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SALES TAX REPORT



Leon Valley August 2024 Sales Tax Report

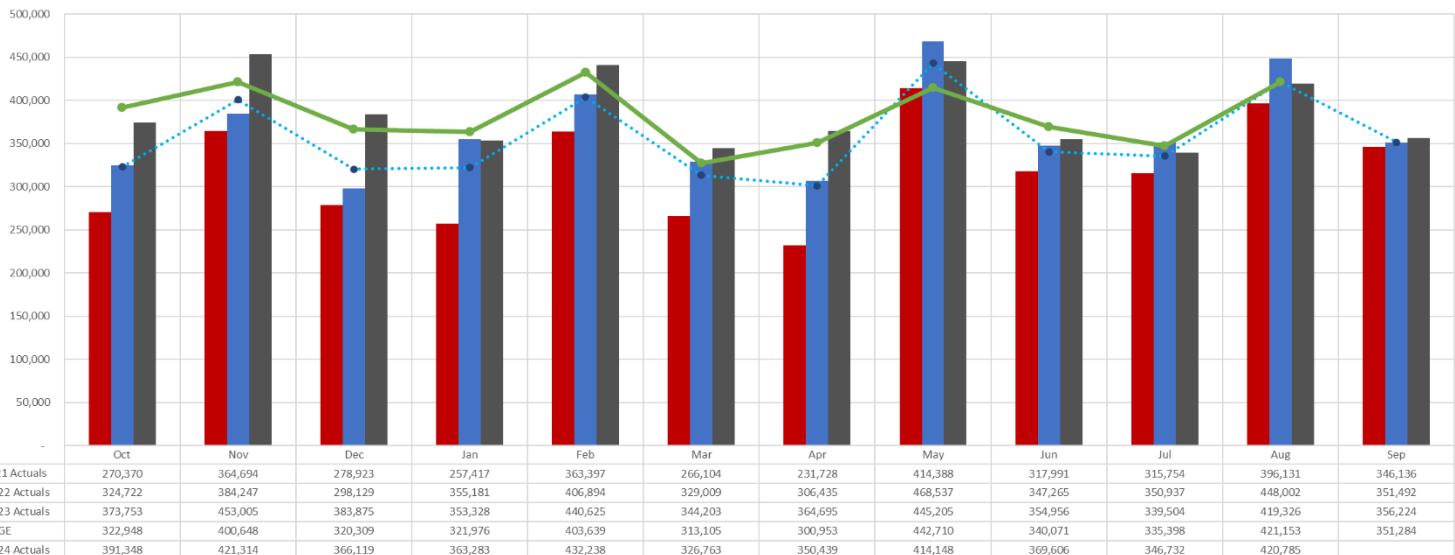
Background

The sales tax information is provided monthly by the Texas Comptroller. The sales tax information is reported 2 months in arrears; therefore, this report reflects June actual sales tax figures. This report is not an official finance or budget report. The amount shown is what was reported to the City on the current month. This report is to show economic trends that affect sales tax collections. An official finance or budget report that includes sales tax collections must be requested from the finance department.

The August report shows that the city collected \$420,785. This amount is \$1,459 or 0.35% higher compared to the same month last year. The collection for this month is below the 3-year average of \$421,153. Through the period of the period year the City has collected \$4,202,776. This amount is lower than last year's collection of \$4,272,473 by 1.63% or \$69,697.

	Collection 23-24 Actuals	Collection 22-23 Actuals	Collection 21-22 Actuals	Collection 20-21 Actuals	3 YEAR AVERAGE
Oct	391,348	373,753	324,722	270,370	322,948
Nov	421,314	453,005	384,247	364,694	400,648
Dec	366,119	383,875	298,129	278,923	320,309
Jan	363,283	353,328	355,181	257,417	321,976
Feb	432,238	440,625	406,894	363,397	403,639
Mar	326,763	344,203	329,009	266,104	313,105
Apr	350,439	364,695	306,435	231,728	300,953
May	414,148	445,205	468,537	414,388	442,710
Jun	369,606	354,956	347,265	317,991	340,071
Jul	346,732	339,504	350,937	315,754	335,398
Aug	420,785	419,326	448,002	396,131	421,153
Sep		356,224	351,492	346,136	351,284
Grand Total	4,202,776	4,628,697	4,370,851	\$ 3,823,032	\$ 4,274,193

Sales Tax History

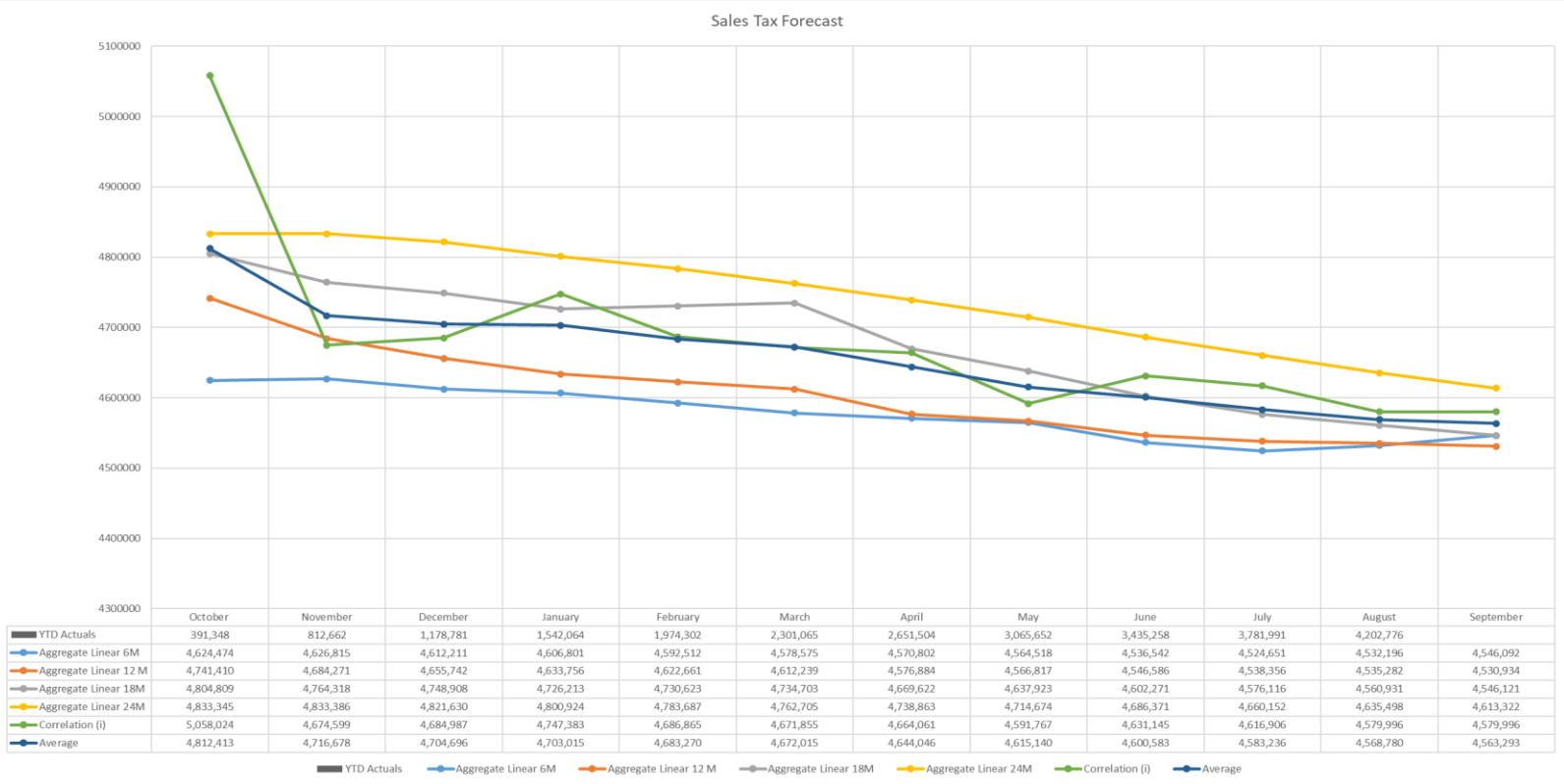


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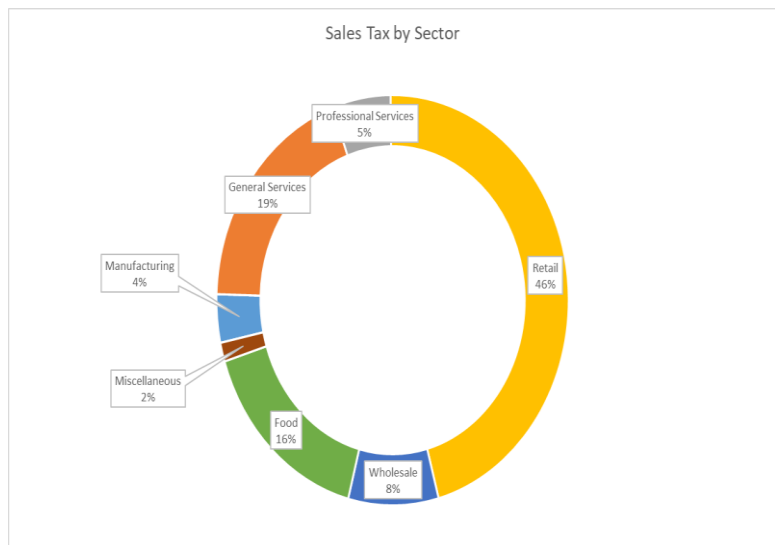


2024 Forecast

The collections moving forward will continue to decrease or level out. The City saw record collections as we saw high inflation in October of 2023 as consumers were paying higher prices for products, and the city benefited. However, that benefit has more than likely ended. In the previous year we saw increases of 20% in some months. While the City expects economic growth, an increase like we saw at the start of the last fiscal year is somewhat unrealistic. The month of November saw a decrease of 7.00% and December saw a decrease of 4.6% compared to an increase of 17.9% and 28.76% in FY 2023. The forecast table shows a significant drop with the lower collection through the period.



The City’s core sectors are retail, general services, and food represent about 80% of collections in any given month. The graph shows the average distribution for the City of Leon Valley. Monthly, staff reviews the confidential report from the state to ensure there are no major variances in the City’s core sales tax sectors and taxpayers.



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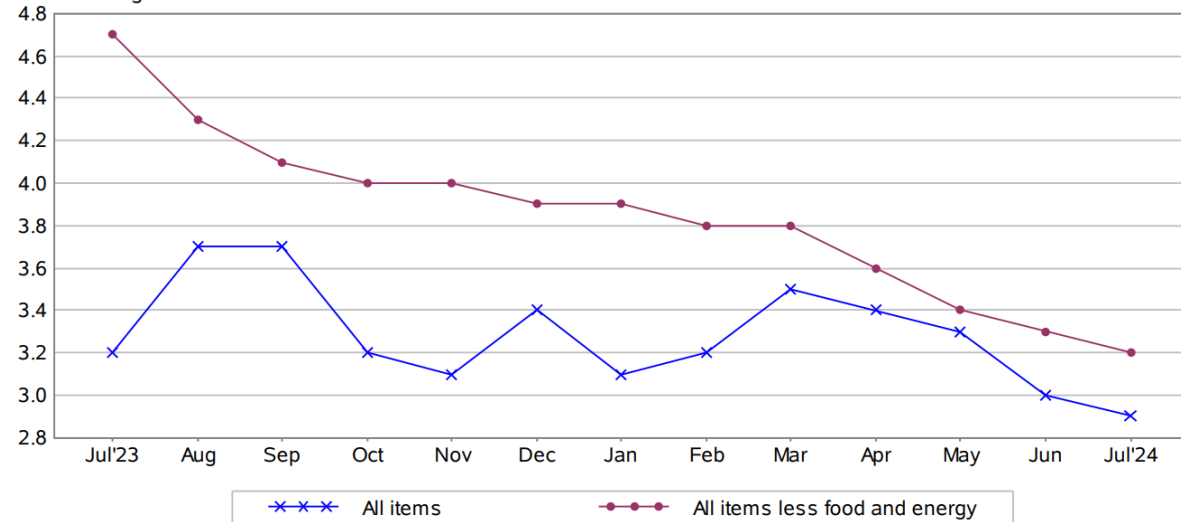


Major Economic Factors

US INFLATION

The all items index rose 2.9 percent for the 12 months ending July, the smallest 12-month increase since March 2021. The all items less food and energy index rose 3.2 percent over the last 12 months and was the smallest 12-month increase in that index since April 2021. The energy index increased 1.1 percent for the 12 months ending July. The food index increased 2.2 percent over the last year. ¹

Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, July 2023 - July 2024
Percent change



While the inflation rate trends downward from records highs in 2022 and 2023, it has remained higher than the desired 2% target of the Federal Reserve. If inflation in the overall economy continues to stay above the targeted 2% and wages do not increase, then spending on discretionary goods or non-essential products will decline. The city does not collect sales tax on most food and energy commodities, which are considered necessities.

US Montney Policy

At the start of the pandemic, the Federal Reserve lowered the interest rate banks pay to between 0.0% and 0.25%. This was done to make it easier and cheaper for banks to loan money out to the public and to avoid an economic recession or depression. However, as the country returned to pre pandemic activities the Federal Reserve increased interest rates, throughout 2022 and 2023, to combat the record high inflation.

¹ <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cpi.pdf>



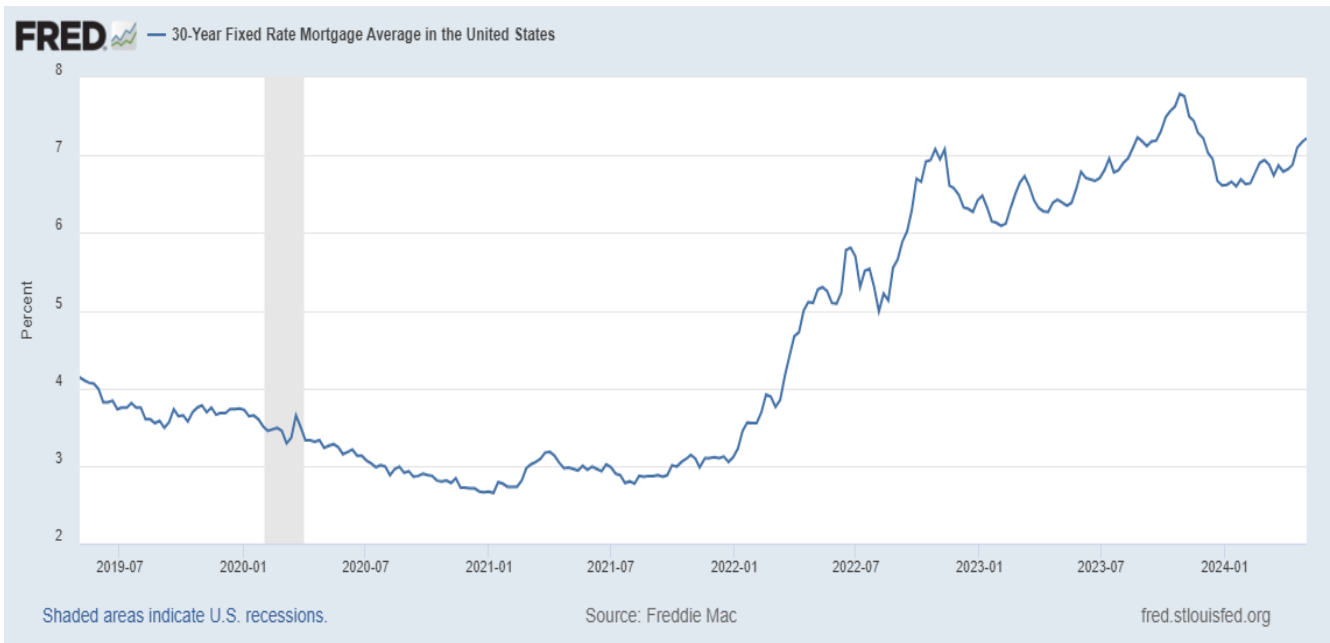
²Federal Reserve rate increases will decrease the amount of money available to spend on discretionary items as consumers will pay more in interest payments. The average mortgage rate has increased significantly due to rate increases. The average mortgage rate in October 2020 was just under 3% , compared to 7.12% in September of 2023.

Someone who purchased a home at \$250,000 home at 3% with a 30-year fixed rate will pay an estimated \$1,054 per month for that home in principal and interest payments. That payment would increase to \$1,663 per month for that same home at 7%. While mortgages rates have come down from the peak in November of 2023 of 7.75%, it is still significantly higher than the start of 2022 when rates were just over 3%.



Source: tradingeconomics.com | Federal Reserve

An increase in rates has a direct impact on economic output, as increasing rates are meant to limit the amount of available money in the economy. Further, increases in rates cause businesses to reconsider capital investments and growth as borrowing costs rise. There is speculation that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates in 2024. However, since the inflation rate is still over 2%, a rate cut would be small and slow.



Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.

Source: Freddie Mac

fred.stlouisfed.org

² <https://tradingeconomics.com/united-states/interest-rate>

³ <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/MORTGAGE30US>



Leon Valley, the San Antonio Metro Area, and the State of Texas

Leon Valley ranked 9th in the San Antonio Metro and 237th in the State of Texas for collections reported in August.

The overall metro area also saw a decrease of \$1,942,930 or 3.72% from \$52,299,160 to \$50,356,320.

The State of Texas saw a decrease of 0.18% from \$771,715,388 to \$770,322,286.76

Staff will continue to monitor the sales tax collections.

Rank	City	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	Change \$	Change %
2	San Antonio	\$43,094,919	\$44,421,957	(\$1,327,038)	-2.99%
87	Schertz	\$1,706,171	\$1,789,272	(\$83,101)	-4.64%
119	Live Oak	\$1,108,956	\$1,081,282	\$27,674	2.56%
139	Selma	\$877,554	\$980,368	(\$102,815)	-10.49%
147	Helotes	\$808,962	\$1,026,759	(\$217,797)	-21.21%
171	Universal City	\$656,234	\$627,690	\$28,543	4.55%
186	Converse	\$584,717	\$624,250	(\$39,533)	-6.33%
221	Windcrest	\$476,435	\$682,147	(\$205,711)	-30.16%
237	Leon Valley	\$420,785	\$419,326	\$1,459	0.35%
336	Alamo Heights	\$206,887	\$203,119	\$3,769	1.86%
358	Balcones Heights	\$181,763	\$198,124	(\$16,361)	-8.26%
374	Castle Hills	\$164,574	\$170,541	(\$5,967)	-3.50%
524	Kirby	\$68,273	\$74,325	(\$6,053)	-8.14%
Total		\$50,356,230	\$52,299,160	(\$1,942,930)	-3.72%

