



## City of Fremont Update

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To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

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### What's Behind Fremont's Sales Tax Growth

From information received from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Fremont's sales tax receipts grew very modestly between 2018 and 2019, but increased by nearly 5% from 2019 to 2020. The table below shows taxable sales, by Nebraska Business Classification, for 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Looking at the individual classifications, tax receipts from manufacturing (food, beverage, clothing, wood, paper, petroleum, chemical, metal, and machinery) declined 11% or slightly more than \$5 million from 2018 to 2019, while tax receipts from accommodation & food services (hotel, B&B, catering, and bars) grew by nearly \$5 million. Between 2019 and 2020, the largest growth is attributed to several business classifications, including manufacturing and retail trade (motor vehicles, furniture, building materials, food and beverage, clothing, sporting goods, department stores, electronics, etc.). The complete list of Nebraska Business Classifications can be found at: [buscodes.pdf \(nebraska.gov\)](https://www.nebraska.gov/business-classifications).

Overall, Fremont's sales tax receipts grew by more than \$22 million or 5% from 2018 to 2020. This is simply amazing considering many companies were shut down from COVID-19 for most of the year.

2020, 2019 and 2018 Net Taxable Sales by Nebraska Business Classification					
City of Fremont					
Net Taxable Sales					
Business Classification	2020 \$	2019 \$	2018 \$	Growth/decline 2019 to 2020	Growth/decline 2018 to 2019
11 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	(D)	(D)	(D)		
21 Mining	(D)	(D)	(D)		
22 Utilities	(D)	(D)	(D)		
23 Construction	14,350,617	14,909,619	15,932,019	-3.75%	-6.42%
31-33 Manufacturing	45,738,934	41,848,048	47,017,640	9.30%	-11.00%
42 Wholesale Trade	35,402,655	32,962,469	30,637,604	7.40%	7.59%
44-46 Retail Trade	284,791,474	260,874,548	262,844,578	9.17%	-0.75%
48-49 Transportation & Warehousing	2,648,678	2,828,946	2,978,823	-6.37%	-5.03%
51 Information	4,963,944	7,841,812	9,139,827	-36.70%	-14.20%
52 Finance & Insurance	(D)	(D)	(D)		
53 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,169,733	1,896,306	1,941,520	-38.32%	-2.33%
54 Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	1,704,402	2,230,287	2,096,201	-23.58%	6.40%
56 Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Services	8,528,143	6,439,344	5,148,364	32.44%	25.08%
61 Educational Services	(D)	(D)	(D)		
62 Health Care & Social Assistance	579,354	666,865	648,103	-13.12%	2.89%
71 Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3,365,790	3,739,967	3,091,192	-10.00%	20.99%
72 Accommodation & Food Services	54,949,879	61,439,571	56,816,043	-10.56%	8.14%
81 Other Services	13,859,739	12,326,053	11,390,328	12.44%	8.22%
92 Public Administration	407,334	638,453	621,053	-36.20%	2.80%
99 Unclassified	(D)	(D)	(D)		
Total	\$472,460,676	\$450,642,288	\$450,303,295	4.84%	0.08%

(D) = Withheld to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

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## City Holding Two Community Visioning Workshops

The City is planning two community workshops on Wednesday and Thursday of next week to hear from the public about updating the comprehensive plan and long-range transportation plans. These plans will be the roadmaps to help guide Fremont's future! The first workshop is Wednesday, April 28 at the City Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the second workshop is Thursday, April 29 at Washington Elementary School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please consider attending one of the workshops and encourage others to do so as well.

## City Receives Certificate of Excellence in Reliability

For the fourth time, the City has earned a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability by the American Public Power Association. The certificate acknowledges the efforts of our engineering and electrical departments to maintain high reliability standards. Not only is this certificate an affirmation of their hard work, but it points out the fact that our level of reliability exceeds that of other power providers across the U.S. Well done everyone!



## Big Give, May 4

The Big Give, started by a group of nonprofits in Ohio in 2011, is scheduled for May 4. The Big Give has grown to be a national event that highlights the work that nonprofits do to strengthen and improve communities. The Big Give is a 24-hour online giving marathon to help thousands of people show their support of local and national nonprofits. Last year the Big Give in Fremont raised more than \$325,000 for Fremont nonprofits.

The Friends of the Keene Memorial Library, Friends of Fremont Parks, and the Friends of the Ridge Cemetery will be participating in the Big Give this year, so please be sure to keep them in mind when you login to give.

**News in Numbers:** 109.7 - The consumer confidence index in March, an increase of 19.3 points, which is the highest increase since April 2003. The index is at its highest level since the pandemic began a year ago; however, consumer confidence is still down nearly 23 points from pre-pandemic levels.

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