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Taxable Sales In California (Sales & Use Tax)

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Taxable Sales in California is a quarterly report on retail sales activity in California, as measured by transactions subject to sales and use tax. The report includes data about statewide taxable sales by type of business as well as data about taxable sales in all California cities and counties.

The following factors should be considered when using these data:

1. Total taxable transactions do not necessarily indicate the gross sales of stores dealing in taxable items. Only sales subject to sales or use tax are tabulated; excluded are sales for resale, sales of nontaxable items such as food for home consumption and prescription medicines, and taxable sales disclosed by Board audits.
2. Some businesses dealing primarily in nontaxable activities, such as services, manufacturing, contracting, or wholesaling, either sell some merchandise that is subject to sales tax or use some items that were purchased ex-tax and on which use tax must be paid. Such transactions are included in the tabulations.
3. Data are compiled by type of store but cannot be broken down by commodity.
4. Businesses are classified according to their principal line of merchandise or service.

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