A Tale of Two Recessions

Unlike the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, the 2020 recession recovered at lightning speed.

Note: Seasonal adjustments provided by California Department of Finance.
Sales & Use Tax: Overall Cash Receipts

Despite the initial drop in the spring/summer of 2020, cash receipts rebounded and ended the year up over 10% from the prior fiscal year.

Note: Represents cash receipts (not tax return data). Excludes Department of Motor Vehicles payments, Franchise Tax Board payments, and other adjustments.
Sales & Use Tax: Taxable Sales Concentration

The percentage of Sales and Use Tax collected from the largest taxpayers has steadily increased over time.

Taxpayer Size by Quarterly Taxable Sales: Top 20

1Q19 Percent Share of Taxable Sales

$164.4B

$140.4bn (85.4%)

$24.0bn (14.6%)

1Q20 Percent Share of Taxable Sales

$164.2B

$135.0bn (82.2%)

$29.2bn (17.8%)

1Q21 Percent Share of Taxable Sales

$177.5B

$140.6bn (79.2%)

$26.9bn (20.8%)

Note: 1Q21 data are preliminary; over 335,000 taxpayers filed a Sales and Use Tax return in 1Q21.
Sales and Use Tax: New Permits

New permits fell with the onset of Covid-19, but have since recovered.

Note: Data are seasonally adjusted using US Census Bureau's X-13 ARIMA-SEATS.
Additional Resources

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