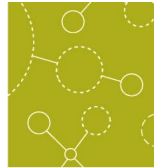




UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA | EXTENSION



EXTENSION CENTER FOR COMMUNITY VITALITY

UPDATE: Local Option Sales Tax Analysis for Edina, MN

ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO A LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
AN UPDATE TO 2019 ANALYSIS

Authored by Ryan Pesch



REPORT SPONSOR: CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA

UPDATE: Local Option Sales Tax Analysis for Edina

ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO A LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
AN UPDATE TO 2019 ANALYSIS

September 2022

Authored by Ryan Pesch, Extension Educator, University of Minnesota Extension Center for
Community Vitality

Report Reviewers:

Gillian Straub, City Management Fellow, City of Edina

Sponsor:

City of Edina

© 2022 Regents of the University of Minnesota. All rights reserved. University of Minnesota Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this material is available in alternative formats upon request. Direct requests to 612-625-8233. ♻️ Printed on recycled and recyclable paper with at least 10 percent postconsumer waste material.



Table of Contents

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS..... 3

BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY 7

.....

TRADE AREA ANALYSIS BY MERCHANDISE CATEGORY 8

Vehicles and Parts 8

Furniture Stores 9

Electronics and Appliances 10

Building Materials 11

Food and Groceries 12

Health and Personal Items..... 13

Gas/Convenience Stores..... 14

Apparel/Clothing..... 15

Leisure Goods 16

General Merchandise Stores..... 17

Miscellaneous Retail 18

Amusement and Recreation 19

Accommodations 20

Eating/Drinking Establishments..... 21

Repair and Maintenance 22

Personal Services/Laundry 23

Retail (non-store) and Other Services 24

**Construction, Manufacturing, Utilities, Wholesale Operations, Transportation, and
Sales Suppressed for Business Confidentiality..... 25**

APPENDIX A: RESEARCH ON THE EFFECTS OF A LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX..... 26

APPENDIX B: DEFINITIONS OF TERMS..... 28

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

University of Minnesota Extension conducted a study to estimate the proportion of sales proceeds attributed to both Edina residents and non-residents.

Using 2019 sales and use tax data available from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (MN Revenue), Extension estimated that non-residents account for 53.5 percent of taxable sales subject to a local option sales tax (LOST). Extension chose to use 2019 data instead of the more recent 2020 data due to the significant disruption of sales caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

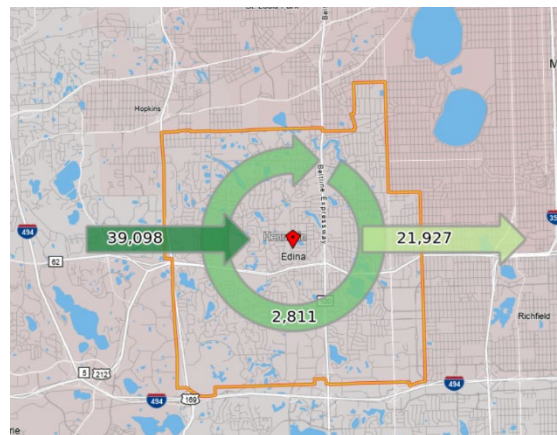
In 2019, total taxable sales in Edina were \$933 million. MN Revenue analysts estimate that approximately 89 percent would be subject to a LOST. With 53.5 percent of sales derived from non-resident spending, Extension estimated that Edina residents spent \$446 million of the total \$833 million in taxable sales subject to a LOST.

If the tax were in place in 2019, a 0.5 percent local option sales tax would have garnered \$4.17 million in tax proceeds according to MN Department of Revenue analysts. Edina residents would have contributed \$1.94 million in taxes, and non-residents would have contributed \$2.23 million. Based on these estimates, each Edina resident would have paid, on average, an additional \$36.35 in sales tax in 2019.

This report is based on a trade area analysis comparing actual taxable sales to potential sales. This is calculated by multiplying the Edina population in 2019 (MN Demographic Center) by the Minnesota average per capita sales for each category, and then adjusting for the county's personal income factor. This initial analysis provided an estimate of retail and service purchases made by Edina residents. For each merchandise group, the estimates for two types of purchasers—city residents and others—were calculated and adjusted considering the area economy. These adjustments were based on informed estimates and were aimed, in part, at reducing potential overestimates of the sales tax share attributable to non-residents. Assumptions and calculations are included for major retail and service categories so local decision makers can adjust totals if they have more nuanced insight. Several factors and features of Edina's economy helped frame the analysis for the different merchandise categories:

- As a metro community with many nearby competing shopping centers, cross-hauling is a significant factor. Edina residents can easily shop outside of the community and residents of nearby communities can also easily access Edina businesses. For this analysis, cross-hauling has the net effect of increasing non-resident spending.
- Edina has more workers entering the city for employment than residents who leave for work (Figure 1). In this dynamic, commuters often shop for goods and services near where they work and those commuting into the city purchase in the city.

Figure 1: Edina worker in-flow and out-flow



Inflow and outflow of wage earners.

Source: 2019 U.S. Census Bureau On-The-Map

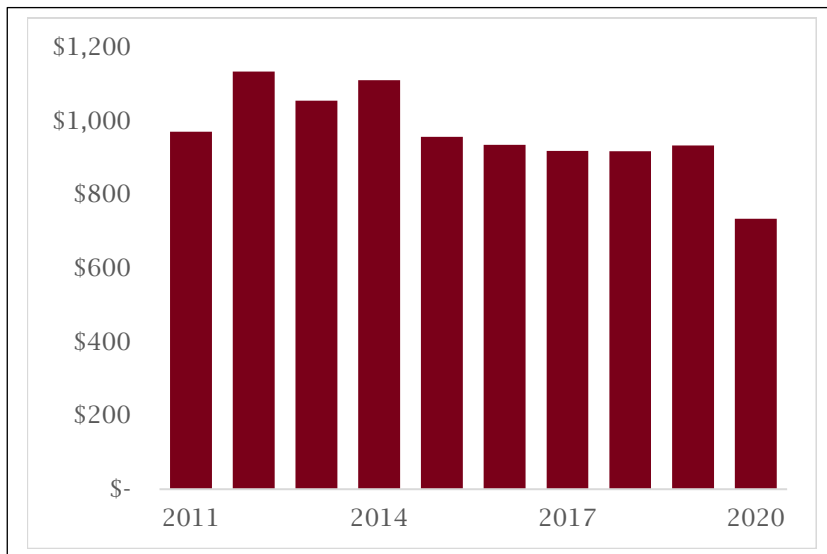
Figure 2 shows the estimated percentage of sales—across all merchandise categories—attributed to both residents and non-residents in 2019. These estimates are based on the adjusted analysis to more accurately reflect the city’s economic and consumption

circumstances. Based on these findings, Extension estimates city residents represent 46.5 percent of all taxable retail and service sales subject to the tax (\$387 million), and the remaining 53.5 percent (\$446 million) are attributed to non-residents.

Figure 2: Estimated 2020 Taxable Sales Subject to LOST

	Taxable Sales	Percent of Sales
City residents	\$387,228,475	46.5%
Non-residents	\$445,984,223	53.5%

Figure 3: Total taxable sales in Edina from 2011-2020



Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue

The total taxable sales in the city rose experienced fluctuations from 2011 to 2015, after which they remained consistent until 2019 (Figure 3). Total taxable sales were \$971 million in 2011 and \$933 million in 2019. This provides some sense of the stability of a LOST going forward. The city did experience a 21 percent decrease between 2019 and 2020 due to the economic shock of

the pandemic.

Extension forecasted taxable sales subject to the local tax for 2020, 2021, and 2022 using a simple exponential smoothing forecast model that employs a moving weighted average and a 95 percent confidence interval to provide an upper and lower bound to the estimate (Figures 5 and 6). This model estimates total tax proceeds in 2023 to be between an upper limit of \$4.67 million and a lower limit of \$2.92 million.

Considering the historic disruption of the pandemic and its uneven effect on business categories, this forecast is an unlikely scenario based only on past trends. National evidence shows that home-focused businesses like food, building materials, furniture, and general merchandise did well through the pandemic, whereas dining, accommodations, and amusement saw record sales decreases. The sharp rebound in sales in 2021 further complicates any forecast. Although Edina saw an increase in building materials and vehicles

and parts, the city departed from this national pattern with a significant decrease in furniture sales, leisure goods, and electronics (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Change in Taxable Sales by Percent, 2019-2020

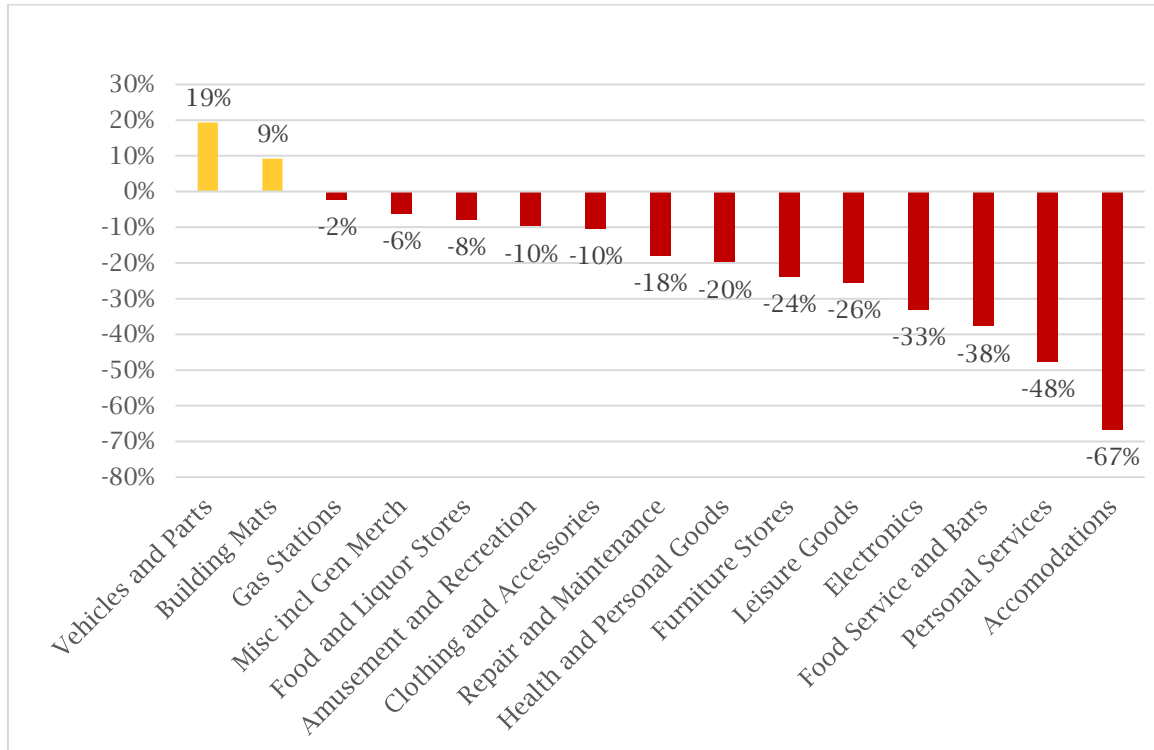


Figure 5: Forecast for Tax Proceeds based on Past Trends 2011 to 2019

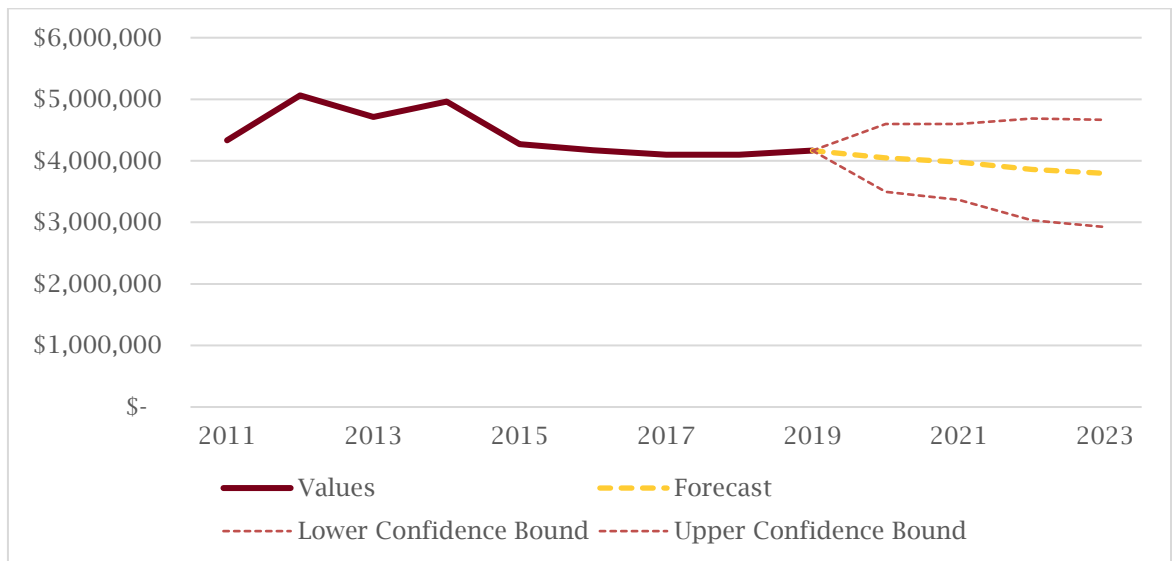


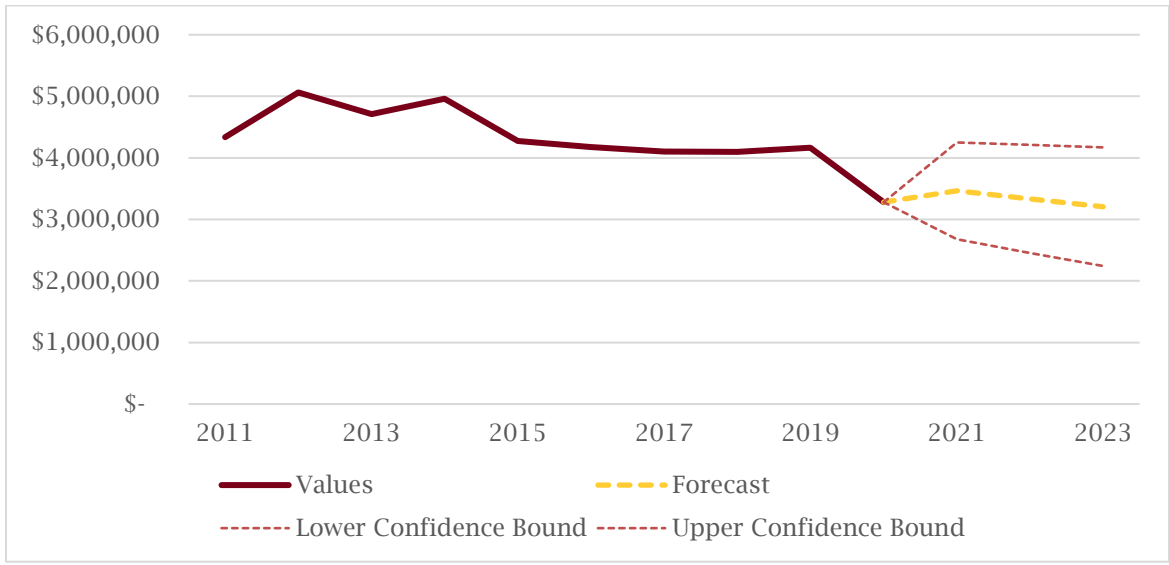
Figure 6: Forecast with Upper and Lower Bound 2020-23

	Forecast	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
2020	\$4,045,288	\$3,494,689	\$4,595,888
2021	\$3,980,844	\$3,365,009	\$4,596,680
2022	\$3,860,332	\$3,033,882	\$4,686,783

2023	\$3,795,888	\$2,924,268	\$4,667,509
------	-------------	-------------	-------------

In contrast, a forecast of tax proceeds for the three years following 2020 provides a wider estimate simply due to the discontinuity of 2020 in relation to past trends (Figure 7). For this reason, although 2020 was released when conducting this analysis, Extension based final results on 2019 data.

Figure 7: Forecast for Tax Proceeds based on Past Trends 2011 to 2020



Use taxes also affect the tax proceeds from a local option sales tax. Use taxes derive from city businesses purchasing products from out-of-state sources and in other Minnesota locations. Use taxes are often less consistent and more difficult to estimate accurately than sales taxes. In 2019, the city received \$3,617,335 in use (not sales) tax proceeds. It would have garnered \$273,000 for a LOST at the 0.5 percent rate.

Policymakers must also consider the impacts that a LOST may have on consumer purchasing behavior, particularly whether it will result in a loss of consumer purchases to other jurisdictions. Extension examined records of 11 cities that enacted a local option sales tax between 1999 and 2006 (information available on the Minnesota Department of Revenue website). Records do not indicate a major purchasing change due to the additional sales tax, and most of the jurisdictions have shown continued sales growth (see Appendix A). These communities, however, may not be comparable to Edina. All communities included in this analysis are located outside the Twin Cities metro area and may retain more shoppers than communities in the metro area where one can easily switch spending from one jurisdiction to another.

BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

Community economics educators at University of Minnesota Extension provide applied research and education to help community and business partners make better informed decisions. In recent years, Minnesota has adopted laws enabling local governments to enact a local option sales tax. Extension has assisted these administrations in estimating their potential tax proceeds and the portion of taxes paid by local residents.

This report estimates the proportion of tax proceeds generated by Edina residents compared to non-residents. The most recently available state sales tax data (2019) from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (MN Revenue) was used.

Trade Area Analysis and Calculations

Extension conducted a trade area analysis of retail and service sales in select merchandise categories, estimating the amount of taxable sales subject to sales taxes made by both local residents and non-residents. Use tax is a much smaller portion of the total collection compared to sales tax proceeds. It is also estimated using a different formula.

Extension calculated potential sales for the city in each merchandise category and compared this calculation to actual taxable sales from the Minnesota Department of Revenue sales tax statistics for the same category. Actual sales greater than potential sales indicate the county attracts sales from outside its boundaries or has sales greater than one would expect from its residents. Extension used the difference between potential and actual sales to set reasonable estimates of spending by residents and non-residents across all categories. These estimates also helped inform adjustments for each category.

Potential sales calculations are based on average statewide spending by merchandise category and the population of the county, then adjusted by the level of income in Edina. Specifically, potential sales result from county population, state per capita taxable sales, and the index of income (see sidebar and Appendix B).

The following section details the initial and adjusted trade area calculations for all merchandise categories. The sections labeled “Analysis with Adjustments” lists the final estimate of sales generated by non-residents. A rationale for adjustments and conclusions is also included.

Potential sales estimate the dollar amounts for purchases made by local residents *if* local residents spend as much as the average Minnesota resident.

Potential sales are calculated by the following formula:

$$(T \div PMn) \times PO \times (YWC \div YMn) = \text{potential sales}$$

T = Total Minnesota taxable sales for a merchandise category

PMn = 2019 population of Minnesota (5,639,632)

PO = 2019 population of Edina (53,268)

YWC = Per capita income of Hennepin County residents (\$76,552)

YMn = Per capita income of Minnesota residents (\$58,834)

TRADE AREA ANALYSIS BY MERCHANDISE CATEGORY

The following pages provide detailed analysis by merchandise category.

Vehicles and Parts

0.9 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

The **six businesses** in this retail category include repair parts, snowmobiles, boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles. Sales of cars and other on-road vehicles included in this category since they are subject to a different tax.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$7.63
-Potential sales	\$39.41
= \$ variance	(\$31.78)
= as % of potential	-80.6%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential taxable sales to residents	\$39.41
Surplus	(\$31.78)
Total	\$7.63
Surplus percentage	-416.5%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	18%
Residents' \$ share	\$7.25
Non-Residents' \$ share	\$0.38
Total	\$7.63
Non-resident share per group	5.0%

Analysis for Vehicles and Parts

Extension's trade area analysis estimates that the city falls far short of potential sales. Yet, even in a category with a deficit, Extension attributes some portion of sales to non-residents. In this case, Extension set the non-resident share at a modest 5 percent.

Furniture Stores

13.6 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

These 35 **businesses** sell furniture, beds, carpeting, window coverings, kitchenware, and wood-burning stoves.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$110.95
Potential sales	\$18.28
= \$ variance	\$92.67
= as % of potential	507.0%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$18.28
Surplus	\$92.67
Total	\$110.95
Non-resident share per group	83.5%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	73%
Residents' \$ share	\$13.31
Non-Residents' \$ share	\$97.64
Total	\$110.95
Non-resident share per group	88.0%

Analysis for Furniture Stores

Furniture stores are a very significant retail category to Edina with 35 businesses operating in the city. The community had a very sizeable surplus in 2019. At least 83 percent of sales were to non-residents based on the \$93 million surplus alone. Extension raised this estimate of non-resident spending to 88 percent, which translated into a 73 percent capture rate for Edina resident spending in this category. One would expect some portion of resident spending to leave the city with so many competitors in close proximity such as Ikea in Bloomington.

Electronics and Appliances

5.2 percent of total taxable retail and service sales*

These 15 **businesses** primarily include household-type appliances, sewing machines, cameras, computers, and other electronic goods.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$42.21
-Potential sales	\$20.08
= \$ variance	\$22.13
= as % of potential	110.2%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$20.08
Surplus	\$22.13
Total	\$42.21
Non-resident share per group	52.4%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	71%
Residents' \$ share	\$14.35
Non-residents' \$ share	\$27.86
Total	\$42.21
Non-resident share per group	66.0%

Analysis for Electronics and Appliances

Taxable sales are significantly higher than expected in the electronics and appliances category. The category accounts for over 5 percent of all retail and service taxable sales and brought in a nearly \$22 million surplus. Clearly non-residents are shopping in Edina in this category, driven in part by a popular Apple store and Warners' Stellan appliance store. Extension set the non-resident share at 66 percent.

Building Materials

2.3 percent of total taxable retail and service sales*

These **10 businesses** sell lumber, hardware, paint, wallpaper, tile, hardwood floors, roofing, fencing, ceiling fans, lawn equipment, and garden items.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$18.69
Potential sales	\$67.96
= \$ variance	(\$49.27)
= as % of potential	-72.5%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$67.96
Surplus	(\$49.27)
Total	\$18.69
Non-resident share per group	-263.6%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	25%
\$49Residents' \$ share	\$16.82
Non-residents' \$ share	\$1.87
Total	\$18.69
Non-resident share per group	10.0%

Analysis for Building Materials

Building materials is a small category in Edina, accounting for only 2.3 percent of all retail and service taxable sales. Actual sales fell far short of potential sales estimates, equating to a \$49 million leakage. Extension set the non-resident share of taxable sales at 10 percent to account for some portion of non-resident spending in this competitive retail landscape.

Food and Groceries

5.4 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

The **23 businesses** in this merchandise group include grocery stores, delis, bakeries, and butcher shops that sell food to be prepared at home. Liquor stores are also included in this group.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$44.32
- Potential sales	\$50.42
= \$ variance	(\$6.09)
= as % of potential	-12.1%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$50.42
Surplus	(\$6.09)
Total	\$44.32
Non-resident share per group	-13.7%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	73%
Residents' \$ share	\$36.79
Non-residents' \$ share	\$7.54
Total	\$44.32
Non-resident share per group	17.0%

Analysis for Food and Groceries

Extension's trade area analysis estimated a moderate deficit in the food and liquor category in this category. Extension set the non-resident share at 17 percent, primarily to allow for some reasonable portion of out-shopping by Edina residents. The Edina capture rate remains at a reasonable 73 percent in this category where customers often remain loyal to local operations even though competition abounds with many nearby groceries and specialty food retailers.

Health and Personal Items

3.5 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

Stores selling prescription drugs, food supplements, vision supplies, cosmetics, and hearing aids are among the **41 businesses** included in this merchandise group.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$28.74
Potential sales	\$8.64
= \$ variance	\$20.09
= as % of potential	232.6%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$8.64
Surplus	\$20.09
Total	\$28.74
Non-resident share per group	69.9%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	70%
Residents' \$ share	\$6.03
Non-residents' \$ share	\$22.70
Total	\$28.74
Non-resident share per group	79.0%

Analysis for Health and Personal Items

As a percent of total retail and service sales, the health and person stores category may appear small, but actually this category is disproportionately large with 41 businesses in operation. The category accounts for 1.1 percent of taxable retail and service sales in the state. Taxable sales are significantly greater than would be expected for the size of the community with a \$20 million surplus. Extension set the non-resident share at a modest 79 percent. This translates into a 70 percent capture rate of local resident spending.

Gas/Convenience Stores

0.5 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

This merchandise group covers **seven businesses** selling convenience items at a store that also sells fuel.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$3.96
-Potential sales	\$17.53
= \$ variance	(\$13.57)
= as % of potential	-77.4%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$17.53
Surplus	(\$13.57)
Total	\$3.96
Non-resident share per group	-343.0%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	20%
Residents' \$ share	\$3.56
Non-residents' \$ share	\$0.40
Total	\$3.96
Non-resident share per group	10.0%

Analysis for Gas/Convenience Stores

Edina has a sizeable deficit in the gas and convenience store category, netting \$17.5 million less than potential sales calculations. Extension set the non-resident share at a conservative 10 percent to account for non-resident spending when traveling through on major thoroughfares.

Apparel/Clothing

6.0 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

This merchandise group includes **102 businesses** selling new clothing and accessories, jewelry, shoes, bridal items, clocks, and luggage.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$48.85
Potential sales	\$10.04
= \$ variance	\$38.81
= as % of potential	386.4%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$10.04
Surplus	\$38.81
Total	\$48.85
Non-resident share per group	79.4%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	68%
Residents' \$ share	\$6.84
Non-residents' \$ share	\$42.01
Total	\$48.85
Non-resident share per group	86.0%

Analysis for Apparel/Clothing

Extension's trade area analysis estimates that the city brings in nearly \$39 million more in taxable sales than expected. With 102 businesses in this category, Edina clearly has a niche that is drawing in customers. However, with nearby competition in close proximity, Extension set capture rate at 68 percent with translated into a 86 percent non-resident share to allow for less than a third of resident spending to leave the community.

Leisure Goods

1.9 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

The **32 businesses** in this merchandise group sell sporting goods, books, music, hobby items, fabrics, and toys.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$15.30
Potential sales	\$12.59
= \$ variance	\$2.70
= as % of potential	21.5%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$12.59
Surplus	\$2.70
Total	\$15.30
Non-resident share per group	17.7%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	73%
Residents' \$ share	\$9.18
Non-Residents' \$ share	\$6.12
Total	\$15.30
Non-resident share per group	40.0%

Analysis for Leisure Goods

Extension's trade area analysis estimates that the city has a \$3 million surplus in this minor category which is focused on specialized retail. Extension set the non-resident share at 40 percent.

General Merchandise Stores

N/A percent of total taxable retail and service sales*

The N/A **businesses** in this category sell general merchandise and are unique because they have the equipment and staff needed to sell a large variety of goods from a single location. This includes department stores, superstores, dollar stores, and variety stores.

(\$Millions)

Actual taxable sales
potential sales
= \$ variance
= as % of potential

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents
Surplus
Total
Non-resident share per group

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents
Residents' \$ share
Non-Residents' \$ share
Total
Non-resident share per group

Analysis for General Merchandise Stores

In 2019, Edina had its sales in general merchandise suppressed due to too few businesses reporting in this category. Minnesota Revenue will suppress data when less than four establishments have reported. The sales from the general merchandise stores that were operating in 2019 were reported in the miscellaneous retail category.

Miscellaneous Retail

11.8 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

Ninety-one businesses are part of this group, including florists, used merchandise stores, pet supply stores, and other retailers.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$95.66
Potential sales	\$87.69
= \$ variance	\$7.98
= as % of potential	9.1%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$87.69
Surplus	\$7.98
Total	\$95.66
Non-resident share per group	8.3%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	71%
Residents' \$ share	\$62.18
Non-residents' \$ share	\$33.48
Total	\$95.66
Non-resident share per group	35.0%

Analysis for Miscellaneous Retail

Extension's trade area analysis estimates that Edina had a \$8 million surplus in the miscellaneous retail category, which was a combined general merchandise/misc. retail category since general merchandise was suppressed due to privacy issues. Extension set the non-resident share to 35 percent since general merchandise is very competitive in the metro and some miscellaneous retail such as antique shops in the community would reasonably have a large draw.

Amusement and Recreation

4.0 percent of total taxable retail and service sales*

The 29 businesses in this group include casinos, bowling lanes, water parks, amusement parks, arcades, bingo halls, golf courses, ski slopes, marinas, dance or fitness centers, recreational clubs, ice rinks, swimming pools, roller rinks, etc.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$32.61
Potential sales	\$21.67
= \$ variance	\$10.94
= as % of potential	50.5%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$21.67
Surplus	\$10.94
Total	\$32.61
Non-resident share per group	33.5%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	72%
Residents' \$ share	\$15.65
Non-residents' \$ share	\$16.96
Total	\$32.61
Non-resident share per group	52.0%

Analysis for Amusement and Recreation

Extension's trade area analysis estimates that the city has a significant surplus of potential sales, most likely driven by a large and popular Marcus Cinema. In addition, Edina is also home to LA Fitness and a Sky Zone, which draw in non-residents. In this case and considering the large surplus and local knowledge, Extension set the non-resident share at 72 percent.

Accommodations

2.9 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

These **six businesses** provide lodging or short-term accommodations for travelers, vacationers, and others. Included are hotels, motels, lodges, bed & breakfasts, campgrounds, fraternities, boarding houses, and dormitories.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$23.30
Potential sales	\$28.73
= \$ variance	(\$5.43)
= as % of potential	-18.9%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$28.73
Surplus	(\$5.43)
Total	\$23.30
Non-resident share per group	-23.3%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	8%
Residents' \$ share	\$2.33
Non-residents' \$ share	\$20.97
Total	\$23.30
Non-resident share per group	90.0%

Analysis for Accommodations

Logically, a significant percentage of lodging sales are from non-residents visiting the area or staying overnight for business or vacation. As with previous LOST analyses, Extension set the non-resident share at 90 percent of sales to allow for resident spending related to events, facility charges, and 'staycations.'

Eating/Drinking Establishments

23.3 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

These **129 businesses** sell food at full-service or limited-service establishments. The group includes cafeterias, bagel shops, ice cream parlors, snack bars, food service contractors, caterers, lunch wagons, and street vendors. It also includes bars, taverns, and nightclubs.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$189.59
Potential sales	\$117.99
= \$ variance	\$71.59
= as % of potential	60.7%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$117.99
Surplus	\$71.59
Total	\$189.59
Non-resident share per group	37.8%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	67%
Residents' \$ share	\$79.63
Non-residents' \$ share	\$109.96
Total	\$189.59
Non-resident share per group	58.0%

Analysis for Eating/Drinking Establishments

The eating and drinking category—which includes all bars, restaurants, and other food service—is a significant category with \$41 million in taxable sales and has a significant deficit at nearly \$16 million. The local focus group provided insight that there are many well-respected dining establishments that draw non-residents to the community as well as retain in-commuters who work in Edina. However, not unlike the general merchandise category, the community is also surrounded by a lot of other dining options and competition from nearby Woodbury with a wide mix of types of dining, pulls residents out of Edina. In this context, Extension set the non-resident share up to very conservative 8 percent.

Repair and Maintenance

1.3 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

The **21 businesses** in this group restore machinery, equipment, and other products. The group does not include plumbing or electrical repair services but does encompass auto repair, cameras, televisions, computers, copiers, appliances, lawn mowers, specialized equipment, small engines, furniture, shoes, guns, etc.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$10.17
Potential sales	\$18.96
= \$ variance	(\$8.78)
= as % of potential	-46.3%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$18.96
Surplus	(\$8.78)
Total	\$10.17
Non-resident share per group	-86.3%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	51%
Residents' \$ share	\$9.67
Non-residents' \$ share	\$0.51
Total	\$10.17
Non-resident share per group	5.0%

Analysis for Repair and Maintenance

At 1.2 percent of total taxable sales, repair and maintenance is a relatively small category in Edina at just over \$4 million in actual sales. The large deficit that exists in this category, and the share of total spending coming from non-residents suggests few residents or non-residents elect to purchase goods and services in this category in Edina. Extension set the non-resident share at a 5 percent.

Personal Services/Laundry

3.3 percent of total taxable retail and service sales

The **140 businesses** in this merchandise group include barber shops and beauty parlors, death care services, laundry and dry-cleaning services, and a wide range of other personal services, such as pet care (except veterinary), photofinishing, temporary parking, and dating services.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$27.01
Potential Sales	\$11.52
= \$ variance	\$15.50
= as % of potential	134.5%

Unadjusted Trade Area Analysis

Potential sales to residents	\$11.52
Surplus	\$15.50
Total	\$27.01
Non-resident share per group	57.4%

Analysis with Adjustments

Capture rate of Edina residents	75%
Residents' \$ share	\$8.64
Non-residents' \$ share	\$18.37
Total	\$27.01
Non-resident share per group	68.0%

Analysis for Personal Services/Laundry

This category includes businesses that typically serve a local market, such as barbers, hair salons, and dry-cleaning operations. Not unlike the health and personal store category in Edina, the city is disproportionately strong in this category with 140 businesses and a \$15.5 million surplus. Clearly the community has a niche with draws in non-residents. Extension set the non-resident share at 68 percent, which translates in a 75 percent capture rate.

Retail (Non-Store) and Other Services

This section includes taxable sales attributed to North American Industrial Classification System categories 511-813 released by MN Revenue.

	(\$Millions)
Actual taxable sales	\$114.60
% of total taxable retail and service sales In Edina	14.1%

Analysis with Adjustments

	(\$Millions)
Residents' \$ share	\$74.49
Non-residents' \$ share	\$40.11
Total	\$114.60
Non-resident share per group	35%

Analysis for Retail and Other Services

This group includes non-store retailers (such as direct selling operations), healthcare, waste management, rental/lease services, administrative support, and the performing arts. Some of these categories serve primarily a local market, whereas categories like 541 (professional and technical services) often serve a non-local market. This mix of business types is too diverse to run a trade area analysis for, but Extension estimated an aggregate 35 percent of these sales are to non-resident customers. The categories of sales are shown below:

Category	Taxable Sales	% non-local	\$ non-local
454 RETL -NONSTORE RETAILERS	\$5,603,866	50%	\$2,801,933
511 INFO -PUBLISHING INDUSTRY	\$24,436	40%	\$9,774
512 INFO -MOVIES, MUSIC IND	\$10,316,110	40%	\$4,126,444
517 INFO -TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$4,470,433	20%	\$894,087
518 INFO -DATA PROCESSING	\$3,581,857	40%	\$1,432,743
519 INFO -OTHER SERVICES	\$2,541,728	30%	\$762,518
522 CREDIT INTERMEDIATION	\$10,577,684	40%	\$4,231,074
524 INSURANCE CARRIERS	\$148,968	30%	\$44,690
531 REAL ESTATE	\$2,059,744	40%	\$823,898
532 RENTAL, LEASING SERVICES	\$8,907,655	20%	\$1,781,531
541 PROF,SCIENTIFIC,TECH SERV	\$34,191,782	40%	\$13,676,713
561 ADMIN, SUPPORT SERVICES	\$23,902,397	30%	\$7,170,719
611 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	\$1,839,341	20%	\$367,868
621 HEALTH -AMBULATORY CARE	\$5,788,844	40%	\$2,315,538
623 HEALTH -NURSING,HOME CARE	\$74,861	20%	\$14,972
624 HEALTH -SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$3,255	20%	\$651
711 PERF ART, SPECTATOR SPRTS	\$260,597	40%	\$104,239
813 RELIGIOUS,CIVIC,PROF ORGS	\$302,334	20%	\$60,467
TOTAL	\$114,595,892	35%	\$40,619,858

Construction, Manufacturing, Utilities, Wholesale Operations, Transportation, and Sales Suppressed for Business Confidentiality

A diverse mix of businesses fall into these non-retail categories, and a portion of sales are within a suppressed or non-disclosed subcategory. These industries and services generate \$119.5 million in taxable sales, or 12.8 percent of total taxable sales in Edina. A significant portion of this amount would be subject to any new sales taxes, including a local option sales tax.

This category includes utilities that primarily serve a local market and are subject to a local option sales tax. The diversity of firm types included in this category makes it difficult to understand the customer mix of these businesses; however, Extension broke out each known subcategory with an assumption of whether customers paying the taxable sales were non-local:

Category	Taxable Sales	% non-local	\$ non-local
CONSTRUCTION	\$7,461,350	50%	\$3,730,675
MANUFACTURING	\$10,523,306	80%	\$8,418,645
WHOLESALE	\$33,130,261	60%	\$19,878,157
UNDESIGNATED/SUPPRESSED	\$68,354,193	30%	\$20,506,258
Total	\$119,469,110	44%	\$52,533,734

Extension estimated that, overall, 44 percent of sales are to non-residents. This analysis assumes that some subcategories, such as manufacturing sell primarily (80 percent) to non-resident customers, whereas subcategories like construction split sales between resident and non-resident customers.

Analysis with Adjustments

	(\$Millions)
Residents' \$ share	\$66.90
Non-residents \$ share	\$52.57
Total	\$119.47
Non-resident share	44%

APPENDIX A: RESEARCH ON THE EFFECTS OF A LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

Policymakers are often concerned that enacting a local sales tax will result in a loss of consumer purchases to neighboring communities that have not adopted the tax.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue records the tax collected from a set of Minnesota jurisdictions that have had a local sales or use tax in effect for at least eight years. Most of these cities show continued sales growth. A comparison that includes 11 Minnesota cities adopting a 0.5 percent local option sales tax is offered below (refer to Figures 4, 5, 6, and 7).

Policymakers must determine the best allowable method to raise revenue from a variety of options. One option is raising property taxes, which is not directly related to a household's current income and raises the financial burden of low-income or retired homeowners. Sales taxes raise revenues based on household expenditures, which, in Minnesota, excludes the basic necessities of food and clothing. However, since sales tax raises revenues from non-residents who shop in Edina, resident contributions to tax revenues are significantly lower than a tax generated exclusively by local residents, such as a property tax. Policymakers must carefully consider these and other factors before making a decision about enacting a local sales tax.

Figure 4: Taxable retail and service sales by communities that began collecting a local option sales tax from 1999 to 2006

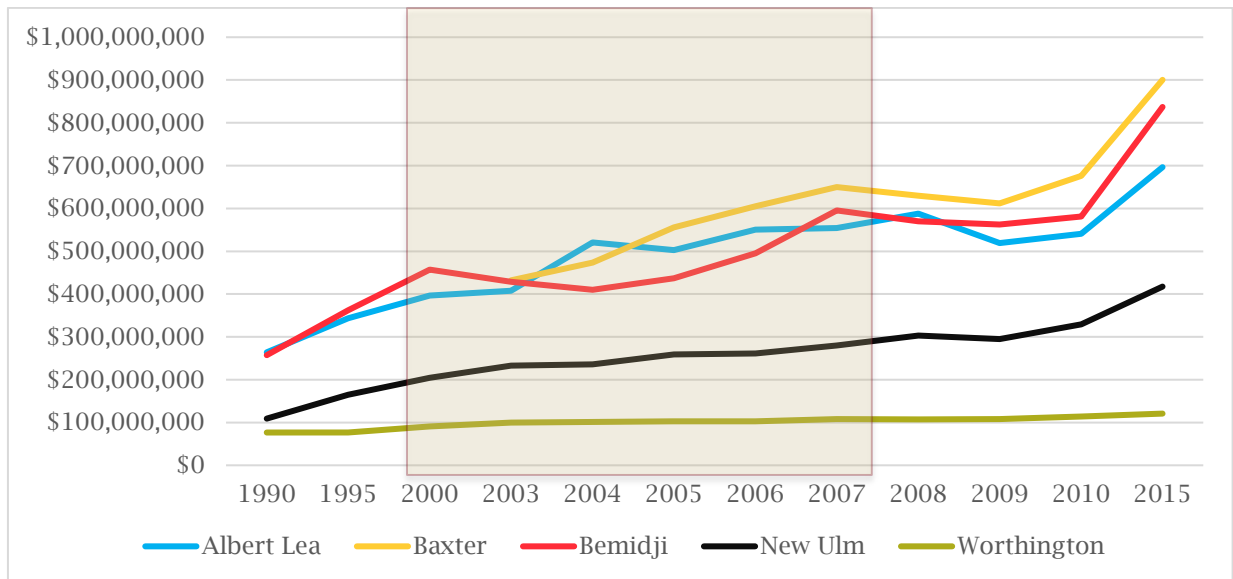


Figure 5: Data table for example communities, taxable retail and service sales (in millions)

Town Name	2015 Population	Year LOST	90	95	00	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	15
Albert Lea	18,356	2006	\$264	\$344	\$397	\$407	\$521	\$502	\$551	\$555	\$588	\$519	\$541	\$696
Baxter	8,065	2006				\$432	\$473	\$556	\$605	\$650	\$630	\$612	\$676	\$900
Bemidji	11,917	2005	\$257	\$362	\$457	\$428	\$410	\$437	\$495	\$596	\$570	\$563	\$581	\$837
New Ulm	13,594	1999	\$109	\$165	\$204	\$233	\$236	\$259	\$261	\$280	\$303	\$295	\$329	\$417
Worthington	11,283	2005	\$77	\$77	\$91	\$99	\$102	\$103	\$103	\$108	\$107	\$108	\$114	\$121

Figure 6: Taxable retail and service sales by communities that began collecting a local option sales tax between 2011- 2012

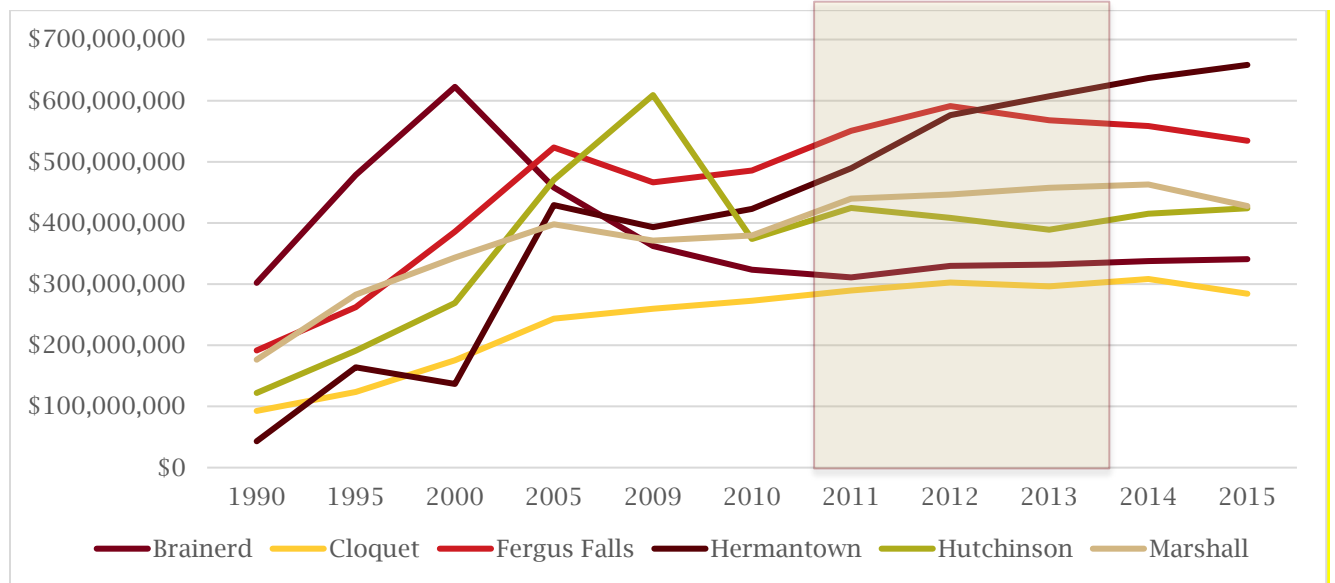


Figure 7: Data table for example communities, taxable retail and service sales (in millions)

Town Name	2015 Pop	Year LOST	90	95	00	05	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Brainerd</i>	13,178	2011	\$302	\$479	\$623	\$458	\$362	\$324	\$311	\$330	\$332	\$338	\$341
<i>Cloquet</i>	11,201	2011	\$93	\$124	\$175	\$244	\$260	\$273	\$290	\$303	\$296	\$308	\$284
<i>Fergus Falls</i>	13,471	2011	\$192	\$263	\$386	\$523	\$467	\$486	\$551	\$591	\$568	\$558	\$534
<i>Hermantown</i>	7,448	1996 - increase 2012	\$43	\$164	\$137	\$430	\$393	\$423	\$489	\$576	\$607	\$637	\$659
<i>Hutchinson</i>	13,080	2011	\$122	\$191	\$269	\$471	\$609	\$374	\$425	\$409	\$389	\$415	\$424
<i>Marshall</i>	12,735	2011	\$176	\$283	\$343	\$398	\$371	\$380	\$440	\$447	\$457	\$463	\$428

APPENDIX B: DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

Gross sales

Gross sales include taxable sales and exempt businesses with sales and use tax permits. This is the most inclusive indicator of business activity for reporting jurisdictions, but it can be misleading when used in comparisons. At times, non-taxable commodity items (e.g., gasoline) can have large price variations, creating huge swings in gross sales.

Taxable sales

Taxable sales are sales subject to sales tax. Taxable sales exclude exempt items, items sold for resale, items sold for exempt purposes, and items sold to exempt organizations. For the purpose of this study, taxable sales were the focus of the analysis. For more information on what is taxed in Minnesota, see the "Minnesota Sales and Use Tax Instruction Booklet" available at <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/minnesota-tax-handbooks>

Taxable retail and service sales

In this study and other retail trade analyses conducted by University of Minnesota Extension, the term "taxable retail and service sales" refers to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) numbers of 441 to 454 (retail) and 511 to 812 (most service industries) released by the Minnesota Department of Revenue for a geographic area.

Current and constant dollar sales

Current dollar (or "nominal dollar") sales are those reported by the state. No adjustment has been made for price inflation. In general, this measure of sales is not satisfactory for comparisons over long periods of time since it does not account for changes in population, inflation, or the state's economy. Constant dollar (or "real dollar") sales reflect changes in price inflation by adjusting current dollar sales according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Constant dollar sales indicate the real sales level with respect to a base year. This is a more realistic method of evaluating sales over time than current dollar comparisons, but it still does not take into consideration changes in population or the state's economy.

Number of businesses

The number of sales and use tax permit holders who filed one or more tax returns for the year.

Index of income

This index provides a relative measure of income, calculated by dividing local per capita income by state per capita income. The base is 1.00. For example, a 1.20 index of income indicates that per capita income in the area is 20 percent above the state average.

Potential sales

Potential sales are an estimate of the amount of money spent on retail goods and services by residents of a county or county. It is the product of county population, state per capita sales, and the index of income (based on the county personal per capita income).

Actual sales

For this study, the Minnesota Department of Revenue's 2019 sales data for Edina provides the actual sales numbers used.

Variance between actual and potential sales

The variance between actual and expected sales is the difference in sales from the “norm” (i.e., the amount above or below the standard established by the expected sales formula). When actual sales exceed expected sales, the county has a “surplus” of retail sales. When actual sales fall short of expected sales, the county has a retail sales “leakage.” Discrepancies between expected and actual sales occur for a variety of reasons. For this study, we use potential sales per merchandise group to create a first-cut estimate of residents’ purchase activities.

Cautions

Gross sales

Gross sales are a comprehensive measure of business activity, but it should be noted the numbers in this report are self-reported. Furthermore, gross sales are not audited by the state of Minnesota. It is believed that gross sales figures are generally reliable, but there is the possibility of distortions, especially in smaller cities where misreporting may have occurred.

Misclassification

Holders of sales and use tax permits select the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) category that best fits their business. All sales reported by a business is attributed to that selected NAICS category. Regardless of who makes this classification, errors are occasionally made. Also, sometimes a business will start out as one type but evolve over time to a considerably different type. Misclassifications can distort sales among business categories, especially in smaller cities. For example, a furniture store that is classified as a general merchandise store will underreport sales in the furniture store category and over-report sales in the general merchandise category.

Suppressed data

The sales data for merchandise categories that have less than four reporting firms are not reported. This is a measure taken by most states to protect the confidentiality of sales tax permit holders. Sales for suppressed retail categories are placed into the miscellaneous retail category (NAICS 999) and included in total sales but not total sales of a typical retail trade analysis. For this report, however, all taxable sales—including NAICS 999—are part of calculating the amount of special taxes collected.

Consolidated reporting

Vendors with more than one location in Minnesota have the option of filing a separate return for each location or filing one consolidated return for all locations. The consolidated return shows sales made, tax due, and location by county, and county for each business. Data for consolidated filers are combined with data for single-location filers to produce the figures in this report. Occasionally, consolidated reports may not be properly deconstructed, and all sales for a company may be reported for one town or county. Whenever misreporting is discovered, the Minnesota Department of Revenue is contacted to clarify the situation.