

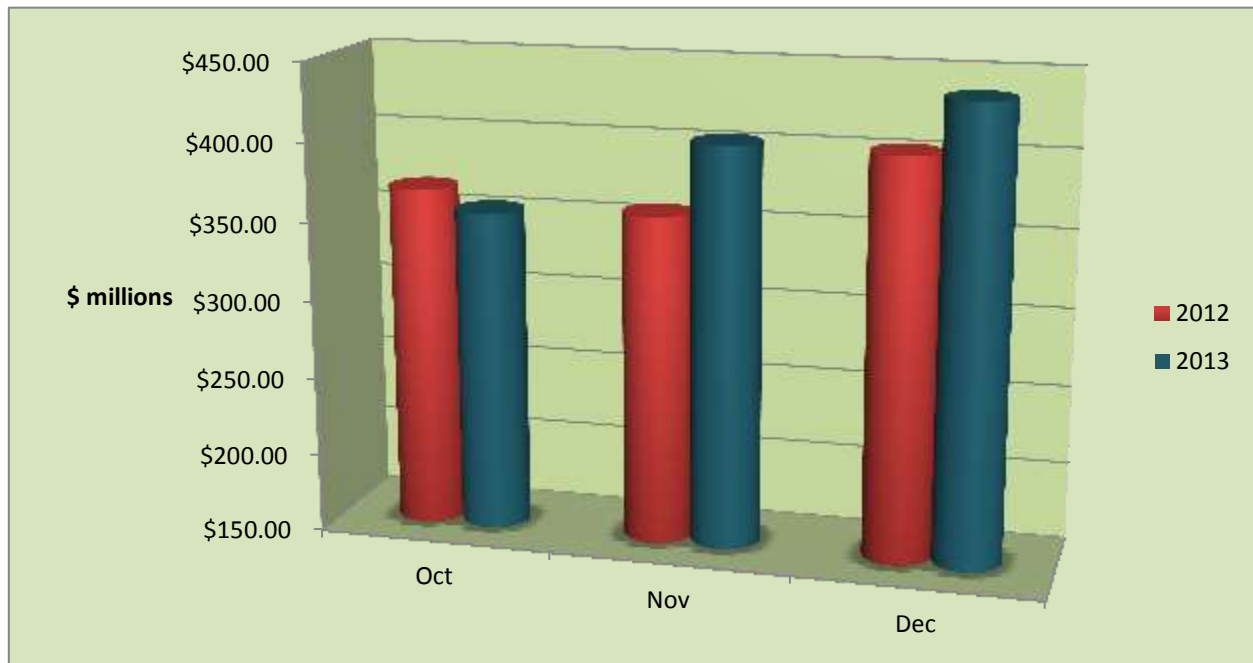
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

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Taxable Spending in Calcasieu Parish – Total and by Category

Total Taxable Spending – Same Month Comparison, 2013 and 2012



Total taxable spending was higher during the last two months of 2013 than during the same months of 2012- see chart. Cumulative total taxable spending during the three month period of 2013 rose by 5.9% compared to a year ago-see table. In the last quarter of 2013 taxable spending increased in six of the eleven reported categories. The largest positive change occurred in the Utilities spending sector with a 50.6% increase, while the Miscellaneous Sales spending sector experienced the largest negative change of -12.9%.

Cumulative Taxable Spending by Category - 4th Qtr 2013 compared to 4th Qtr 2012

	% Change		% Change
Apparel	+18.6%	Manufacturing	-2.7%
Merchandise	+6.5%	Utilities	+50.6%
Automotive	+2.3%	Misc Sales	-12.9%
Furniture	+1.1%	Motor Vehicle	+8.7%
Building Materials	-3.1%	Total Taxable Sales	+5.9%

Source: *Taxable Sales Reported*, Sales Tax Calcasieu Parish School Board. Reference Sheryl Wilkerson, Secretary to Director of Sales Tax

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