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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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FIRST QUARTER 2023

The Sonoma County Economic Development Board (EDB), in partnership with Sonoma County Tourism (SCT), is pleased to bring you the 2023 First Quarter calendar year (CY) Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Report. The analysis drafted by the Sonoma County EDB is based on reports from each jurisdiction within the county. This report contains the most recent data available based on county reporting.

This report analyzes Sonoma County's historical Q1 TOT revenue numbers and contains the accommodation development report for January, February, and March of 2023.

TOT ASSESSMENT BY CITY

	Tax Rate (%)	TOT Revenue
Cloverdale	10%	\$39,097.49
Healdsburg	14%	\$1,578,602.00
Petaluma	10%	\$541,818.00
Rohnert Park	12%	\$811,226.60
Santa Rosa	9%	\$1,223,500.00
Sebastopol	12%	\$111,655.24
Sonoma	10%	\$1,051,240.00
Windsor	12%	\$492,980.23
Unincorporated County	12%	\$5,585,599.54
TOTAL	-	\$11,435,719.10

Source: Sonoma County and Cities Finance Departments

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sonoma County's revenues for First Quarter 2023 decreased 12.7% over First Quarter 2022. Total county revenues for Q1 2023 equaled \$11.4 million.
- Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, and Windsor all saw year-over-year increases in TOT revenue from Q1 2022 to Q1 2023 between 9% to 15%.
- Healdsburg recorded the highest TOT revenues amongst the cities with \$1.6 million. Unincorporated county's TOT revenue was \$5.6 million, making up 48.8% of Sonoma County's total TOT revenue from Q1 2023.

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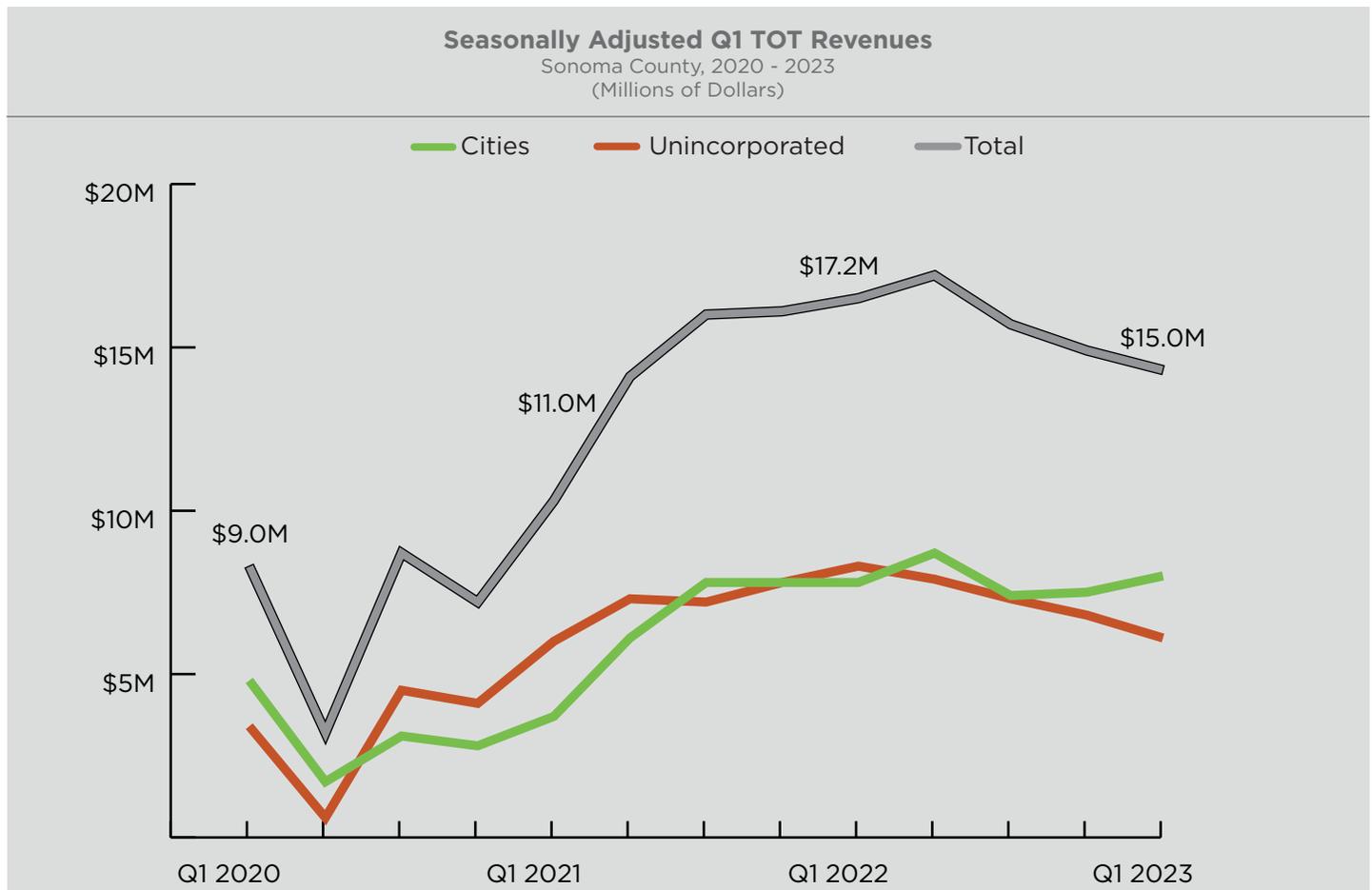
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOT REVENUES

FIRST QUARTER (CY)

This section analyzes the quarterly TOT trends for the aggregated city and unincorporated areas of Sonoma County from each First Quarter from 2020 to 2023.

Summary of Findings

- Sonoma County TOT revenues appear to have recovered from the lows of the pandemic in 2020 and seem to be stabilizing, as seen with the Q1 2022 and Q1 2023 TOT revenue totals.
- TOT revenues from the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023 have exceeded pre-pandemic levels. Total TOT revenue for Q1 2020 was \$9.0M versus \$15.0M in 2023.
- The incorporated cities' revenues represented 51.2%, while Unincorporated County brought in 48.8% of the Q1 2023 total revenues.



Source: Sonoma County and Cities Finance Departments

Note: When data is presented for statistics in areas that feature regular seasonal fluctuation, such as the unemployment rate or job growth, it must be seasonally adjusted to be valuable. Seasonal adjustment makes a comparison between observed fluctuations with expected ones. For example, if TOT revenue consistently increases in the third quarter of the calendar year, the data must be seasonally adjusted so the increases in revenue we observe are not just the result of the season.



TOT QUARTERLY TRENDS

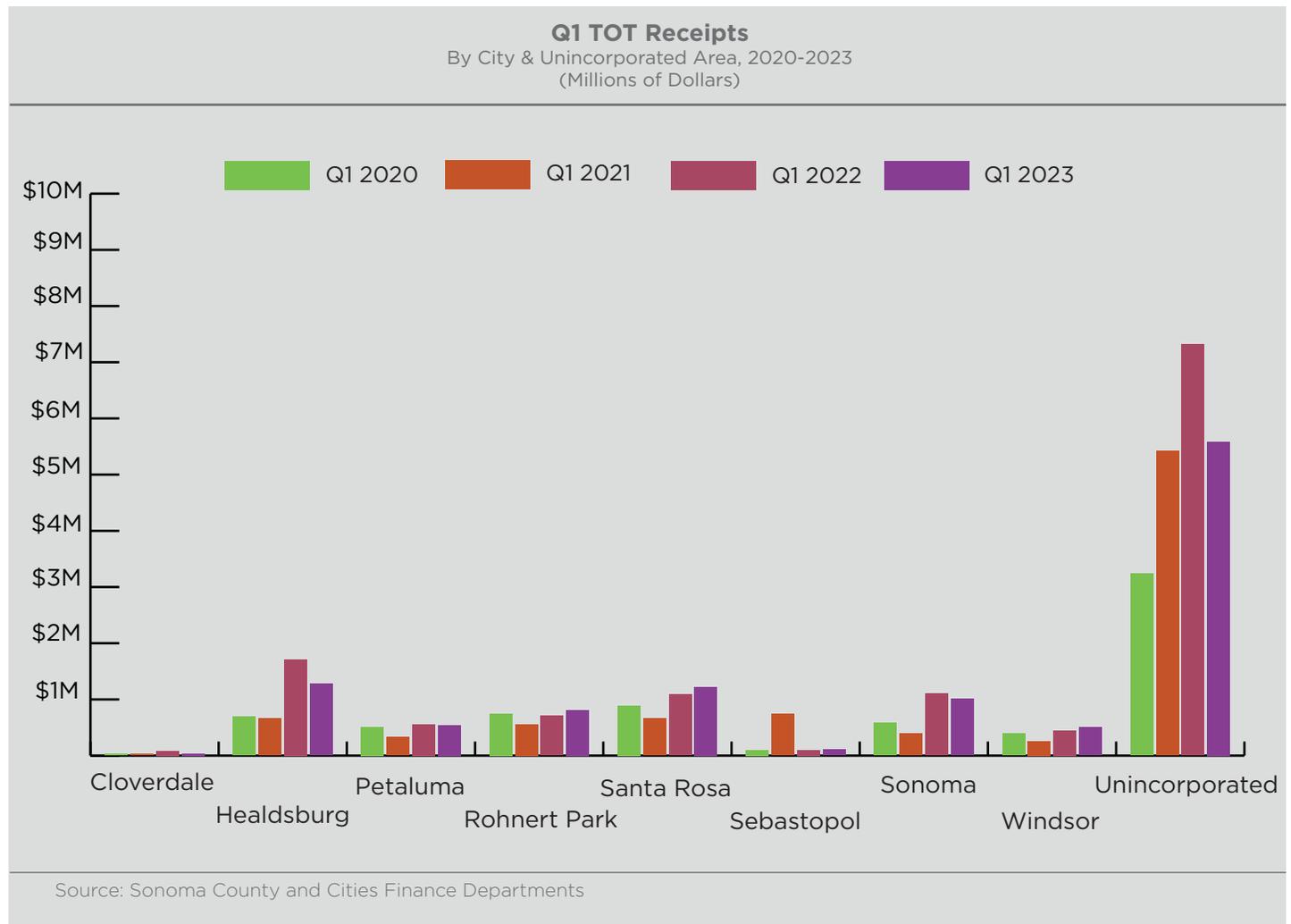
TOT RECEIPTS

Q1 2020 - Q1 2023

This section analyzes the quarter-over-quarter TOT revenue trends for each city and the unincorporated areas from Q1 2020 - Q1 2023.

Summary of Findings:

- The county’s TOT revenues overall decreased 12.7% year-over-year from \$13.1 million in Q1 2022 to \$11.4 million in Q1 2023.
- For the eighth consecutive quarter, Healdsburg recorded the highest TOT revenues of the incorporated cities, with \$1.6 million.
- Windsor, Rohnert Park, and Santa Rosa all saw year-over-year increases in TOT revenues, with \$492,980, \$811,226, and \$1.2 million respectively.



TOT QUARTERLY TRENDS

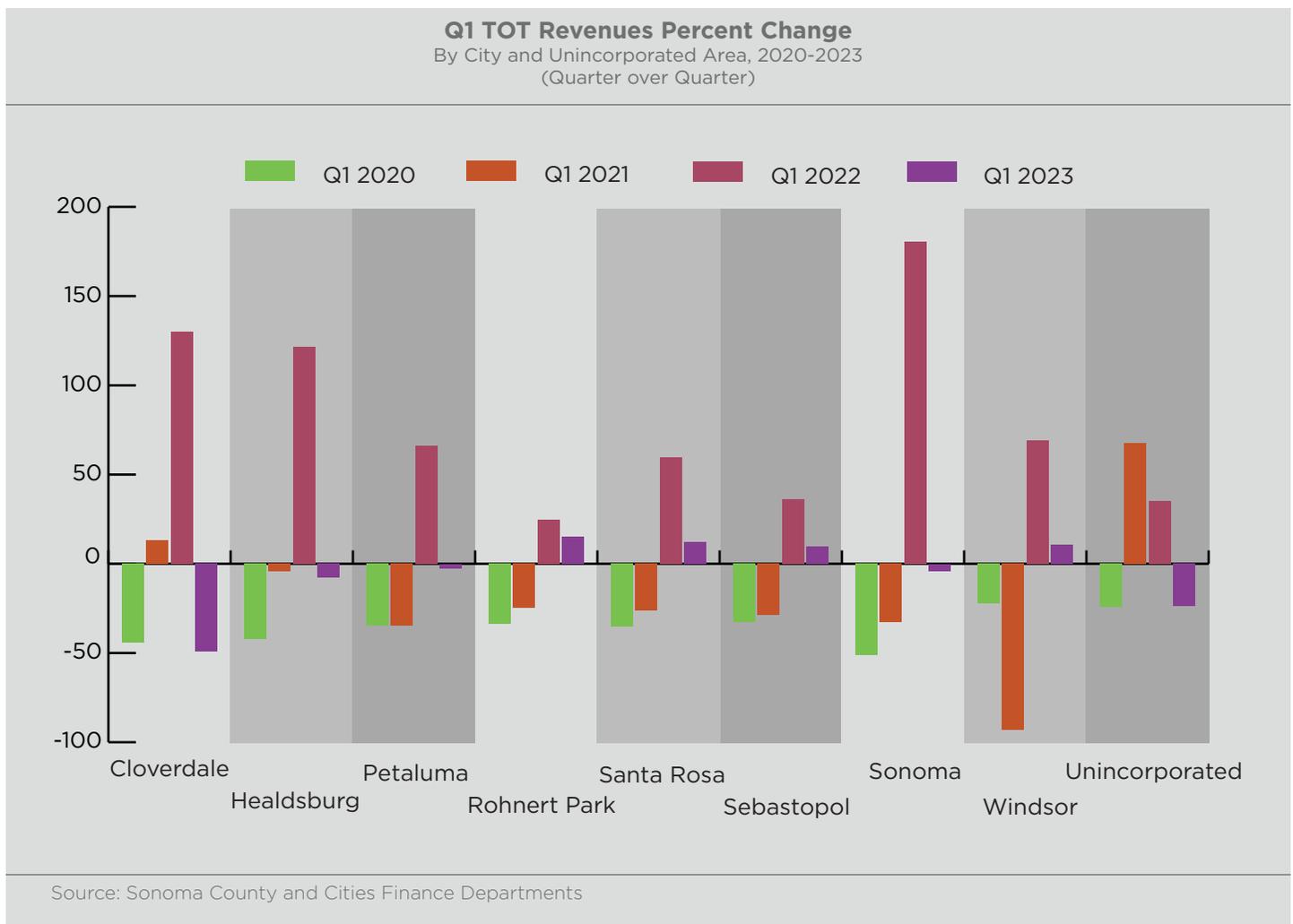
TOT REVENUE PERCENT CHANGE

Q1 2020 - Q1 2023

This sections shows the percentage change in TOT revenues based on the past four years of first quarter data from each city in Sonoma County.

Summary of Findings

- Rohnert Park saw the largest increase in year-over-year TOT revenues with an increase of 15.0% from Q1 2022 to Q1 2023.
- Santa Rosa and Windsor also saw increases in year-over-year TOT revenue with increases of 12.1% and 10.8% respectively.
- Cloverdale saw the largest year-over-year change between Q1 2022 and Q1 2023, with TOT revenues decreasing by 49.4%.
- TOT revenue growth is stabilizing in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, with significantly smaller year-over-year changes in Q1 TOT revenues from 2022 to 2023 than from 2021 to 2022 in unincorporated areas and incorporated cities.



HISTORICAL TOT FIGURES

FIRST QUARTER 2020 TO FIRST QUARTER 2023

	UNINCORP.	CLOVERDALE	HEALDSBURG	PETALUMA	ROHNERT PARK	SANTA ROSA	SEBASTOPOL	SONOMA	WINDSOR
Q1 2020	\$3,236,226	\$29,586	\$691,747	\$512,443	\$750,498	\$899,208	\$104,312	\$581,147	\$392,667
Q1 2021	\$5,420,573	\$33,554	\$661,680	\$334,069	\$564,706	\$633,763	\$ 74,472	\$390,285	\$263,155
Q1 2022	\$7,318,452	\$77,229	\$1,709,507	\$555,440	\$705,331	\$1,091,856	\$101,561	\$1,094,528	\$445,013
Q1 2023	\$5,585,600	\$39,097	\$1,578,602	\$541,818	\$811,227	\$1,223,500	\$111,655	\$1,05,240	\$492,980

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

SONOMA COUNTY LODGING & INDUSTRY PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

Q1 2023 Updates

Sonoma County currently has 26 lodging industry development projects in the works. When completed, 1,829 rooms will be added to Sonoma County.

Project Name	City	Development Type	Lodging Type	Address/ Location	Rooms Proposed	Opening (Est.)	Phase	Comments
Cotati Hotel	Cotati	New	Boutique	147 Joseph Way	153	2024 January	In Construction	-
Volpi inn	Cloverdale	New	Hotel	240 N. Cloverdale Blvd	5	2023	Planning	Planning entitlement approved, Building Permit not final yet.
The Lodge at Healdsburg Tapestry Collection by Hilton	Healdsburg	New	Upscale Chain	1261 Grove St	60	2022	In Construction	-
Appellation Healdsburg	Healdsburg	New	-	16977 Healdsburg Ave	108	2023	Final Planning	-
EKN Appellation Hotel (Hotel Weaver)	Petaluma	New	Boutique	2 Petaluma Blvd S	93	-	Planning	-
Home 2 Suites	Petaluma	New	-	1205 Redwood Way	140	-	Under Construction	Construction of a 85,802 sf hotel on a vacant pad established by the Redwood Technology Center PUD.
Silk Mill Rear Addition at Hampton Inn	Petaluma	Expansion	-	450 Jefferson St and 490 Wilson St	18	-	All Planning Approvals	New 2-story building to expand the hotel services of the existing Hampton Inn Hotel at the historic Skill Mill.

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Holiday Inn Express Rohnert Park	Rohnert Park	New	Limited Service	Business Park Drive	93	-	Final Planning	Received planning approval in Aug. 2021; no building permits applied to date
Home 2 Suites by Hilton Rohnert Park Sonoma County	Rohnert Park	New	Limited Service	6490 Redwood Dr	96	-	Final Planning	Received planning approval in Sept. 2020; building permits originally received June 2022; revisions to originally approved plans in building check.
Hotel E	Santa Rosa	Expansion	Limited Service	19 Old Courthouse Square- associated with 37 Old Courthouse Square	30	-	Plans approved, permit not issued	Delayed due to COVID. Construction anticipated to begin early-2023.
Economy Inn	Santa Rosa	-	Economy	502 Santa Rosa Ave	42	2023	Plans under review	Planning
Residence Inn by Marriott	Santa Rosa	New	Limited Service	3558 Round Barn Circle	112	-	In building plan review	Most recent is a denied building review
Tru by Hilton Santa Rosa Sonoma County Airport	Santa Rosa	New	Midscale chain	195 Aviation Blvd	101	2024	Planning	-
Hotel Sebastopol	Sebastopol	New	Limited Service	6828 Depot Street	66	-	Building permit has been pulled	Building permit issued. Construction to begin Spring 2023.
Mac Arthur Place	Sonoma	Guest Room Expansion	Hotel	29 E Mac Arthur, Sonoma	11	-	In Construction	-
Sonoma Hotel Project	Sonoma	New Hotel, Spa and Restaurant	Hotel	153 West Napa St. / 541 First St. West	62	-	Planning	-
The McClelland	Windsor	New	Limited Service	McClelland Dr. / Market St.	160	Fall 2024	In Construction	
Hyatt Place by Landmark Hotels	Unincorp. Area	New	Limited Service	3750 N. Laughlin Road	165	-	Condition Compliance	Approved Condition Compliance

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Kenwood Ranch Sonoma County Inn	Unincorp. Area	New	Full Service	900, 1200, 1202, and 1203 Campagna Lane, Kenwood	50	-	In Construction	Grading and building permits have been issued due to meeting the conditions for issuance. Phase 2 Winery DRH appeal.
The Lodge in Russian River	Unincorp. Area	New	Full Service	17155 Highway 116, Guerneville	108	-	Planning	Revised IS/ MND out for recirculation. Tentative date March 2023.
Glen Ellen Inn (Secret Cottages)	Unincorp. Area	Expansion	Limited Service	13670 Arnold Dr., Glen Ellen	3	2001	In construction	Approved condition compliance.
River's Edge Lodge	Unincorp. Area	Conversion of existing cottages into lodging	-	15999 River Road, Guerneville	6	-	Planning	Currently on hold per request of the applicant. Requires Use Permit approval.
Optimal Hospitality	Unincorp. Area	New	Hotel	251 Aviation	101	-	Final Planning	Use Permit Approved; Grading permit issued; Building permit under review
Verano Hotel and Housing	Unincorp. Area	New	Hotel	175 East Verano Avenue, 155 West Verano Avenue, 135 West Verano Avenue	120	-	Final Planning	Grading and Sewer Permits in plan check, not issued.
Freestone Hotel	Unincorp. Area	Existing	Bed & Breakfast Inn	306 Bohemian Hwy, Sebastopol	5	-	Planning	Under review
Santa Rosa Ave	Unincorp. Area	New	Hotel	3785 Santa Rosa Ave	90	-	Planning	Use permit and Design Review in incomplete status; includes gas station and fast-food restaurant with hotel

Lodging properties in this section are in various stages of completion. This report is meant to merely provide a 'snapshot' of their current status during the time this report was produced. The EDB and SCT will continue to update this information, quarterly, based on information from each jurisdiction. Projects still under construction from previous reports are also represented above. Lodging properties that have been announced but are not in the approval process are not included.

SOURCES

City data is provided by the finance and planning departments of Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Windsor. County TOT revenue figures are provided by the Sonoma County Auditor-Controller / Treasurer-Tax Collector. County industry developments are provided by the Permit Resource and Management Departments.

METHODOLOGY

Total, city, and unincorporated area TOT revenues are seasonally adjusted using X-13ARIMA-SAM, which is a seasonal adjustment software produced, distributed, and maintained by the U.S. Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustments are only made for page 5 of this report. All other data figures are unadjusted.

A calendar year runs from January to December. Each quarter contains three months of the year, beginning with January, February and March for the first quarter. A fiscal year runs from July to June. Please note that this report contains data updated through the First Quarter (January, February, and March) of calendar year 2023, and contains the most recent data available based on county reporting.

All information contained within this report was obtained from sources believed to be accurate, but Sonoma County Tourism (SCT) and the Economic Development Board (EDB) do not guarantee that it is accurate or complete. This report is intended for informational purposes only and does not represent an endorsement of any proposed project by the SCT or EDB or any of their employees, affiliates, or members.

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