



March Preliminary Sales Tax Report

Monthly Collections 12.37% Lower Than Same Time Last Year

Steamboat Springs, Colorado—May 1, 2026—The City of Steamboat Springs published the [preliminary March 2026 sales, use, accommodation, and short-term rental \(STR\) tax report](#), which were 12.37% lower than the same month in 2025, a decrease of \$667,258. Year-to-date, collections are down \$883,698 compared to the prior year. Sales tax revenue was budgeted to be 1% below 2025 levels, meaning March collections fell short of the budgeted amount by about 5%.

Compared to March 2025, several categories experienced notable declines in tax collections. Liquor Stores and Marijuana decreased by 24.57%, Utilities by 5.68%, Sporting Goods by 19.14%, Lodging by 20.09%, and Restaurants by 13.87%.

Accommodation Tax is dedicated revenue used to fund development of improvements and amenities that enhance the community identity, environmental sustainability, and economic health of Steamboat Springs; acquisition of real property for parks, recreation, and open space purposes; and preservation of the city's natural resources. In March 2026, tax collections decreased from the previous year by 18.21%.

Short-Term Rental tax (STR tax) is dedicated for use to increase the stock of affordable and attainable housing by providing incentives and contributions to facilitate the development of affordable and attainable housing at locations including, but not limited to, Brown Ranch and to provide funding for infrastructure associated with affordable and attainable housing, including without limitation, energy, stormwater, water, wastewater, and multi-modal transportation. STR tax collections for March 2026 were 19.68% lower than March 2025, representing a decrease of \$675,286.

Building Use Tax is utilized to fund capital projects for the City of Steamboat Springs. Use tax collections can fluctuate based on building permits issued, reconciliations completed, as well as the size and number of developments within the city. In March 2026, net use tax collections decreased by 76.86%, for a total of \$214,180.

The city's tax division strives to provide superior services. General tax information and staff contacts can be found on the [Municipal Tax page](#). The webpage provides an efficient way for community members to access information on sales tax rates, online sales tax filing, construction use tax, the excise tax on construction, vehicle use tax, STR tax, and links to documents, reports, and the sales tax code.

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