



**To:** Aspen City Council  
**From:** Anthony Lewin, Tax Auditor  
**Date:** September 10, 2018  
**Re:** July 2018 Consumption Tax Report

Attached is the City of Aspen's monthly report for consumption based tax collections. This report includes analysis of the City's sales tax and lodging tax collections for July 2018, Aspen's portion of Pitkin County's 3.6% sales tax collections for June 2018, and real estate transfer tax (RETT) collections for August 2018.

July's retail sales were up 9% relative to the same period in 2017. Industries posting the largest monthly gains were Utilities, Automobile, and Construction with 46%, 43%, and 29% increases, respectively. Industries posting the largest monthly declines were Marijuana and Sports Equip/Clothing with 11% and 1%. July accounts for roughly 10.5% of the year's total sales tax collections.

Lodging tax collections were up 10% from the same period last year. On a year-to-date basis, lodging tax collections are up 3%.

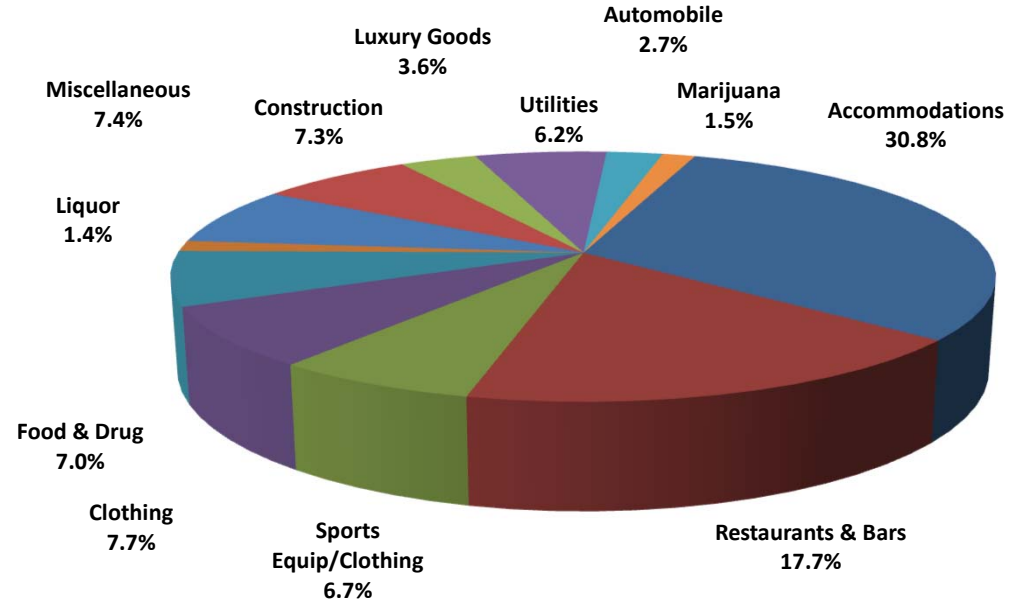
Aspen's portion of Pitkin County's sales tax collections (one month behind City collection statistics because they are collected at the State level) for May were up 4%.

Housing and Wheeler real estate transfer tax collections for July 2018 were down 50% and 49% respectively. On an annual basis, collections for real estate transfer taxes are tracking roughly 18% below 2017 figures to date.

**City of Aspen Retail Sales by Industry  
July 2018**

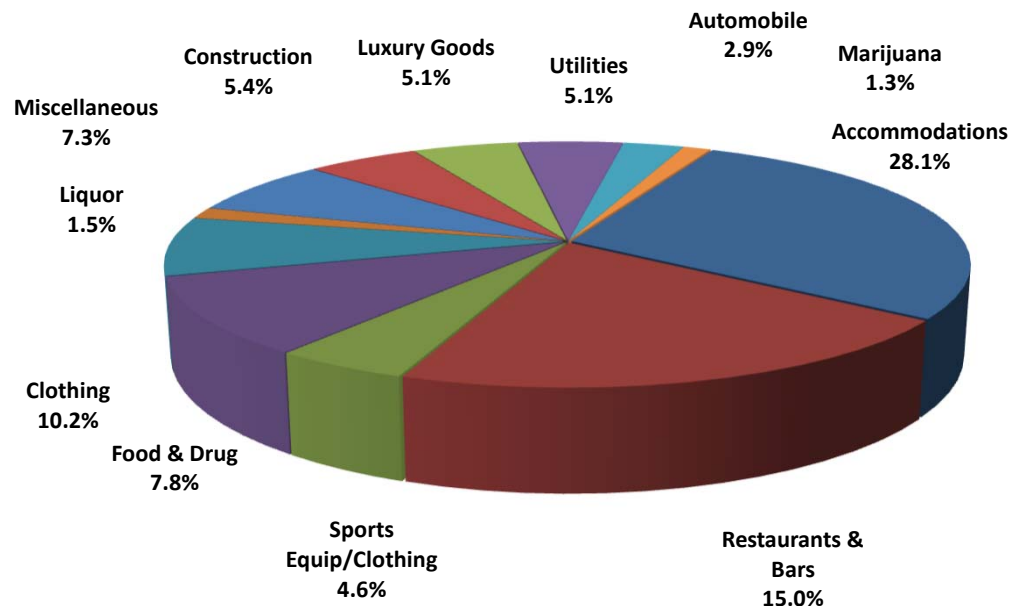
**Year To Date Retail Sales**

<b>Category</b>	<b>YTD Retail Sales</b>	<b>% Change Prior Year</b>	<b>% YTD Retail Sales</b>
Accommodations	\$141,198,843	4%	30.8%
Restaurants & Bars	\$81,390,647	2%	17.7%
Sports Equip/Clothing	\$30,892,400	4%	6.7%
Clothing	\$35,334,002	5%	7.7%
Food & Drug	\$32,222,170	3%	7.0%
Liquor	\$6,257,811	3%	1.4%
Miscellaneous	\$34,081,315	29%	7.4%
Construction	\$33,293,874	14%	7.3%
Luxury Goods	\$16,590,775	2%	3.6%
Utilities	\$28,468,447	8%	6.2%
Automobile	\$12,165,300	9%	2.7%
Marijuana	\$7,071,896	4%	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$458,967,479</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



**July Monthly Retail Sales**

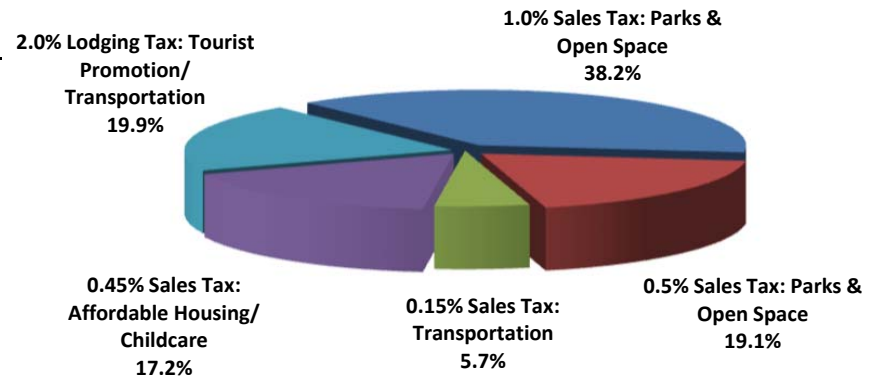
<b>Category</b>	<b>Monthly Retail Sales</b>	<b>% Change Prior Year</b>	<b>% Monthly Retail Sales</b>
Accommodations	\$23,338,046	9%	28.1%
Restaurants & Bars	\$17,136,900	1%	20.6%
Sports Equip/Clothing	\$3,858,560	(1%)	4.6%
Clothing	\$8,469,341	10%	10.2%
Food & Drug	\$6,455,241	1%	7.8%
Liquor	\$1,234,431	2%	1.5%
Miscellaneous	\$6,055,423	16%	7.3%
Construction	\$4,496,162	29%	5.4%
Luxury Goods	\$4,238,626	14%	5.1%
Utilities	\$4,219,593	46%	5.1%
Automobile	\$2,448,703	43%	2.9%
Marijuana	\$1,101,313	(11%)	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83,052,337</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



**City of Aspen Sales and Lodging Tax  
July 2018**

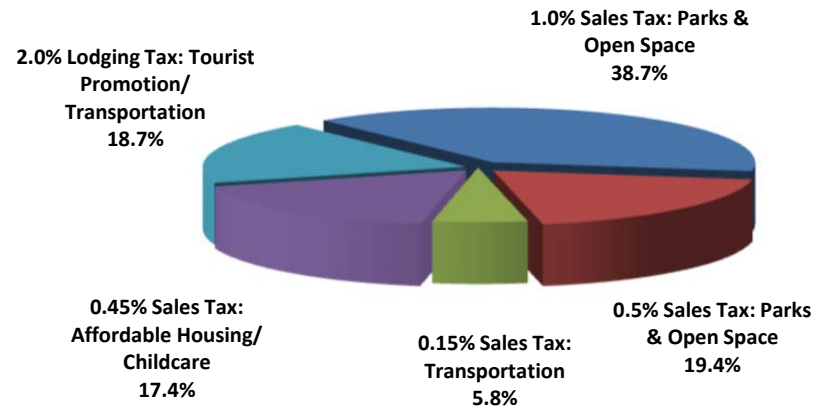
**Year To Date Tax Collections**

<b>Tax Type</b>	<b>YTD Taxes Collected</b>	<b>% YTD Taxes</b>
1.0% Sales Tax: Parks & Open Space	\$4,591,468	38.2%
0.5% Sales Tax: Parks & Open Space	\$2,295,183	19.1%
0.15% Sales Tax: Transportation	\$688,667	5.7%
0.45% Sales Tax: Affordable Housing/ Childcare	\$2,065,996	17.2%
2.0% Lodging Tax: Tourist Promotion/ Transportation	<u>\$2,393,223</u>	<u>19.9%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,034,538</b>	<b>100%</b>



**July Monthly Tax Collections**

<b>Tax Type</b>	<b>Monthly Taxes Collected</b>	<b>% Monthly Taxes</b>
1.0% Sales Tax: Parks & Open Space	\$845,840	38.7%
0.5% Sales Tax: Parks & Open Space	\$422,819	19.4%
0.15% Sales Tax: Transportation	\$126,866	5.8%
0.45% Sales Tax: Affordable Housing/ Childcare	\$380,598	17.4%
2.0% Lodging Tax: Tourist Promotion/ Transportation	<u>\$407,908</u>	<u>18.7%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,184,031</b>	<b>100%</b>

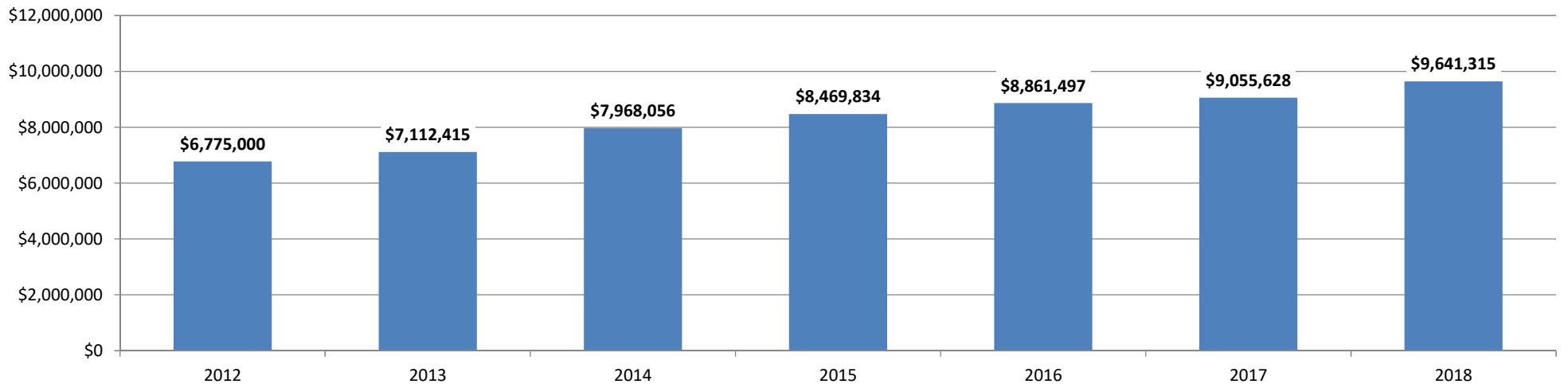


**City of Aspen Sales Tax 2.1%  
July 2018**

**Current Month Revenues are 11% above last year's Monthly Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are 3% above Year To Date Budgeted Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are 6% above last year's Actual Year To Date Revenues.**

2018 Monthly Budget vs. 2018 Actual				2018 YTD Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 vs. 2017			
Month	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	2017 Monthly	Variance	2017 YTD	Variance
Jan	\$1,786,700	\$1,792,600	0%	\$1,786,700	\$1,792,600	0%	\$1,735,943	3%	\$1,735,943	3%
Feb	\$1,623,700	\$1,680,884	4%	\$3,410,400	\$3,473,484	2%	\$1,556,729	8%	\$3,292,671	5%
Mar	\$1,829,900	\$1,796,622	(2%)	\$5,240,300	\$5,270,107	1%	\$1,801,354	(0%)	\$5,094,025	3%
Apr	\$641,600	\$671,525	5%	\$5,881,900	\$5,941,632	1%	\$581,076	16%	\$5,675,101	5%
May	\$527,400	\$565,343	7%	\$6,409,300	\$6,506,974	2%	\$498,458	13%	\$6,173,560	5%
June	\$1,278,400	\$1,358,217	6%	\$7,687,700	\$7,865,191	2%	\$1,284,780	6%	\$7,458,339	5%
July	\$1,717,200	\$1,776,123	3%	\$9,404,900	\$9,641,315	3%	\$1,597,289	11%	\$9,055,628	6%
Aug	\$1,463,900			\$10,868,800			\$1,458,445		\$10,514,072	
Sept	\$1,136,400			\$12,005,200			\$1,205,103		\$11,719,175	
Oct	\$669,900			\$12,675,100			\$715,075		\$12,434,250	
Nov	\$595,800			\$13,270,900			\$632,549		\$13,066,799	
Dec	\$2,369,900			\$15,640,800			\$2,247,023		\$15,313,822	

**Actual Collections Year To Date Through July**

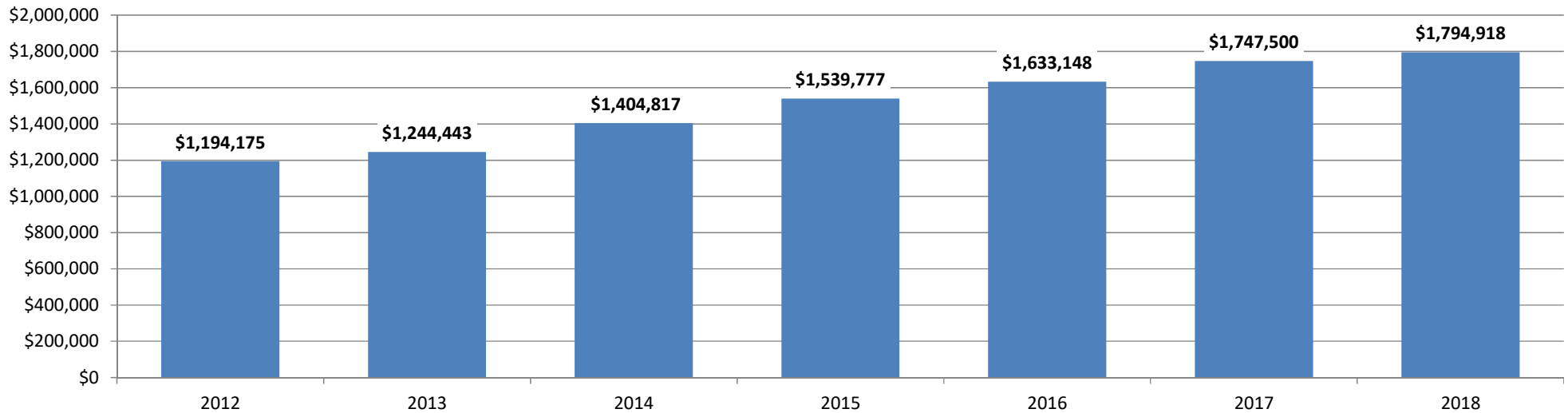


**City of Aspen Tourist Promotion 1.5% Lodging Tax (0.5% Rate for 2010 and Prior)  
July 2018**

**Current Month Revenues are 10% above last year's Monthly Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are (1%) below Year To Date Budgeted Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are 3% above last year's Actual Year To Date Revenues.**

Month	2018 Monthly Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 YTD Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 vs. 2017			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	2017 Monthly	Variance	2017 YTD	Variance
Jan	\$397,500	\$410,858	3%	\$397,500	\$410,858	3%	\$402,689	2%	\$402,689	2%
Feb	\$382,500	\$363,636	(5%)	\$780,000	\$774,494	(1%)	\$361,060	1%	\$763,750	1%
Mar	\$412,500	\$384,859	(7%)	\$1,192,500	\$1,159,354	(3%)	\$404,147	(5%)	\$1,167,897	(1%)
Apr	\$60,000	\$62,085	3%	\$1,252,500	\$1,221,438	(2%)	\$47,298	31%	\$1,215,195	1%
May	\$45,000	\$56,234	25%	\$1,297,500	\$1,277,672	(2%)	\$36,245	55%	\$1,251,440	2%
June	\$210,000	\$211,315	1%	\$1,507,500	\$1,488,987	(1%)	\$218,037	(3%)	\$1,469,477	1%
July	\$300,000	\$305,931	2%	\$1,807,500	\$1,794,918	(1%)	\$278,023	10%	\$1,747,500	3%
Aug	\$247,500			\$2,055,000			\$262,242		\$2,009,742	
Sept	\$157,500			\$2,212,500			\$160,381		\$2,170,123	
Oct	\$75,000			\$2,287,500			\$95,638		\$2,265,761	
Nov	\$60,000			\$2,347,500			\$62,538		\$2,328,299	
Dec	\$489,800			\$2,837,300			\$451,417		\$2,779,716	

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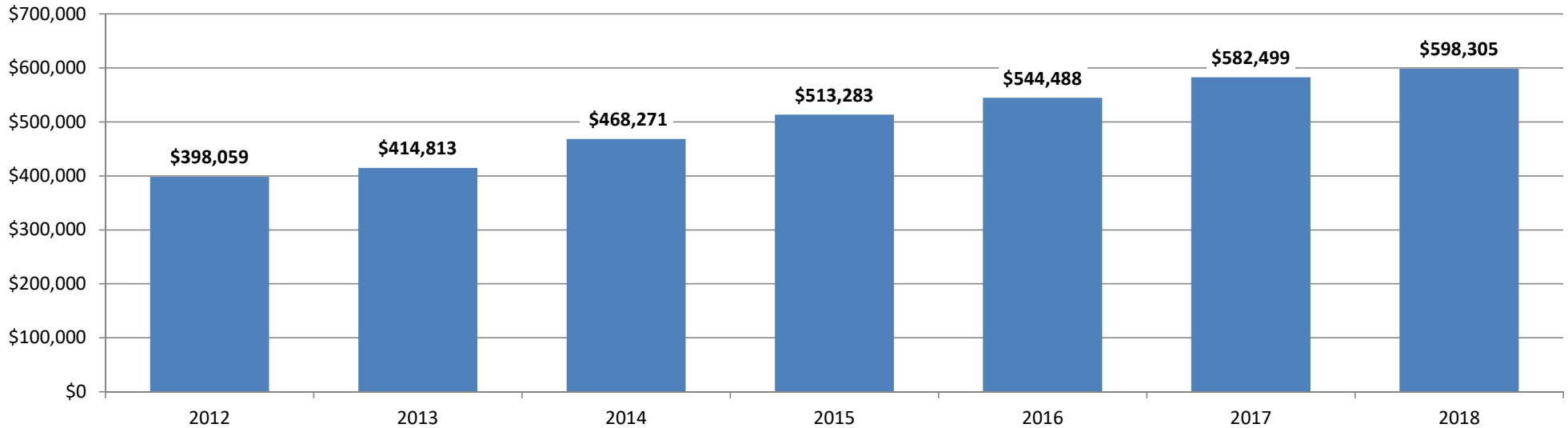


**City of Aspen Transportation 0.5% Lodging Tax  
July 2018**

**Current Month Revenues are 10% above last year's Monthly Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are (1%) below Year To Date Budgeted Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are 3% above last year's Actual Year To Date Revenues.**

<u>Month</u>	<u>2018 Monthly Budget vs. 2018 Actual</u>			<u>2018 YTD Budget vs. 2018 Actual</u>			<u>2018 vs. 2017</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>2017 Monthly</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Jan	\$132,500	\$136,952	3%	\$132,500	\$136,952	3%	\$134,230	2%	\$134,230	2%
Feb	\$127,500	\$121,212	(5%)	\$260,000	\$258,164	(1%)	\$120,353	1%	\$254,583	1%
Mar	\$137,500	\$128,286	(7%)	\$397,500	\$386,451	(3%)	\$134,716	(5%)	\$389,298	(1%)
Apr	\$20,000	\$20,695	3%	\$417,500	\$407,145	(2%)	\$15,766	31%	\$405,064	1%
May	\$15,000	\$18,744	25%	\$432,500	\$425,890	(2%)	\$12,082	55%	\$417,146	2%
June	\$70,000	\$70,438	1%	\$502,500	\$496,328	(1%)	\$72,679	(3%)	\$489,825	1%
July	\$100,000	\$101,977	2%	\$602,500	\$598,305	(1%)	\$92,674	10%	\$582,499	3%
Aug	\$82,500			\$685,000			\$87,414		\$669,913	
Sept	\$52,500			\$737,500			\$53,460		\$723,373	
Oct	\$25,000			\$762,500			\$31,879		\$755,252	
Nov	\$20,000			\$782,500			\$20,846		\$776,098	
Dec	\$163,300			\$945,800			\$150,472		\$926,570	

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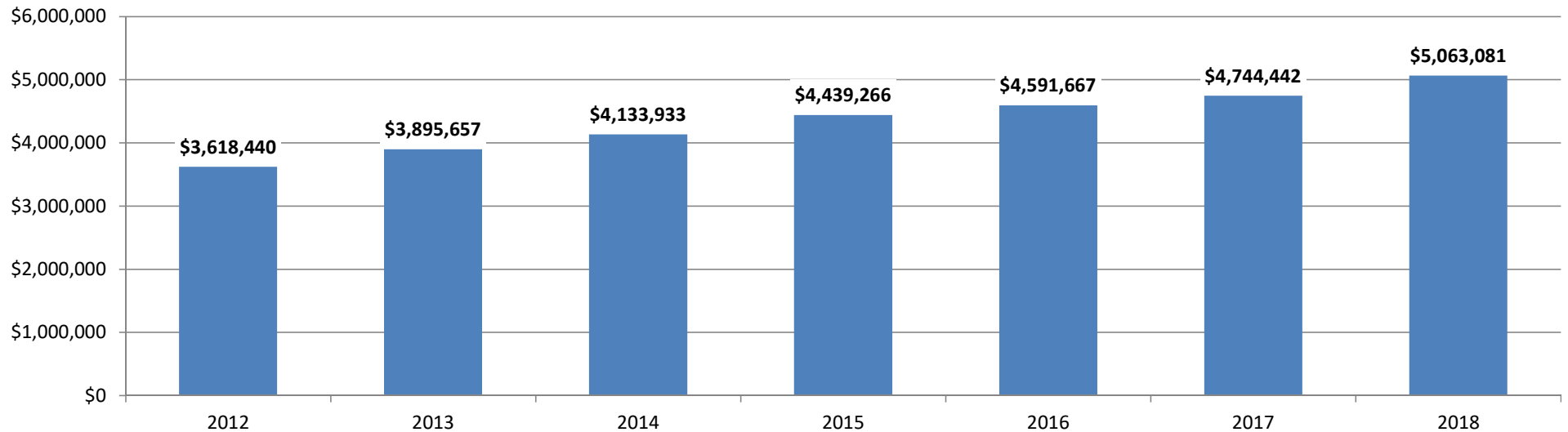


**City of Aspen Portion of Pitkin County 3.6% Sales Tax  
June 2018**

**Current Month Revenues are 4% above last year's Monthly Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are 7% above Year To Date Budgeted Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are 7% above last year's Actual Year To Date Revenues.**

Month	2018 Monthly Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 YTD Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 vs. 2017			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	2017 Monthly	Variance	2017 YTD	Variance
Jan	\$1,153,000	\$1,220,153	6%	\$1,153,000	\$1,220,153	6%	\$1,149,999	6%	\$ 1,149,999	6%
Feb	\$1,104,000	\$1,148,144	4%	\$2,257,000	\$2,368,297	5%	\$1,066,147	8%	\$ 2,216,146	7%
Mar	\$1,027,000	\$1,163,211	13%	\$3,284,000	\$3,531,508	8%	\$1,129,984	3%	\$ 3,346,130	6%
Apr	\$489,000	\$434,940	(11%)	\$3,773,000	\$3,966,448	5%	\$382,872	14%	\$ 3,729,002	6%
May	\$301,000	\$357,579	19%	\$4,074,000	\$4,324,027	6%	\$306,608	17%	\$ 4,035,611	7%
June	\$665,000	\$739,053	11%	\$4,739,000	\$5,063,081	7%	\$708,832	4%	\$ 4,744,442	7%
July	\$868,000			\$5,607,000			\$910,797		\$ 5,655,240	
Aug	\$850,000			\$6,457,000			\$795,844		\$ 6,451,084	
Sept	\$617,000			\$7,074,000			\$721,787		\$ 7,172,870	
Oct	\$388,000			\$7,462,000			\$448,302		\$ 7,621,173	
Nov	\$352,000			\$7,814,000			\$385,209		\$ 8,006,382	
Dec	\$1,262,000			\$9,076,000			\$1,218,879		\$ 9,225,261	

**Actual Collections Year To Date Through June**

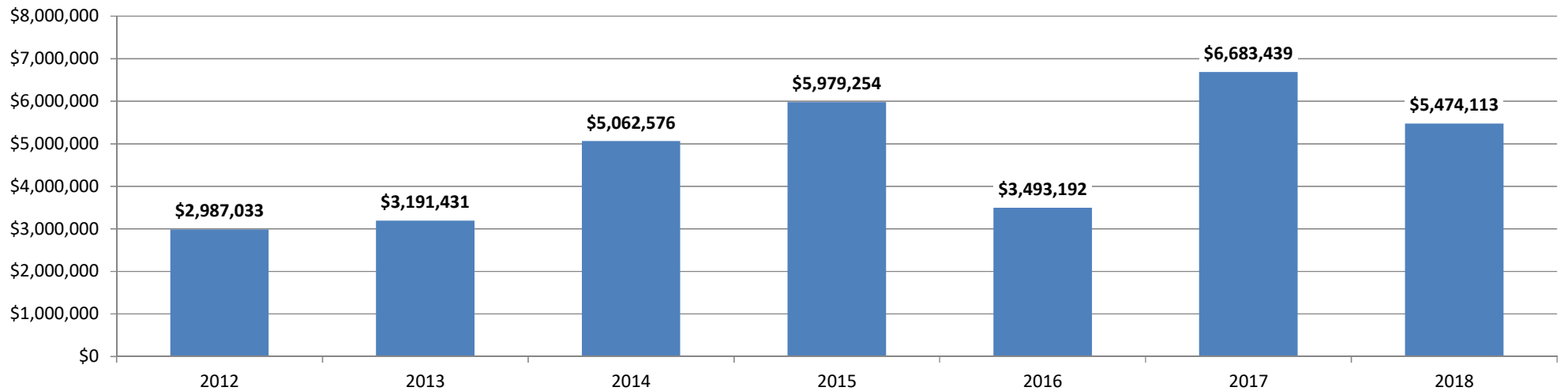


**Housing Real Estate Transfer Tax  
August 2018**

Current Month Revenues are (50%) below last year's Monthly Revenues.  
 Year To Date Revenues are 32% above Year To Date Budgeted Revenues.  
 Year To Date Revenues are (18%) below last year's Actual Year To Date Revenues.

Month	2018 Monthly Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 YTD Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 vs. 2017			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	2017 Monthly	Variance	2017 YTD	Variance
Jan	\$440,000	\$882,763	101%	\$440,000	\$882,763	101%	\$539,240	64%	\$539,240	64%
Feb	\$482,000	\$882,743	83%	\$922,000	\$1,765,505	91%	\$257,340	243%	\$796,580	122%
Mar	\$427,000	\$538,447	26%	\$1,349,000	\$2,303,953	71%	\$888,860	(39%)	\$1,685,440	37%
Apr	\$647,000	\$425,425	(34%)	\$1,996,000	\$2,729,378	37%	\$944,175	(55%)	\$2,629,615	4%
May	\$584,000	\$1,030,447	76%	\$2,580,000	\$3,759,825	46%	\$1,046,359	(2%)	\$3,675,974	2%
June	\$587,000	\$673,100	15%	\$3,167,000	\$4,432,925	40%	\$965,736	(30%)	\$4,641,710	(4%)
July	\$419,000	\$434,725	4%	\$3,586,000	\$4,867,650	36%	\$836,458	(48%)	\$5,478,168	(11%)
Aug	\$558,000	\$606,463	9%	\$4,144,000	\$5,474,113	32%	\$1,205,270	(50%)	\$6,683,439	(18%)
Sept	\$825,000			\$4,969,000			\$1,179,490		\$7,862,929	
Oct	\$706,000			\$5,675,000			\$918,790		\$8,781,719	
Nov	\$483,000			\$6,158,000			\$531,375		\$9,313,094	
Dec	\$592,000			\$6,750,000			\$625,030		\$9,938,124	

**Actual Collections Year To Date Through August**





**Wheeler Opera House Real Estate Transfer Tax  
August 2018**

**Current Month Revenues are (49%) below last year's Monthly Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are 30% above Year To Date Budgeted Revenues.**  
**Year To Date Revenues are (18%) below last year's Actual Year To Date Revenues.**

Month	2018 Monthly Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 YTD Budget vs. 2018 Actual			2018 vs. 2017			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	2017 Monthly	Variance	2017 YTD	Variance
Jan	\$185,000	\$461,161	149%	\$185,000	\$461,161	149%	\$284,651	62%	\$284,651	62%
Feb	\$341,000	\$451,066	32%	\$526,000	\$912,228	73%	\$140,472	221%	\$425,122	115%
Mar	\$197,000	\$277,629	41%	\$723,000	\$1,189,856	65%	\$463,080	(40%)	\$888,202	34%
Apr	\$424,000	\$223,663	(47%)	\$1,147,000	\$1,413,519	23%	\$487,260	(54%)	\$1,375,462	3%
May	\$299,000	\$535,736	79%	\$1,446,000	\$1,949,255	35%	\$547,557	(2%)	\$1,923,019	1%
June	\$250,000	\$346,750	39%	\$1,696,000	\$2,296,005	35%	\$499,857	(31%)	\$2,422,875	(5%)
July	\$207,000	\$229,636	11%	\$1,903,000	\$2,525,641	33%	\$432,004	(47%)	\$2,854,879	(12%)
Aug	\$293,000	\$323,442	10%	\$2,196,000	\$2,849,083	30%	\$629,629	(49%)	\$3,484,508	(18%)
Sept	\$537,000			\$2,733,000			\$611,865		\$4,096,373	
Oct	\$368,000			\$3,101,000			\$474,413		\$4,570,786	
Nov	\$297,000			\$3,398,000			\$275,769		\$4,846,555	
Dec	\$315,000			\$3,713,000			\$337,907		\$5,184,461	

**Actual Collections Year To Date Through August**

