The sales tax receipts for all economic categories in the City of Gilroy increased by 1.0% for the second quarter of 2018 over the same period the prior year. The yearly sales tax receipts for all economic categories in the City of Gilroy increased by 6.4% over the prior year. State and County pools less administrative fees dropped by 17.8%. The combined yearly sales tax receipts increased by 2.9%.

AB 155 (approved 2011) expanded California’s use tax collection requirements within the physical presence framework established by Quill. The Supreme Court decided the South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc. case on June 21, 2018. This historical ruling provides states with the authority to require online retailers to collect sales taxes even without a local presence in that state. Implementation by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) is expected in early 2019.

The top 2018 U.S. e-commerce sales come from Amazon 49.1%, eBay 6.6%, Apple 3.9%, Walmart 3.7%, The Home Depot 1.5%, Best Buy 1.3%, QVC 1.2%, Macy’s 1.2%, Costco 1.2%, and Wayfair 1.1%. Sales taxes from sellers located outside of California is allocated through the county-wide pool. Gilroy’s share of the Santa Clara County pool for the second quarter of 2018 was 4.4% or $707K.

California’s unemployment rate for both September and October 2018 was at 4.1%, with 804,349 unemployed people. The national unemployment rate for the same months was 3.7% for both months.