



**Economic Indicators
Gross Retail Sales**

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
January	\$1,503,227,663	\$1,415,701,558	\$1,273,429,291	\$1,243,694,189	\$1,268,721,068
February	\$1,055,985,493	\$1,041,025,942	\$960,762,619	\$920,486,271	\$1,221,415,056
March		\$1,025,642,964	\$1,027,365,813	\$900,525,781	\$1,013,366,947
April		\$1,229,948,973	\$1,127,336,190	\$1,012,483,630	\$1,229,189,233
May		\$1,160,515,972	\$1,157,626,601	\$957,864,193	\$1,264,510,729
June		\$1,168,052,430	\$1,124,054,267	\$989,253,531	\$1,143,642,140
July		\$1,285,977,609	\$1,242,140,236	\$1,025,424,728	\$1,215,489,970
August		\$1,199,948,992	\$1,096,817,344	\$858,050,461	\$1,089,569,169
September		\$1,183,086,045	\$1,057,573,547	\$943,406,415	\$1,105,486,581
October		\$1,218,491,150	\$1,085,165,275	\$1,088,689,954	\$1,049,082,284
November		\$1,191,474,466	\$1,067,677,196	\$1,121,093,009	\$1,076,900,140
December		\$1,202,717,627	\$1,099,553,604	\$1,020,852,196	\$915,747,094
Total	\$2,559,213,157	\$14,322,583,727	\$13,319,501,983	\$12,081,824,358	\$13,593,120,411
YTD Comparison:	\$2,559,213,157	\$2,456,727,500	\$2,234,191,910	\$2,164,180,460	\$2,490,136,124
% Change YTD:	4.17%	9.96%	3.24%	-13.09%	

*Starting with the December 2001 report, monthly sales and use tax reports are not comparable to previous monthly reports. Effective October 16, 2001, the general state sales and use tax rate increased from 4% to 4.5%, requiring changes to the return. Prior to the change, use taxes were separately stated and taxable sales were not calculated for use taxes. The new return combines sales and use taxes, and taxable sales are computed on the total. Therefore, gross collections reflect the 1/2% tax rate increase, and gross retail sales reflect taxable sales computed on the combined total of sales and use taxes.

**Monthly sales and use tax reports are not comparable to monthly reports for periods prior to July 2005. In Fiscal Year 2005-2006 the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement required a change in the Sales & Use Tax return so that not all taxpayers report Gross Retail Sales. Beginning with the report for July 2005, we report only Gross collections and Taxable Sales.

2011	\$14,322,583,727
2010	\$13,319,501,983
2009	\$12,081,824,358
2008	\$13,593,120,411
2007	\$12,964,011,795
2006	\$13,725,863,380
2005**	\$15,785,906,695
2004	\$17,967,753,193
2003	\$16,174,307,063
2002	\$15,556,415,321
2001	\$15,611,209,478
2000	\$16,795,496,666
1999	\$16,765,781,041

Source: North Carolina Dept. of Revenue