalon's receipts from January through March were 5.2% below the first sales period in 2016. Actual sales activity was down 4.5% when reporting aberrations were factored out.

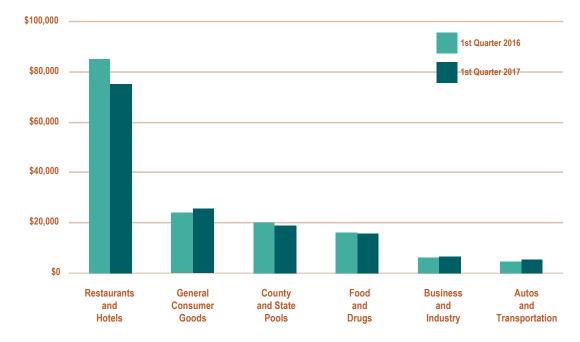
An incorrectly allocated payment that inflated year-ago returns caused the drop in the leisure/entertainment category.

The City experienced a decline in sales from restaurants and art/gift/novelty stores.

The losses were partially offset by a strong sales quarter for family apparel stores.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Los Angeles County grew 2.1% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was up 2.0%.

# SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



# Top 25 Producers

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Chets Hardware

Abes Liquor Store Coyote Joe's Antonios Deli **CSC** Boardshop Antonios Pizzeria & El Galleon Cabaret Island Threadz Avalon Mooring & Leos Catalina Diving Service Drugstore Bluewater Grill Lobster Trap Buoys & Gulls Luau Larrys Carnival Cruise Maggies Blue Rose Lines Original Jacks Casino Ballroom Pancake Cottage Catalina By The Sea Steves Steakhouse Catalina Yamaha **Golf Cars** The Locker Room CC Gallagher Vons

# REVENUE COMPARISON

Three Quarters - Fiscal Year To Date

	2015-16	2016-17
Point-of-Sale	\$607,128	\$617,985
County Pool	79,987	85,483
State Pool	347	475
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Gross Receipts	\$687,462	\$703,943
Less Triple Flip*	\$ <b>687,462</b> \$(131,764)	<b>\$703,943</b> \$0
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#### **Statewide Results**

Local tax receipts from January through March sales were 2.1% higher than the first quarter of 2016 after factoring for accounting anomalies.

Rising fuel prices, auto sales, county use tax pool allocations and dining out added most to the overall gain. Some general consumer goods and B2B sales were flat or down.

This quarter reflects the start of an anticipated leveling off of future tax revenues. After seven years of recovery, analysts are reporting an end to the previous pent-up demand for autos. Demand for new cars will ease due to more buyers tied to long-term loans and a glut of used cars coming off lease.

Price competition and store closures have reduced tax receipts from consumer goods. Business investment remains strong but much of the growth is for non-taxable items such as cloud computing and large data solutions. Declines in foreign tourist visits and lower costs of eating at home are expected to slow the growth in restaurant sales.

#### **New Sales Tax Organization**

As of July 1, the operating divisions responsible for allocation of tax revenues other than property, insurance and alcoholic beverages will shift from the State Board of Equalization (BOE) to the Governor's new Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

The BOE was first established by constitutional amendment in 1879 to oversee property tax assessment practices by all counties in the state. It eventually became responsible for other tax revenues including sales, insurance, corporate franchise and special fees.

In 2011, HdL detected discrepancies in the BOE's allocation of public safety revenues which led to the recovery of over \$124 million in revenues for counties. Subsequent audits by the State

Controller and State Department of Finance revealed further shortcomings. The result was the passage of budget trailer bill SB86/AB102 that reduces the BOE to its previous constitutionally defined functions.

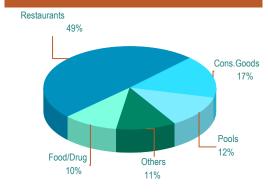
The BOE is also empowered to hear appeals and disputes over tax assessments including sales/use, personal income and corporate taxes and is the only elected Tax Board in the United States that hears tax disputes. Effective January 1, 2018, that function will be turned over to a new Office of Tax Appeals (OTA) composed of panels of administrative law judges appointed by the Governor with locations in Sacramento, Fresno and Los Angeles.

For functions other than the appeal process, this is primarily a reshuffling of existing personnel so the change will have little impact on local agencies. However, the issue of local government's ability to provide input regarding future policy and regulation changes that impact revenues remains under discussion. HdL will share more about the BOE transition as details become available in the weeks ahead.

### SALES PER CAPITA



# REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP Avalon This Quarter



# AVALON TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES

	Avalon		County	HdL State
Business Type	Q1 '17	Change	Change	Change
Art/Gift/Novelty Stores	8,080	-13.1%	3.7%	-2.5%
Boats/Motorcycles	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	-4.8%	1.1%
Building Materials	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	7.1%	3.1%
Casual Dining	65,955	-5.6%	1.4%	0.9%
Contractors	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	4.4%	-3.9%
Convenience Stores/Liquor	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	1.5%	3.5%
Drug Stores	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	-1.5%	-2.6%
Family Apparel	11,038	24.3%	-0.6%	0.8%
Fine Dining	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	13.2%	12.0%
Grocery Stores	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	1.2%	0.5%
Leisure/Entertainment	2,938	-60.4%	19.1%	13.3%
Office Equipment	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	-3.9%	-8.2%
Quick-Service Restaurants	1,927	-8.7%	4.6%	4.5%
Specialty Stores	2,319	28.7%	3.1%	0.3%
Transportation-Non-Auto	— CONFI	DENTIAL —	-16.8%	-17.8%
Total All Accounts	133,251	-5.2%	2.6%	1.8%
County & State Pool Allocation	18,888	-5.2%	2.6%	2.9%
Gross Receipts	152,139	-5.2%	2.6%	1.9%