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# Improved consumer spending generating higher sales tax revenues

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Texas Comptroller [Susan Combs](#) collected \$1.98 billion in state sales tax revenue in December.

This is an increase of 9.5 percent over December 2010.

The comptroller's office also will disburse \$495 million in sales tax revenue to local governments in January. This is an increase of 9.1 percent, compared to January 2011.

San Antonio will receive \$16.9 million from the state in January, an increase of 7.21 percent over January 2011. [VIA Metropolitan Transit](#) will receive \$7.7 million from the state in January, an increase of 8.59 percent over January 2011. The San Antonio Advanced Transportation District, which is funded by a 1/4-cent sales tax, will receive \$3.6 million. This is an increase of 9 percent.

"Sales tax revenue continues to grow in almost all major economic categories and revenue has now increased for 21 consecutive months," Combs says. "Sales taxes from retail trade and restaurant activity continue to improve, with tax revenue from the oil and natural gas sector also providing a lift to overall collections."

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